

INFORMATION BROCHURE

NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY (NLSIU), BANGALORE

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) PROGRAMME

Introduction

National Law School of India University (NLSIU) is the first Indian University, established exclusively for legal studies and research. The National Law School of India Act, 1986, passed by Karnataka Legislature, provided the statutory basis to this University. It became functional in 1988. Sponsored by the Bar Council of India, NLSIU represents the unique partnership between and among the Bar, Bench and Academia. Eminent judges and leading lawyers have been associating with the Law School working side by side with a committed band of academicians.

NLSIU had a modest beginning in an old building at the Central College Campus of Bangalore University and was shifted to the present campus in 1991. Thereafter it has been a period of steady growth and we have now one of the best equipped and beautiful campuses. The Library, i.e. Shri Narayana Rao Melgiri National Law Library is the best Law Library in the country. The entire campus including the hostels is provided with wireless connectivity and as a result, the students can access internet services from anywhere in the Campus and NLSIU is the first Law School to achieve this distinction. All the class rooms are equipped with LCD Projectors and other facilities.

There are independent hostels for men and women and being a residential University, all the students have to stay in the Hostels. The Library is kept open till 3 AM in order to facilitate intensive use of academic resources.

There is a well-equipped moot court hall named after Justice M. Hidayatullah, former Vice-President of India and former Chief Justice of India. Every student of NLSIU is expected to participate actively in the moot court activities. Our students have kept the highest Mooting traditions of the NLSIU by excelling in National and International Moot Court Competitions.

The reputation of an institution is built by the students who have passed out of its portals. On this aspect, the Law School has an enviable record. A bare eight years from start, every year from 1996 to 2017, excepting in 2006 and 2015, its students have won the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, the oldest and perhaps the most prestigious international graduate scholarship program in the world, which supports all-round students with outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service, at the University of Oxford for two years with an option for a third, and providing transformative opportunities for exceptional individuals. As if to compensate, there were two scholars each year in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2004.

In 1999, for the first time for India, the Law School team also won the famed Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition which was opened for countries outside the United States in 1968 and also in 2013, the Law School has won Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition for second time.

In 2018, the NLSIU team participated in the 59th Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and secured Runners up in the finals. The team also bagged the award for the Best Overall Applicant Side and secured the 19th Place for the Alone E. Evans Award for Best Memorial at International Rounds.

In 2017, Law School has also won the Manfred Lachs Space Law International Moot competition for the 3rd time and secured the 'Best Oralist' Award and the 'Best Memorial' Award, besides winning the said competition in the years 2009 and 2012. This year, our students have excelled in 17 Mooting and Debate competitions.

We have organized 41 seminars, workshops and conferences, 32 outreach training programmes have been conducted, 64 guest lectures were organized and we had 211 distinguished visitors. The International Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Centre has organized 13 programmes on Continuing Legal Education on diverse emerging themes in law for the various stake holders in the administration of justice.

Today, the Law School stands as a recognized centre for imparting legal training for officers of Central and State Governments including the All-India Services, and several public centre undertakings. In association with the Menon Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the School offers regular programmes in continuing legal education for legal professionals, as well as law teachers. (Appendix III to VI)

As usual, NLS has once again conquered the *GRAND SLAM* by retaining "Rank No. 1" in the rankings by India Today, The Week, Outlook, Careers360 and Education World. Our students have excelled in curricular and co-curricular activities, distinguishing themselves in National and International Moot Court Competitions, Debate, etc.

Above all, NLSIU also has been ranked No. 1 in **N.I.R.F RANKINGS** awarded by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

This year, Legal Services Clinic has been conferred with the Legal Aid Award 2018 at the 3rd National Conference on Human Rights on 23rd June, at Indian Law institute, New Delhi.

Thanks to the vibrancy of the Cultural Committee of the students, we have organized diverse and varied cultural programmes in collaboration with SPIC MACAY. These are apart from the usual SPIRITUS 2017, STRAWBERRY Fields, Annual Rockshow, NLS Debate competition, NLS Model United Nations, Theatre and Performing Arts, etc.

Our faculty have excelled by their exemplary research output and they have been invited by teaching and research institutions from the U.S., Europe, United Kingdom, China, Australia and Asia. The vibrant research centres have been engaging in both academic and outreach activities discharging the social responsibilities of the academia.

5 (five) of our first year B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) students have been selected for the award of prestigious **Aditya Birla Scholarship 2017-18**. The Aditya Birla Scholars will receive scholarship from Aditya Birla Foundation for their entire studies in NLSIU. At the moment, there are 30 **Aditya Birla Scholars** pursuing their under-graduate studies in NLSIU, Bangalore in different years of study.

NLSIU is extremely proud to inform that its alumni students across the batches have secured Post-graduate admissions in Cambridge University, Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Oxford University, NYU School of Law, Columbia Law School, Stanford University, Queen Mary University.

More than 13 students have been selected to the Judicial Service in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi.

Mr. Shekar B. Saraf (alumnus from the batch of 1996), who was practicing as Advocate in Calcutta High Court, has been elevated Judge of the Calcutta High Court in September 2017. He is the first alumnus to have been elevated. Mr. Sunil Dutt Yadav (batch of 1996), has been elevated as Judge of the Karnataka High Court in February 2018 and Mr. C. Saravanan (batch of 1994) has been elevated as Judge of the Madras High Court in May 2018.

Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee (batch of 1997) has been appointed as the Additional Solicitor General to the Supreme Court of India in March 2018.

