

# MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI B.A., LL.B. (HONS.) ACADEMIC AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

WHEREAS the Executive Council of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai has framed Maharashtra National Law University Regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Council of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai has accepted the proposal made by the Academic Council;

AND WHEREAS the General Council of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai has approved the regulations submitted by the Executive Council;

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of powers conferred by Section 44 of the Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014, the Executive Council makes the following Regulations to provide for regulating academic and examination and matters related and incidental thereto of the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Programme:	These REGULATIONS shall comprehensively govern all aspects of under the under-graduate academic programme at the Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai. (MNLU Mumbai)
1.	<ul> <li>a. B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Degree shall be awarded to candidates on successful completion of a ten semester programme of study approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council</li> <li>b. The list of courses to be offered by the University during any semester shall be finalized/ approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council. These courses shall include compulsory, honours, optional, electives, extra credit, seminar and clinical courses holistically honouring relevant Rules and Regulations of Bar Council of India and University Grants Commission.</li> </ul>
2.	Pedagogy  The University imparts instruction through lectures, seminars and tutorials. Study material is distributed for each course and forms the basis of class discussion and interactive learning so that students remain engaged. Moreover there is constant dialogue in class on contemporary issues pertinent to the curriculum. Courses also includes a project assignment to develop research, analysis and writing skills.

The courses are taught by a [faculty] or team of faculty members, who teach together, so that the available expertise is optimally used and the education imparted is interdisciplinary.

The University also provides for student tutor as an integral part of teaching, legal aid clinics and research projects that it undertakes. The student tutor programme where senior students tutors may offer courses.

The diversity of programmes and exercises ensures that students are exposed to a wide range of experiences relevant to understanding the role of law in society.

### 3. Decorum and Dress Code:

Students are expected to behave in a decorous manner with fellow students in general and with student of the opposite sex in particular, on and outside the campus. Violation of University discipline will be viewed seriously and shall attract disciplinary action by H.O.D (UG).

[Students are required to be in formal dress as prescribed by the University. In general students are required to dress decently in and outside the campus.]

# 4. Constitution of /department/council/committees and their functions

2.1 The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute the following academic administrative bodies:

# a) Undergraduate Department:

The members of the UG Department shall include the following members:

- i. Head, UG Department
- ii. All the Faculty Members
- iii. Class Coordinator

The Undergraduate Department shall plan, organize, supervise and implement all academic and examination related matters, and the Rules laid down by the Academic Council and make recommendations to the Vice Chancellor/Academic Council/ Board of Studies for any desired change of the Rules/syllabus/courses from time to time.

### b) Board of Examination:

Board of Examination shall be formed by Vice Chancellor and the recommendations made shall be placed before Academic Council for approval.

The Board of Examination shall be headed by a chairperson and shall comprise of five other faculty members. The Committee shall conduct examinations, moderate question papers and publish results.

The Board of Examination shall be responsible for conduct of all examinations, moderation of all the question papers and publication of results and discipline during examinations.

The Board of Examination shall, in addition to the various disciplinary issues referred to it, inquire into any cases of malpractice or unfair means adopted by the students in any examination and submit its report along with recommendations to the HOD/Registrar/Vice Chancellor for necessary action. An appeal or review against any decision taken by a committee shall lie with the Vice Chancellor, who may, after giving specific reasons or grounds in writing, modify the decisions taken by any of these committees.

Board of Examination shall have a coordinator, who shall take steps to convene meetings and coordinate exam related matters in consultation with chairman, Board of Examination.

### 5. Attendance:

(1) MNLU Mumbai being a residential university and students are required to be regular to the classes and expected to have 100% attendance and condonation up to 25% of the actual number of classes conducted in respective courses can be considered for specific cogent reasons for making him/her eligible to appear in the End Term Examination of the concerned semester. [Condonation in attendance may be granted by Vice Chancellor on the basis of cogent reasons.

