



**RASHTRASANT TUKADOJI MAHARAJ NAGPUR UNIVERSITY**

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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

SUBJECT: LAW

**DIRECTION NO. 33 of 2019.**

EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (B.A. LL.B) (5 YEARS COURSE) [NEW CREDIT BASED SYSTEM],  
DIRECTION, 2019.

[Direction issued by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor under Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, hereinafter referred to as the “Act”] (Maharashtra Act No.VI of 2017)

AND

WHEREAS there is need to make the 5 Years Degree of Bachelor of Laws (B.A.LL.B) more compatible with the Legal Education Rules 2008 framed by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi;

AND

WHEREAS the Board of Studies in Law in its meeting dated 28.02.2019 and subsequent meeting dated 29.03.19 revised the syllabus of the 3 years and 5 years law courses on the basis of “New Credit Based System” to be implemented from the academic year 2019-20;

AND

WHEREAS the same necessitates the repeal of the Direction No. 34 of 2012 and Direction No. 8 of 2019;

AND

WHEREAS the procedure of implementing the new syllabus is urgent and emergent, due to repeal and amendments as well as introduction of new statutes in the last five years, it has become necessary to upgrade the existing syllabus in order to keep pace with the change in the field of legal studies. So also, as the Government of Maharashtra has introduced Common Entrance Test in Law for Admissions in the LL.B. (3 Year Course) and B.A. LL.B. (5

YearCourse) through Centralized Admission Process in the year 2016-2017, it has become necessary to change the existing Direction;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Siddharthvinayaka Kane, Vice-Chancellor, R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur, in the exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 12 (8) of the Act, do hereby issue the following Direction:

1. **Title of the Direction:** this Direction shall be called “Examinations leading to the award of the Degree of Bachelor of laws (B.A.L.L.B)(5 years course) [New Credit Based System], Direction, 2019, in the faculty of Humanities, Subject- Law, R.T.M. Nagpur University, Nagpur.

2. **Commencement of the Direction:** (a) It shall come into force from the academic year 2019-20.

3. **Duration of the Programme:** The duration of the Programme is 5 academic years which is spread over 10 semesters with the University Examination at the end of each Semester. Each Academic Year shall be divided into Two semesters.

An examination for each of the semester shall be held twice in a year at such places and on such dates as may be fixed by the University. The fees for the examination shall be prescribed by the University from time to time.

The courses/papers and credits assigned to each course in each semester shall be as given in Appendix-I.

#### 4. **Definitions:**

New Credit Based System (NCBS): The NCBS provides choice for students to select from the prescribed courses wherever options are provided in the course/papers prescribed for this program in Appendix-I

Course : It is equivalent to a paper/subject in a semester. It is a complete unit of learning which will be taught and evaluated within a Semester.

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.

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.

Credit Transfer: The credit acquired for the courses in another University would be accepted on reciprocal basis subject to the UGC Norms in force from time to time.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighed across all the semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in all the semesters by the total number of credits in all the semesters.

Grade Point: Grade Point is weightage allotted to each grade letter depending on the marks awarded in a course/paper

Grade Letter : Grade Letter is 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. It is indicated by a Grade letter O,A,B,C,D,E and F. There is a range of marks for each Grade.

Grade Letter Average: refers to the Grade Letter awarded after summing up external and internal marks obtained in each course/paper.

Programme: It means in this particular context, a FIVE year Programme of study and examination spread over TEN semesters, the successful completion of which would lead to the award of B.A.LL.B 5years course degree.

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): SGPA indicates the performance of a student in a given Semester. It 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.

**5. Eligibility Criteria for Admission:** (a) Admission to the program shall be made by Centralised Admission Process, through Common Entrance Test in Law conducted by Government of Maharashtra and in accordance with the rules and instructions provided from, time to time in this regard by the Government of Maharashtra, R.T.M. Nagpur University and Bar Council of India.

The reservation policy and rules of the Government of Maharashtra governing admission to higher educational institutions issued from time to time shall also be followed.

(b) An applicant who has successfully completed 10+2 or Intermediate or equivalent from a recognized University of India or outside or from a Senior Secondary Board or equivalent, constituted or recognized by the Union or by a State Government or from any equivalent institution from a foreign country recognized by the government of that country for the purpose of issue of qualifying certificate on successful completion of the course, may apply for and be admitted into the B.A. LL.B. (5 Years) Degree Course.

(c) Students who secure minimum 45% of the total marks in the qualifying examination are eligible for admission into the Programme.

