



RASHTRASANT TUKADOJI MAHARAJ NAGPUR UNIVERSITY

“(Established by Government of Central Provinces Education Department by Notification No. 513 dated the 1st of August, 1923 & presently a State University governed by Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Mah. Act No. VI of 2017).)”

DIRECTION NO. 35 of 2019.

**ADMISSIONS AND EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)
(CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM) UNDER THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES,
DIRECTION 2019.**

(Direction issued by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor under Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities. Act, 2016).

WHEREAS, The Maharashtra Public Universities Act No. 6 of 2016 (Act VI of 2017) (hereinafter referred as an Act) has come into force with effect from 1st March, 2017;

AND

WHEREAS, the choice based credit system was introduced in the LL.M. course from the academic session 2016-17, vide Direction No. 61 of 2016;

AND

WHEREAS, the University has further issued Direction No. 14 of 2017 to repeal and replace the Direction No. 61 of 2016 to remove the difficulties caused due to introduction of the Direction 61 of 2016;

AND;

WHEREAS, since the Direction No. 14 of 2017 could not be converted into an Ordinance within six months of its issuance, the same had lapsed by virtue of proviso to section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public University Act 2016 necessitating issuance of a new Direction incorporating the provisions of Direction No.14 of 2017 with suitable modifications arising out of issuance of a common Direction by the university prescribing common rules of A.T.K.T.;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Siddharthvinayak P. Kane, Vice-Chancellor, R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Universities Act, VI of 2017 do hereby issue the following Direction No . of 2019:

1. Title of the Direction : “ADMISSIONS AND EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) (CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM) UNDER THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, DIRECTION 2019.”
2. Commencement and applicability of the Direction: It shall come into force from the date of its issuance.
3. Scope: This Direction shall apply to LL.M. Regular Course Students only.
4. Duration of the Programme: The duration of the LL.M programme shall be TWO academic years spread over FOUR semesters with the University Examinations at the end of each Semester. Each Academic Year shall consist of Two Semesters. The academic session will commence as per the calendar published by the university. An examination for each of the semester shall be held twice in a year at such places and on such dates as may be notified by the University from time to time. The fees for the examination also shall be as prescribed by the University from time to time.
5. Interpretation Clause : Unless the context otherwise require, the following words shall have the meaning as assigned to them in this clause.
 - a) Academic Year: Two consecutive (one odd + one even) semesters constitute one academic year.
 - b) ATKT: means Allowed to Keep Term in Higher Semester as per the provisions of this Direction.
 - c) "Choice Based Credit System (CBCS): Choice Based Credit System provides Choice for students to select from the prescribed courses (core, elective or minor Or soft skilled courses)" (See Appendix I attached with this Direction)."
 - d) Course: It is equivalent to a paper/subject in a programme. It is a complete unit of learning which will be taught and evaluated within a Semester. All courses need not carry the same weight. A course may be designed to comprise lecturing/tutorial/laboratory work/fieldwork/outreach activities/project work/vocational training/viva/seminars/term papers/assignments/presentations/self-study etc. or a combination of some of these.
 - e) Credit : Credit means the unit by which the course work is measured. It is measured in terms of weekly clock hours assigned to a Course. One Credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching work (Lecture or tutorial) or two hours of practical work/field work per week.
 - f) Credit Point (CP): It is the value obtained by multiplying the Grade Point by the Credit i.e No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Points secured for that course.

- g)** Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): CGPA means the value obtained by dividing total number of credit points in all the semesters by the total number of credits in all the semesters. It is a measure of overall cumulative performance of a student over all semesters.
 - h)** Grade Letter : Grade Letter means an index to indicate the performance of a student in a particular course/ Paper. It is the transformation of actual marks secured by a student in a course/paper into a letter grade. There shall be a range of marks for each Grade.
 - i)** Grade Point : Grade Point means weightage allotted to each grade letter.
 - j)** Programme: It means the Two Year Post Graduate Programme of study and examination spread over four semesters, the successful completion of which would lead to the award of Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree.
 - k)** Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): It means the value obtained by dividing the total credit points earned by a student in all the courses of a given semester by the total number of credits assigned to that semester. It is a measure of performance of work done in a semester.
 - l)** Transcript or Grade Card or Certificate: Based on the grade earned, a grade certificate shall be issued to all the registered students after every semester. The grade certificate will display the course details (code, title, number of credits, grade secured) along with SGPA of that semester and CGPA earned till that semester.
 - m)** University :- It means Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University.
6. Eligibility Criteria for Admission : An applicant for admission to LL. M. programme should have obtained Bachelors Degree in Law (LL.B.) (Three Years) or B.A. LL.B. (Five Years) or any other equivalent degree by whatever name called either of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University or any other recognized University in India or abroad.
7. Procedure of Admission:- The admission to the entry level semester shall be through the Centralized Admission Procedure implemented by the University.
8. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTIONS AND EXAMINATION :The medium of instruction and examination for LL.M Course shall be English only.
9. CHOICE BASED CREDIT COURSE:-
- i) Every student taking admission as a regular student in the first semester of