Explanation – Cogent reasons for condonation of attendance shall be as given below]

- a) Participation in NCC/NSS/ Rover Scout Camps duly supported by certificate.
- b) Participation in Moot Court/ADR/ Seminar/Conference/Internship/Debate etc. duly supported by certificate and recommendation of the concerned Faculty in charge.
- c) Participation in University Team Games or Interstate or Inter- University tournaments, duly supported by certificate and recommendation of the [Athletic] Committee of the University.
- d) Participation in Educational Excursions, which form a part of teaching in any subject conducted on working days duly certified by the Head of the Department.
- e) University Deputation for Youth Festival duly certified by the Faculty in charge, Cultural Committee of the University.
- f) Prolonged illness/hospitalisation/isolation for contagious disease duly certified by the Medical Officer of the University or any other Registered Medical Practitioner,

provided such certificate is submitted to the Head of the Department in time.

- (2) The attendance of a newly admitted candidate shall be counted from the date of his/her admission, or date of beginning of classes whichever is later, while in the case of promoted candidates, attendance shall be counted from the date on which respective class begins.
- (4)[Condonation of 5% may be granted by Vice Chancellor on medical grounds. Student seeking condonation on medical grounds has to furnish medical Certificate by physician authorized by the University and Medical Report]

There shall be an Attendance Monitoring Committee (a sub-committee of Board of Examination) in the University under the Chairmanship of the Head of the Department.

### 6. Projects, Elective, Seminar Courses and Clinical Courses etc

# **Projects**

- (1) In every course 50% component of marks shall be for continuous assessment comprising Projects (30), and Mid Term (20). The remaining 50 percent weightage will lie with the End Term Examination and assessment on written examination unless otherwise specified.
- (2) The following shall be the general rules for submission and presentation of the projects:-
  - (i) The project shall include at least one written and one viva component.
  - (ii) Students may be asked to write about the objective of the study, hypothesis and literature survey along with their findings.
  - (iii) Within fifteen days of the start of the Semester the student shall submit the synopsis of their projects and get approval of the concerned Teacher-in- Charge.
  - (iv) Once the topic and synopsis is approved by the Teacher-in-Charge, no change will be permissible.
  - (v) Within fifteen days of the start of the Semester the student shall submit the synopsis of their projects and get approval of the concerned Teacher-in- Charge.
  - (vi) Once the topic and synopsis is approved by the Teacher-in-Charge, no change will be permissible.

- (vii) There may also be joint project where in exceptional cases the Faculty- in-Charge may allow, not more than five students to work jointly on a project provided so indicated while getting the courses and modules approved approximately.
- (viii) The written assignment(s) and oral presentation shall be submitted by the students to the faculty concerned, by a date fixed by the Head of the Department, which shall normally be 45 days, to be calculated from the date following the date of assignment of the topic. After evaluation of the above, the teacher concerned shall submit the result to the Head of the Department who shall forward the same to the [Board of Examination]. [In special cases of Project Submission as recommended by respective Course Faculty/ H.O.D the Vice Chancellor may permit different scheme and the same shall be placed before Academic Council for approval.]
  - (ix) Hard copies of the final submission of the projects shall be submitted to the concerned faculty by 4 p.m. on the prescribed date and a soft copy shall also be e-mailed immediately thereafter to an e-mail id specified by the concerned Course faculty/s.
  - (x) Half a mark shall be deducted from the marks awarded for the Projects submitted, for each day's delay in stages of submission of projects, after the prescribed date and time. However, no project shall be accepted by the concerned teacher beyond six days after the date prescribed for submission.
  - (xi) No plagiarism, in any form, will be allowed and necessary action will be taken under the order of the Vice-Chancellor if any student is involved in such activity.
  - (xii) Efforts will be made by the Faculty-in-Charge of the Project Work to hold orientation classes for at least 1st and 2nd Semester students.
  - (xiii) The total marks obtained out of 30 in the projects will be displayed on the notice board by the respective faculty in charge and the same shall be submitted to Board of Examination through Head of the Department. The hard copy is to be handed over to the examination section along with the marks within stipulated date by the concerned faculty.
- (3) Board of Examination shall notify datelines for completion of presentation/viva.
- (4) Plagiarism in projects submitted by the students shall constitute a serious academic malpractice and shall carry mandatory punishment of forfeiture of all marks in the concerned subject and / or suspension from the University for a maximum of one academic year. The anti-plagiarism policy is notified separately. (See annexure-1)