(d) For S.C. & S.T. students - minimum 40% of the total marks in their qualifying examination is required for admission into the Programme.

With this eligibility a student may be admitted through Centralized Admission Process of Government of Maharashtra. However a student seeking admission as per Absorption Scheme under this Direction shall be admitted directly to the relevant semester to which he is entitled under this scheme.

**6. Medium of Instruction:** The medium of instruction and Examination shall be in English. Question papers for the examination shall be set in English. However, the candidates will have an option to write their answers either in English, Hindi or Marathi.

7. **Attendance:** No student shall be permitted to appear for the Semester Examination unless he/she has put in not less than 75% attendance of the classes held in any course/paper concerned including tutorials, moot court exercises, practical training etc. conducted in respect of that course/paper. However, Principal/Head of the Department/Director of the college/institution, department shall have power to condone the absence, on sufficient cause, maximum upto 15% in order to allow the student to appear in university examination.

8. **Rules of Promotion:** Rules of Promotion from one semester to another semester are as follows:-

From I to II - A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination of Semester-I.

From II to III a) A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination of Semester-II, and;

b) the number of backlogs, if any, of Semester I and II taken together shall not exceed 5 (five) courses/papers (50 %) prescribed for Semester I and II.

From III to IV: A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination of Semester-III.

From IV to V a) A Student Should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical Examination of Semester-IV,

b) the student must have passed all the papers/courses prescribed for Semester I and Semester II examination, and

c) the number of backlogs, if any, of Semester III and IV taken together shall not exceed 5 (five) courses/papers ( i.e. 50% of papers prescribed).

From V to VI: A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory Examination of Semester-V

From VI to VII: a) A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory Examination of Semester-VI; and

b) The student must have passed all the papers/courses prescribed for Semester I to Semester IV examinations; and

c) The number of backlogs, if any, of Semester V and VI taken together shall not exceed 5 (five) courses/papers ( i.e. 50% of papers prescribed).

From VII to VIII: A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical/Clinical Examination of Semester-VII

From VIII to IX : a) A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical/Clinical Examination of Semester-VIII; and

b) A Student must have passed all the papers/course of Semester I to Semester VI; and

c) The backlogs, if any, of Semester VII and VIII taken together shall not exceed 5 (five) courses/papers. (i.e. 50% of papers prescribed).

From IX to X : a) A Student should have undergone regular course of study and appeared for Sessionals or/and University Theory/Practical/Clinical Examination of Semester-IX

**9. Instruction, Training and Teaching Work Load:** Each Semester shall comprise of not less than 15 weeks with not less than 30 class-hours per week including tutorials, moot room exercises and seminars. A class-hour shall consist of 48 minutes duration.

a) Each theory and Clinical paper shall carry a credit of 4, which means there shall be 5 classes per week each of 48 minutes duration. In addition to this, for each theory and clinical paper there shall be per week minimum one class hour for tutorial/Seminar/Group discussion / internal examinations/ Presentation / Guest lecture etc. This weekly exercise shall be carried out by the concerned teacher and the same shall be counted for his/her weekly work load.

b) Distribution of 20 marks for internal assessment, wherever there is a provision for internal assessment, it shall be as follows:

i) Internal/Sessional Examination = 5 marks

ii) Class attendance and participation = 5 marks

iv) Assignments /viva Voce= 5 marks

iv) Presentation/Seminar/Group Discussion=5 marks

(c) Each registered student shall have completed minimum of 12 weeks of internship during the entire period of legal studies under NGO, Trial and Appellate Advocates, Judiciary, Legal Regulatory authorities, Legislatures and Parliament, other Legal Functionaries, Market Institutions, Law Firms, Companies and Local Self Government.

(d) The internship in any Semester cannot be for a continuous period of more than Four Weeks and the Internship Programme will commence from 7<sup>th</sup> semester onwards. Each student shall keep internship diary and the same shall be signed by the Guide in Internship and also by an assigned Faculty member of the college. The internship program may be undertaken even during the after-semester vacations, before commencement of Tenth semester examinations. The evaluation of internship record shall be done by an external examiner appointed by the University for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinical paper, i.e. Moot Court in the Tenth Semester of the course as

stipulated in Appendix-I. For the purpose of award of marks for Internship, it shall be considered to be part of Clinical Paper – III and shall carry 30 Marks.

**10. Evaluation System on the basis of Credit based Award Pattern:** Based on his/her continuous evaluation, 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.

