

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, SUBJECT- LAW

DIRECTION NO. 7 of 2019

DIRECTION GOVERNING EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE 3 YEAR DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B) [CREDIT BASED SEMESTER SYSTEM]

[Direction issued by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor under Section 12(8) of the M.P.U.Act, 2016]
(Maharashtra Act No.VI of 2017)

AND

WHERE AS there is need to make the 3 Years Degree of Bachelor of Law (LL.B) more compatible with the Legal Education Rules 2008 framed by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi.

AND

WHERE AS the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities requested the Vice-Chancellor of R.T.M Nagpur University to approve the new syllabus based on Credit Based Semester System under Section 12(8) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 to meet the exigency.

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WHERE AS the same necessitates to revive the Direction No. 7 of 2012.

AND

Whereas University has adopted the Direction No. 13 of 2017 in order to bring uniformity regarding rules of evaluation and promotion in all the faculties of the University.

AND

WHERE AS the Government of Maharashtra has introduced Common Entrance Test in Law for Admissions in the LL.B. (3 Years Course) and B.A. LL.B. (5 Years Course) through Centralised 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 exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 12 (8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 do hereby issue the following Direction:

1. Title of the Direction: This direction shall be called "Direction leading to the examination for award of the 3 years degree of Bachelor of laws (LL.B.) (Credit Based Semester System) 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 2017-18.

3 . Duration of the Programme: The duration of the programme is 3 academic years which spread over 6 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 the each course shall be as given in the Appendix-I.

4. Definitions:

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 class 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.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighted 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 weight 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 three year Programme of study and examination spread over six semesters, the successful completion of which would lead to the award of LL.B 3 years 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.

Eligibility Criteria for Admission: (a) Admission to the program shall be made by Centralised Admission Process of Maharashtra State through Common Entrance Test in Law and in accordance with the rules and instructions provided from time to time in this regard by the Maharashtra State, 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 paper/course.

7. RULES OF PROMOTION : Rules of Promotion are as under:

Semester Condition to be fulfilled for promotion

From I to II - A Student should have appeared for sessionals or/and University Theory Examination of Semester-I.

From II to III a) A Student should have appeared for sessionals or/and University Theory 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 prescribed for Semester I and II.

From III to IV : A Student Should have appeared for sessionals or/and University Theory Examination of Semester-III.

From IV to V a) A Student Should have appeared for sessionals or/and University Theory Examination of Semester-IV.

And b) The number of backlogs, if any, of Semester I and IV taken together shall not exceed 5 (five) courses/papers.

From V to VI Should have appeared for sessionals or/and University Theory Examination of Semester-V

8. 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 provided there shall be at least 24 lecture hours per week.

a) A Class-hour shall consist of 48 minutes duration.

b) The number of classes for theory and practical courses/papers per week must be equal to number of credits shown against the paper as indicated in the course structure or as indicated in the Appendix-I.

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

i) Internal/Sessional Examination = 5 marks

ii) Presentation = 5 marks

iv) Assignments = 5 marks

iv) Viva-voce Examination = 5 marks

(d) 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.

(e) The internship in any Semester cannot be for a continuous period of more than Four Weeks and the internship programme will commence from 3rd semester onwards. Each student shall keep internship diary in the form stipulated by the University and the same shall be evaluated by the Guide in Internship and also a Core Faculty member of the staff each time. The total marks shall be assessed in the Final Semester of the course in the 4th Clinical paper as stipulated in the Appendix-I.

9. 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.

10. 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

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

(b) 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).

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

CGPA = Total Credit Points Obtained in 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.

11. Standard of Passing the Semester Examinations: In order to qualify a particular examination, a candidate shall have to secure at least 45% of marks in each and every theory and Practical/Clinical paper in the end semester examination, theory and internal assessment marks, separately, in each paper. However, to be declared pass in the end semester examination or for seeking exemption in any individual subject student need to secure at least 50% marks in aggregate of the semester or in individual subject in which exemption is sought.

12. Betterment : Students may be allowed to repeat any two of the theory papers of the last semester while in the next semester for betterment of marks and grades provided the student secures less than 60% marks in that paper. No betterment shall be allowed in the internal assessment and in practical/clinical papers in any semester. A student who opts for betterment will be disqualified from being considered for award of Medals, Merit, Ranks etc.

13. Award of the Degree: A student will be eligible for the award of LL.B (3 Years) Degree only when he has successfully completed all the prescribed 32 papers with a total of 128 credits and obtained a minimum CGPA of 5.00 out of 10.00 and after payment of prescribed fee for 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 Percentage = 9 x CGPA.

The average highest marks in 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.

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Nagpur
Dated: 05-02-2019

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