Mr. Nitin Ramesh (batch of 2004) has been appointed as the Additional Solicitor General for Karnataka in 2018.

Thanks to the initiative taken by the alumni and in keeping with the avowed policy of NLSIU that no student will be deprived of the benefits for want of Rupee considerations, a New Scholarship Policy has been in place and an amount of Rs. 36,52,000/- were disbursed to the needy students.

NLSIU is also proud to note that one of our alumni of Master of Public Policy (MPP) Programme (which was started in 2014) secured 437th rank in the Civil Services examination. MPP students have also participated in prestigious competitions, Parliamentary Debate, presented papers at international conferences, etc. (Annexure VII)

Course Structure

NLSIU follows a trimester system whereunder an academic year is divided into three parts and four subjects are taught in each trimester. As a result, a student would have completed sixty courses by the time he / she completes the five-year term. The wide spread of subjects helps our

students to acquire extensive and intensive knowledge of our legal system. All subjects are compulsory upto the end of fourth year and optional seminar courses are offered in the final year. These optional seminar courses provide opportunities to specialise in certain areas. For example, a student who wishes to pursue career in corporate law may choose seminar courses on accountancy, securities law, mergers and acquisitions, etc. NLSIU encourages the involvement of outside expertise in offering seminar courses. In recent years, the seminar courses have been offered in subjects such as European Law, Telecommunication Law, Negotiation Skills, International Taxation, Media Law & Ethics, etc. To find out the courses taught at NLSIU and their distribution over the years, please check **NLSIU Website: www.nls.ac.in** .

Another significant method of involving scholars from outside is by way of single credit courses. These courses normally comprise of 18 hour lectures spread over a week. This also facilitates the nation's otherwise busy leading professionals and academics from foreign Universities to teach at the Law School. These are intensive courses and focus on highly specialised areas of Law. Some of the single credit courses offered at NLSIU during the past couple of years include International Climate Law & Litigation, Law, Economics and Religion: A Rational Choice Perspective, Selected Issues in the Philosophical Foundations of Criminal Law, International Commercial Arbitration, Constitutional Law of the European Union, etc.

Eligibility

As per the CLAT 2019 common rule.

The University reserves the right to cancel the admission of any candidate in accordance with the Rules.

Intake and Reservation

At present, the intake capacity of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Degree Programme shall be **80 (eighty)** with the following break-up:

a)	General Category	:	53
b)	Scheduled Caste	:	12 (i.e. 15%)
c)	Scheduled Tribe	:	6 (i.e. 7.5%)
d)	Specially Abled Persons (SAP)	:	4 (i.e. 5%)
e)	Foreign Nationals	:	5

Foreign Nationals will be admitted directly on the basis of their performance in the qualifying examination, overall academic record and command over English language. Preference will be given to the candidates from SAARC countries and other developing countries. They will have to apply directly to the University in the prescribed format available on the NLS Website along with the supporting documents to the Registrar, NLSIU, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore - 560 072, on or before the prescribed date.

Fee Structure [B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Programme]

Total fee (including refundable deposits) subject to revision

a)	General Category	Rs. 2,62,000.00 p.a.
b)	SC / ST Category	Rs. 2,58,875.00 p.a.
c)	Foreign Nationals	US\$ 10025 p.a.

Detailed break-up is available on the NLS website

Post-graduate Programme

LL.M. (Master of Laws) DEGREE PROGRAMME

NLSIU offers One-Year LL.M. Degree programme in two distinct and separate Branches of specialization: **(i) BUSINESS LAWS** and **(ii) HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS**. Candidates have an option to join either. The admission to the chosen branch will be however determined by the inter-se ranking at the CLAT. Once admitted to a chosen branch, the admission is final and is not open to change.

Course Structure

The LL.M. programme is based on the Trimester system. In each trimester four courses are offered for study. In all these subjects, national and international dimensions are properly highlighted. During the third and last trimester, students will be required to undergo writing dissertation. Students will be required to undergo mandatory internships during the academic break between second and third trimester and also participate in the weekly seminar presentations. These two exercises are part of Curriculum.

Eligibility

As per the CLAT 2019 common rule.

Intake and Reservation [for LL.M. Programme]

At present, the intake capacity of LL.M. Degree Programme shall be **50 (Fifty)** with the following break-up:

BUSINESS LAWS **35**

HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS **15**

Sl. No.	Category	Business Laws Total - 35 seats	Human Rights Law Total - 15 seats
1	General Category	27	11
2	Scheduled Caste (15%)	05	02
3	Scheduled Tribe (7.5%)	02	01
4	Specially Abled Persons (SAP) (5%)	02	01

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Fee Structure [for LL.M. Programme]

Total fee (including refundable deposits) subject to revision

a)	General Category	Rs. 1,89,500.00 p.a.
b)	SC / ST Category	Rs. 1,86,375.00 p.a.
c)	Foreign Nationals	US\$ 5650 p.a.

Detailed break-up is available on the NLS website

Common for both B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. Programme

1. The fees / charges may be revised by the University, but the revised fees / charges will be applied prospectively.
2. The motto of NLSIU is that no one who secures admission to NLSIU shall discontinue studies on account of financial constraints. Keeping this in mind, the NLSIU will provide necessary financial assistance to the needy students. NLSIU has a vibrant Scholarship Policy to help the poor and the needy.

Note: *If a candidate is withdrawing admission on any ground, in any of the courses of the University, only the refundable deposits will be returned. Such candidates will not be eligible to claim refund of any other fees.*

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