(a) 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)

(b) Marks for Extra Curricular Components (E.C.C) are to be awarded at the end of each even semester in recognition of achievements in sports/cultural/N.S.S/NCC as per the rules and instructions of the University provided in this regard from time to time. The marks shall be used for upgrading CGPA.

(c) 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 detail in para 10.

**11. Awards of Grade Letter, Grade Points, Credit Points, SGPA, CGPA:**

(a) Award of Grade Letter and Grade Points:

Each course/paper shall be valued in Seven Grades. The letter grades and their equivalent grade points are listed below.

Range of % of Marks	Grade Letter	Grade Point
85 to 100	O	10
70 to <85	A	9
60 to <70	B	8
55 to < 60	C	7
50 to < 55	D	6
40 to < 50	E	5
Less than 40	F	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.

(c) 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.

SGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points.

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

Total Number of Credits for the Semester

Provided that SGPA is computed only if the candidate passes in all the courses (gets a minimum 'E' Grade in all Courses).

(d) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighed across all the semesters.

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

Total Credits of all Semesters

Provided that CGPA is calculated only when the candidate passes in all the courses of all the semesters. CGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points.

**12. Standard of Passing the Semester Examinations:** In order to qualify a particular examination, a candidate shall have to secure at least 40% of marks in each and every theory and Practical/Clinical paper in the end semester examination, taken together with internal assessment marks in each paper. However, to be declared as pass in the end semester examination or for seeking exemption in any individual subject, the candidate needs to secure at least 50% marks in the aggregate of the semester or in the individual subject in which exemption is sought.

**13. Award of the Degree:** A student will be eligible for the award of B.A. LL.B (5 Year) Degree only when he has successfully completed all the prescribed 50 papers with a total of 200 credits and obtained a minimum CGPA of 5.00 out of 10.00 and after payment of prescribed fee to receive a degree signed by the Vice-Chancellor. The result of the successful candidates shall be classified as follows:

- i. First Division with Distinction: CGPA from 8.00 and above
- ii. First Division: CGPA from 6.67 to 7.99
- iii. Second Division : CGPA from 5.56 to 6.66
- Iv. Pass Division : CGPA from 5.00 to 5.55

**14. Conversion of CGPA into Percentage of Marks:** The formula used in this direction to calculate percentage of marks from CGPA is  $\text{Percentage} = 9 \times \text{CGPA}$ .

The average highest marks in B.A.LL.B course is taken as close to 90 marks. Hence 9 is taken as multiple to calculate percentage of marks from CGPA.

**15. Award of Medals and Merit Certificates:** Candidates who appear and pass the examination in all the papers of each and every semester at first appearance only are eligible for the award of Medals/Prizes/Rank Certificates etc. The marks allotted for Extra Curricular Components shall be taken into account for deciding the inter se merit as well as the award of medals and prizes.

**16. Repeal and Saving:**

After the coming into force of this Direction the Direction No. 8 of 2019 incorporating the provisions of Direction No. 34 of 2012 shall stand repealed. However, Notwithstanding the repeal of the said Direction all the students who have taken admission under the said Direction or the lapsed Direction 34 of 2012 shall continue to be governed by those Direction till the academic year 2022-23. All those students who fail to complete their course successfully will get attempts till Summer 2025 examination. If even after exhausting the grace period any student has the backlog of any paper(s) he/she will have to seek admissions in the new course governed by this Direction by claiming exemption in the papers which he/she has already passed. In no case, however, there shall be two courses, one under the repealed Direction(s) and another under this Direction, offered by any college. After the commencement of the new course under this Direction no students of any earlier five years course, other than the course governed by the Direction No.8 of 2019 or 34 of 2012, shall be entitled to seek absorption under this Direction. All such students desiring to take admission in the B.A. LLB five years course shall seek admission as a fresh student, through CET conducted by Director of Higher Education, Maharashtra.

Illustration: If a student 'A' has taken admission in B.A.LL.B. (5 Years Course) in the year 2017-2018 AND in the 2018-2019 is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year (i.e. Semester III and Semester IV) where he is declared failed and could not secure admission in next semester/year even on the basis A.T.K.T., such student subsequently, in the year 2021-22 become eligible for admission in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of the B.A.LL.B. (5 Year Course) but by that time New Credit Based Course has reached 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of B.A.LL.B. (5 Year Course) then such student shall be absorbed in New Course as per Absorption scheme framed under this direction. At no point of time College will conduct two courses for the same semester as regular courses under this direction and earlier direction.

Sd/-

Nagpur  
Dated: 26.6.2019

(Dr. Siddharthvinayaka P. Kane)  
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