### **Elective Courses**

- (5) Elective Courses may be of one to four credits.
- (6) Elective Course shall comprise of 100 marks, of which, there will be an end term examination component of 50 marks. The written projects/ presentation / viva voce/article etc. and other components shall comprise rest of the marks. In order to successfully complete and pass the course, a student shall secure a minimum of 50 marks in all the components put together.
- (7) Mode of evaluation and assessment shall be determined by Course instructor after approval from the Board of Studies and Research is sought for the same.
- (8) Once credits have been earned [marks have been released and a student has passed the credit course], a student can swap such credits against elective course at any point of time. Students can seek exemption from an elective law course (and not from a compulsory law subject) only on the basis of equivalent credits already earned in an elective course and not otherwise. Credits utilized for obtaining an exemption from an elective course cannot be further utilized for seeking exemption from another elective course. Such exemption may be sought by student by making an application to Board of Examination.
- (9) No additional fees may be charged for any elective course.
- (10) A student who fails to secure the requisite marks in the elective course or fails to complete the various components of the course, during the semester, shall be treated as failed and will be deregistered in that elective course. Such a student shall have to choose an additional elective course in the following semester.
- (11) Plagiarism in papers/assignments/projects submitted by the students shall constitute a serious academic malpractice and shall carry the same consequences as for projects, as prescribed in Rule 6.4.

### Seminar Courses

- (12) In Seminar Courses, the course teacher shall provide the content of the course in about 35 to 40 class hours and allow the students to spend the rest of the time in carrying out research on the assigned topic.
- (13) Attendance shall be compulsory for all the students during the presentations of seminar papers

- (14) A Seminar Course shall comprise of 100 marks, of which, there will preferably be an examination component of 30 marks. The written projects, presentation / viva voce, and other components shall comprise rest of the marks.
- (15) In seminar courses, in order to successfully complete and pass the course, a student shall secure a minimum of 50 marks in all the components put together. If any student fails in the seminar course, a repeat examination (of the examination component) or resubmission of the seminar paper, or fresh presentation, or resubmission of the seminar paper and fresh presentation may be administered by the Faculty in Charge, within reasonable time, in consultation with the Undergraduate Department/Board of Examination. The prescribed fee for resubmission and/or repeat examination shall be paid by the student prior to such repeat examination/resubmission. A student is allowed to take maximum of two repeat exams.
- (16) Plagiarism in seminar papers submitted by the students shall constitute a serious academic malpractice and shall carry the same consequences as for projects, as prescribed in Rule 6.4.
- (17) A student who fails to secure the requisite marks in the seminar course despite the facility for repeat examination prescribed in Rule 6.8, or fails to complete the various components of the course, during the semester, shall be treated as failed in that seminar course. Such a student shall choose an additional seminar course in the following semester.
- (18) A [Class Coordinator] shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor every year to assist the Undergraduate Department in the co-ordination and supervision of all seminar courses in accordance with these Regulations. The [Class Coordinator/HOD] so appointed shall submit a detailed report at the end of the year in the conduct of the seminar courses and may also recommend ways and means to improve the quality of teaching, research and project writing in the seminar courses.

### **Clinical Courses**

(19) All clinical courses shall generally be taught by a team, consisting of a faculty member, and a senior practitioner/subject expert, if available. Such senior practitioner/subject expert shall be identified by the coordinator of clinical courses, in consultation with the concerned faculty member, with the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

- (20) In Clinical Courses, the course faculty shall provide the content of the course in about 20 to 30 hours and allow the students to spend the rest of the time in carrying out research on the assigned topic and defending his/her clinical paper/report in the rest of the classes assigned for the clinical courses. The scheduling of clinical courses shall be done in consultation with the practitioners or subject experts.
- (21) Attendance shall be compulsory for all the students during the presentations of the clinical papers / field visits and other exercises as may be designated by the faculty.
- (22) The evaluation method for each clinical course shall be designed by the teacher/s teaching the course, in consultation with the Board of Examination.
- (23) To successfully complete and pass a clinical course, a student shall secure a minimum of 50 marks in all the components put together. If any student fails in the clinical course, a repeat test or resubmission of projects or fresh presentation or resubmission of reports and fresh presentation or resubmission of any component of the student evaluation, shall be administered by the teacher within reasonable time, in consultation with the Undergraduate Department/Board of Examination after the student has paid the prescribed fees. A student is allowed to take maximum of two repeat exams.
- (24) Plagiarism or false statements/accounts in reports or projects or records submitted by the students in a clinical course shall constitute a serious academic malpractice and shall lead to the same consequences as prescribed in Rule 6.4.
- (25) If a student fails to secure the requisite marks in the clinical course or fails to complete all the components of the clinical course during the semester for any reason, he/she shall be treated as having failed in that clinical course. Such students shall re-register for the clinical course when it is again offered.
- (26) A Class Co-ordinator for every class shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor every semester to coordinate and supervise the clinical courses in accordance with these Regulations. The Class Coordinator so appointed shall submit a detailed report at the end of the semester on the conduct of the clinical courses and may also recommend ways and means to improve the clinical courses.