LL.M. course shall have to opt for anyone of the seven specializations enumerated in Appendix-I and which may be offered in the institution where the applicant student desires to take admission. The student will not be allowed to change his choice of specialization. The details of the course content for each specialization shall be as per the various tables mentioned in the said Appendix.

- ii) Each student of LL.M. course has to select and study one elective core course paper in third and fourth semester from the list of the electives provided for each semester or in the alternative the student can choose any one foundational course from the list of 41 foundational courses excluding the foundational course in law. The chosen foundational course will have one paper each in the third and fourth semester as shown in Appendix- II.
- iii) The student opting for foundational course under sub-para (ii) will have to take admission under the centralized admission process for the said course.

9. Standard of Passing the Semester Examinations:-In order to pass a particular examination, a candidate shall have to secure at least 40% of marks in each and every Theory and Practical paper in the end semester examination, taken together with internal assessment marks in each paper. However, to be successful in the end semester examination the candidate needs to secure at least 50% marks in the aggregate marks of the semester. Where a candidate, therefore, fails in the end semester examination he/she will get exemption in only those passing heads in which he/she has secured 50% or more marks.
10. ATKT Rules :- Rules of promotion of students from the lower to the higher semester shall be as prescribed by the University from time to time.
11. Evaluation System on the basis of Credit based Award Pattern: The academic performance of a student during a semester shall be graded on a Seven-point scale. The grade awarded to a student shall depend on his/her performance in external and internal examinations. The academic performance of a student during a semester and at the end of the programme, shall be evaluated on the basis of-
- i) Grade Point (GP) obtained in each subject.
 - ii) Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA).
 - iii) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

At the end of each semester examination, a student shall be awarded a Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA). A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be awarded to each student at the end of Final Semester of the Programme. The details regarding method of calculating SGPA & CGPA is explained in next para point.

12. Award of Grade Letter, Grade Points, Credit Points, SGPA,CGPA:

a) Award of Grade Letter and GradePoints:

Each course/paper shall be valued in a 10 point grading system. The letter grades and their equivalent grade points are listed below.

Range of marks	Grade letter	Grade point
85 to 100	O-outstanding	10
75 to 84	A+ Excellent	9
60 to 74	A - Very Good	8
55 to 59	B+ - Good	7
51 to 54	B- Above Average	6
50	C – Average	5
40	P –Pass	4
Less than 40	F-Fail	0
Absent	Ab- (Absent)	0

b) Calculation of Credit Points:-

Credit Points for the course = (No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Point secured for that course).

a) Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) :- SGPA indicates the performance of a student in a given Semester. SGPA is based on the total credit points earned by the student in all the courses and the total number of credits assigned to the courses/papers in a Semester.

$$\text{SGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points in the Semester}}{\text{Total Number of Credits for the Semester}}$$

Total Number of Credits for the Semester

b) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighted across all these semesters.

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points Obtained in all Semesters}}{\text{Total Credits of all Semesters}}$$

The SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the transcripts.

13. Award of the Degree: A student will be eligible for the award of the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M) with his chosen specialization/s, after he has successfully completed the study all the four semesters. The mark sheets of the student shall specify the division and CGPA as per the following criterion.

i	First Division with Distinction	CGPA from 7.00 and above A+
ii	First Division	CGPA from 6.00 to 6.99 – AGrade
iii	Higher Second Division	CGPA from 5.50 to 5.99—B+Grade
iv	Pass/Second Division	CGPA from 5.00 to 5.49—BGrade

The degree shall specify the division secured by the student.

14. ABSORPTION SCHEME -The absorption of the students of all the old courses (regular students), whether Credit Based, Choice Based Credit Course or any other pattern shall be as per the scheme of absorption.
15. Saving :- Notwithstanding the repeal of Direction No.14 of 2017 and introduction of new A.T.K.T. rules all the students who were admitted or absorbed in the LL.M. course under Direction No.14 of 2017 shall continue to be governed by the rules of A.T.K.T. thereunder for the academic year 2019-20. Thereafter, all such students also shall be governed by the A.T.K.T. rules hereunder.

Sd/-
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Vice-Chancellor

Nagpur.
Dated: 26.6.19