### **Course Instruction**

- (27) Course instructor intending to offer any course shall submit
  - (i) Break up of topics to be covered,
  - (ii) Prescribed Readings,
  - (iii)Description of assignments, if any, proposed to be prescribed,
  - (iv)Evaluation pattern,
  - (v) Proposed number of teaching hours (classroom sessions), and
  - (vi) Any basic pre-requisites for course (for example, knowledge of another branch of law, completion of another course, etc.)

    Brief description of the course including course objectives,
- (28) The Board of Studies shall scrutinize the proposed course and forward, in writing, its recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor. The final decision on whether or not to permit the credit course shall lie with the Vice-Chancellor.

# 7. Examination System:

- 1) The Mid-Semester and End Semester Examinations shall ordinarily be conducted in the first week of September/ March and November/May respectively or on such dates may be fixed by the University. The academic performance of a candidate shall be evaluated in respect of the courses of study prescribed for each semester through the examinations held for respective semesters.
- 2) The Board of Examination shall announce the schedule of the examination before the commencement of every semester and notify the same on the Notice Board/ Website of the University. In exceptional circumstances, minor alteration of the scheduled dates can be carried out by the Board of Examination in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for accommodating any of the co-curricular activities or extra-curricular activities in which a significant number of students are involved in or are participating.

- 3) The mid-semester examination (for 10 marks) shall generally be of one hour duration and the end-semester exam (for 50 marks) shall generally be of 2 hours in duration.
- 4) The above scheme of evaluation, shall not apply to the Seminar and Clinical courses and the distribution of marks in the seminar and clinical courses shall be notified by the Undergraduate Department/Board of Examination before the commencement of every semester.
- 5) All the candidates who have put in the minimum of 75% of attendance for appearing at the Examination and have filled in the examination form in time for appearing at the End Semester Examination shall be allowed to appear at the respective examinations. However, students who have not put in 75% of attendance but have secured 66% attendance shall have to attend University and undertaken the assignments during vacations immediately following that semester to comply requisite attendance component and shall be allowed to take exam at least one week prior to commencement of subsequent semester.
- 6) It shall be mandatory for students to appear for the examination conducted by the University. No student shall be allowed to remain absent himself/herself from any examination except with the prior written permission of the Vice Chancellor on a written request made by the student, stating the reasons for possible absence.
- 7) A student who absents himself/herself for the examination without permission shall be declared "Failed" in that course. He/she shall appear in the Repeat Examination for that course. If he/she passes the course in the Repeat Examination, the grade obtained shall have ® mentioned against it in the transcript. It is further clarified that no exemption of any kind in any examination during an academic year shall be provided on medical grounds. A student is allowed to take maximum of two repeat exams. Students fails to clear after two repeat examinations shall be struck down from the rolls of the University.
- 8) The Board of Examination may organize repeat examination for those students who failed in any of the courses in the previous semester, as well as those students who have not appeared for the end semester examination for any valid reasons. The exam of students who have secured more than 66% of attendance in a particular course but failed to attend 75% of the classes, shall be conducted before the commencement of the subsequent semester. The students falling short of the minimum requisite i.e. 66% attendance in a particular course shall have to take the repeat exam for that particular course when the same is offered in the

following academic year after complying with the attendance requirements of the concerned course. Exam of such students shall be conducted along with the repeat examination scheduled for other candidates. The Board of Examination shall maintain a record of students who have not appeared for an examination on any ground. The dates for the repeat examination shall generally be notified at the beginning of the semester. If the dates are changed, such change shall duly be notified by the Board of Examination at least one week before commencement of the repeat examination both on the Notice Board / website of the University. The calendar for schemes of the examination viz mid-term, end term, repeat and viva voce examination shall be notified within the academic calendar.

- 9) The Repeat Examination as above may be organized either immediately after the completion of the end semester examinations or just week before the commencement of the following semester or within 10 days of its commencement. The Grades obtained in the Repeat Examinations, unless duly approved, shall be indicated with ® at the top of the Grade. It is further clarified that repeat examinations shall be for 50 marks and the remaining 50 marks shall be the marks already obtained for the project, viva voce and attendance. The marks awarded for sessional component i.e. projects and the viva/presentation, attendance etc. will remain as originally awarded.
- 10) Students at the IX and/or X semester securing grades below 'A' but above F and desirous of improving their Grades for any of the subjects completed by them in the programme may apply formally to the Board of Examination with the prescribed fee and appear in the Improvement Examination. The higher of the two marks secured examination shall be considered for fixation of grade. The Grades so obtained through the Improvement Examinations shall be indicated with (I).
- 11) Students cannot seek improvement on the part related to continuous/ sessional assessment at any stage of the programme.
- 12) Hall tickets when applicable shall be issued to each student by the Examination Section prior to the commencement of the examinations. No student shall be permitted to enter the Examination Hall without the Hall Ticket. The Students will be permitted to appear only in those examinations indicated in her / his Hall ticket. It is further clarified that the issuance of a Hall ticket is not an acknowledgement by the University that the student has fulfilled all the requirements which would entitle him/her to appear for the examination, such as, minimum attendance.

# 8. Unfair means and Malpractices in Examinations

- (1) Unfair means and other malpractices in relation to the examination shall include:
- (i) Possession or use of material having potential to be used for unfair means, including cell phones.
- (ii) Writing on any part of the body/furniture/walls.
- (iii) Plagiarism in projects/seminar/assignments submitted for evaluation.
- (iv) Seeking or extending help in the exam, in relation to the questions asked.
- (v) Any boycott of exam
- (vi) Disclosure of identity in the answer sheet in any form
- (vii) Any threat/use of abusive language in exam or in the answer sheets.
- (viii) Refusal to surrender unfair means material or attempt to destroy.
- (ix) Refusing to obey instructions of the Invigilator.
- (x) Smuggling an answer book/additional answer book into or out of the Examination Hall.
- (xi) Inserting/substituting or removing any page from the answer book/additional answer book.
- (xii) Impersonation in examination including interchanging of Roll Numbers and/or answer sheets.
- (xiii) Any other similar malpractice, which in the opinion of the Board of Examination amounts to a use of unfair means.
- (2) Use of Unfair Means shall be inquired into by a committee constituted for the purpose by the Examination Committee. Punishment for instances of UFM shall be as per the quantum prescribed.
- (3) The Board of Examination shall submit a report to the Registrar who shall impose the penalty with reasons in writing. An appeal can be made to the Vice-Chancellor who shall either uphold or reduce the penalty, or condone the same.

# 9. (i.) Evaluation System:

(1) The entire examination process shall be administered internally. The teacher teaching the course shall frame the question paper, as well as evaluate the answer scripts.

- (2) If more than one teacher is involved in teaching of a course, the setting of question paper and evaluation shall be done jointly by all the teachers who taught the course.
- (3) The system of evaluation would be as per details given under:-
  - (a.) The assessment (sessional) in theory courses will comprise of written assignment (Project work), Oral presentation, snap test and regularity in each of the courses offered by them.
  - (b.) Such assessment shall not be more than 50 Marks.
  - (c.) Where candidate fails to take examination in any one or more courses or having taken the examination has failed to secure the minimum pass marks in any one or more courses or in the aggregate, the sessional marks will be carried forward to the subsequent examination.

### (ii.) Mid- Semester Examination and evaluation (Ten Marks):

- (a.) Mid-Semester Examinations The question papers shall be set and the answer-scripts shall be evaluated by the teachers of the concerned courses. If there are more than one teacher teaching the course, the question paper shall ordinarily be set and evaluated by a teacher of the group, appointed by the Head of the Examinations. However, if the Board of Examiners considers appropriate, it can constitute a group of evaluators comprising of University teachers belonging to the concerned subject.
- (b.) The conduct of mid semester examination at the University shall be the undertaken by respective teacher. Board of Examination shall prepare the examination calendar and indicate the schedule for the same. Before submitting the marks to the Board of Examinations, the subject teacher may discuss the answer with the students and share the marks with them.
- (c.) [The marks obtained by students in Mid-Semester examination shall be displayed on the notice board. The students may see the evaluated answer-scripts within two days of the display of awards on the notice board for the semester by contacting the teacher concerned. Thereafter, within a week, all the answer books along with the statement of marks shall be submitted by the examiner to the Office of the Head of Examinations for declaration of the results. The course teacher must submit the marks awarded to the Board of Examination within 10 days of the conduct of the examinations.
- (d.) Once evaluated answer books are submitted to the Head of Examination there will be no review thereafter.

### (iii.) End Semester Examination and Evaluation:

- (a.) The question papers shall be set and the answer-scripts shall be evaluated by the teachers of the concerned courses. If there are more than one teachers teaching the course, the question paper shall ordinarily be set and evaluated by a teacher of the group, appointed by the Head of the Examinations. However, if the Board of Examination considers appropriate, it can constitute a group of evaluators comprising of University teachers belonging to the concerned subject.
- (b.) The review shall be initiated in two stages within three days of the commencement of classes for the new semester. In the first stage, applicant students for the review would be allowed to go through the photocopies of their evaluated answer books by paying the requisite fees. Errors pertaining to totalling of marks or oversight in awarding of marks to answers/portions of answers, if any, shall be brought to the notice of the BoE and then may be corrected immediately by the concerned faculty member.
- (c.) For the second stage, should the student have any grievance with regard to a valid answer being marked wrong, s/he must fill out a prescribed form stating her/his claim in detail and refer to authentic material (chapters/excerpts from recognised sources) substantiating the claim and pay a fee of rupees five hundred only. Subject to the approval of the request by the Vice Chancellor, the same, along with the answer booklet, will then be channelled by the BoE to a third-party evaluator. The decision of the latter in such a scenario would be considered binding and final.
  - Examinations. The concerned course faculties may review the relevant answer scripts and if necessary revise the marks within three days from dateline of receiving application. Thereafter, within a week, all the answer books along with the statement of marks shall be sent by the examiner to the Office of the Head of Examinations for declaration of the results.
- (d.) Once evaluated answer books are submitted to the Head of Examination there will be no re-evaluation/re-totalling thereafter.
- (e.) If any student is not satisfied with the clarification to the queries given by the teacher-in-charge to a student regarding evaluation of the examined scripts of End-Term Examination, he may apply within notified period to the Head of Examination for the review of the concerned examined script.

The Head of Examination may allow the review of such examined script.

(f.) The concerned examined script shall be reviewed by an Expert nominated by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the concerned Head of the Department.

# (iv.) Evaluation of activity based/clinical courses

For activity based/clinical courses such as Moot Court, Drafting, Pleading and Conveyancing etc. the Board of Studies shall frame rules, if required, from time to time.

# 10. QUESTION PAPERS

- (1) All questions in the question papers shall be compulsory and provide no choice to the students. However, if the teacher would like to provide a choice, the same should obtain special permission from the Board of Examination and the same shall be notified at the commencement of the semester and shall not exceed 25% of the marks in the relevant paper in any case.
- (2) The question papers in all courses, especially those of law, should preferably comprise of problem-based questions and be designed to evaluate the analytical skills of the students. The question papers of humanities and social science courses shall be based on critical evaluation of the concepts and their relationship to diverse fields of law. Descriptive or narrative questions, designed to examine the memory of the students, if at all to be incorporated, should form only 20 % of the question paper.

# **A.** Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is deduced at by dividing the sum of the Grade Values and the Course Credits in each course by the total number of credits in all the courses as per the following table.

# **B.** Grading System:

Division	Percentage	Grade	Grade Point
Outstanding	Above 80	O	8
Distinction	Above 75 up to	D	7.5
	80		
Very Good	Above 70 up to	A++	7
	75		
Good	Above 65 up to	A+	6.5
	70		
Fair	Above 60 up to	A	6
	65		
Average	Above 55 up to	B+	5.5
	60		
Pass	Above 49 up to	В	5
	55		
Pass with Grace	45 up to 49	С	4.5
Marks			
Failure	Below 45	F	0

### **Explanation:**

- i. Letter grades O, D, A++, A+ A, B+, and B in a course mean that the candidate has passed that course.
- ii. Letter grade 'C' mean Pass with Grace
- iii. The F grade denotes failing in the course. A student has to appear at subsequent examination(s), if provided under the regulations in the course in which he/she obtains "F" grade, until a passing grade is obtained.
- iv. A student will be eligible for the award of B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) degree only when he/she has successfully completed all the prescribed 55 or more courses with a total of minimum 220 credits and obtained a CGPA 4.5 or more out of 8.00.

# **Computation of SGPA and CGPA**

As per UGC recommendations the following procedure to compute the Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is considered:

i. The SGPA is the ratio of the sum of the product of number of credits with the grade points scored by a student in all the courses taken by a student and the sum of the number of the credits of all the courses undergone by a student, i.e.

**SGPA** (Si) = $\Sigma$  (Ci x Gi) /  $\Sigma$  Ci

Where Ci is the number of credits of the ith course and Gi is the grade point scored by the student in the ith course.

ii. The CGPA is also calculated in the same manner taking in to account all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a programme, i.e.

$$\mathbf{CGPA} = \Sigma (\mathrm{Ci} \times \mathrm{Si}) / \Sigma \mathrm{Ci}$$

where Si is the SGPA of the ith semester and Ci is the total number of credits in that semester.

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

# Illustration of Computation of SGPA and CGPA and Format for <u>Transcripts</u>

I. Computation of SGPA and CGPA

Illustration for SGPA

Course	Credit	Grade	Grade	Credit Point
		Letter	Point	(Credit x Grade)
Course 1	3	A	6.5	3 x 6.5=19.5
Course 2	3	A+	7.0	$3 \times 7.0 = 21.0$
Course 3	3	В	5.5	$3 \times 5.5 = 16.5$
Course 4	2	A	7.0	2 x 7.0= 14.0
	11			71.0

Thus, SGPA = 
$$71/11 = 6.45$$

### Illustration for CGPA

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Semester 1	Semester 2
Credit: 11	Credit:13
SGPA: 6.45	SGPA: 6.96

Thus, CGPA = 
$$\underline{11 \times 6.45 + 13 \times 6.96}$$
 = 6.72

**II.** Transcript (Format): Based on the above recommendation on Letter grades, grade points and SGPA and CGPA, the Board of Conducting Examinations may issue the transcript for each semester and a consolidated transcript indicating the performance in all semesters

# 12. Award of grace marks:

After tabulation the University may consider awarding grace marks to those of the candidate who failed, as per the following guidelines:

- a) A student shall be eligible for no more than 0.5% of the aggregate as grace in all subjects combined for a given semester
- b) However, an additional 0.5% of the aggregate as grace mark may be awarded in special cases to enable such learners to cope up with the rest of the class.
- c) The maximum grace mark awarded shall thus not exceed 1% of the aggregate under any circumstances.
- d) Grace marks will not be awarded for making up shortfall in minimum SGPA/CGPA or improving the grade.

# 13. Admit Card (For End Semester Examination):

- i. A candidate may not be admitted into examination room unless he/she produces his/her hall ticket to the officer conducting the examination or satisfies such officer that it shall be subsequently produced.
- ii. The Head of Examinations may, if satisfied that an examinee's hall ticket has been lost or destroyed, issue duplicate admit card on payment of a further fee of Rs. 100/-

### 14. Promotion Rules

1. No student shall be promoted to the next year of the B.A., LL.B (Hons.) programme unless he/she has successfully completed all the courses of all previous years of the programme and more than 50% of the courses of the current year.

Provided that, if a student was debarred from appearing in an end-semester examination due to shortage of attendance in a compulsory course i.e., not a seminar or clinical course, then the concerned student shall not be promoted unless he/she satisfies the Undergraduate Department that he/she will be able to meet the minimum attendance requirement when he/she re-registers for the said course.

- **2.** A student who has failed a course, shall re-register himself/herself for the courses in which he/she has failed by paying the prescribed fees. If such student has been promoted to the next year of the programme, by virtue of Rule 14.2, he/she shall attend the courses of that year.
- **3.** A student who has failed in more than two courses, and has not been promoted to the next year of the programme for that reason, shall reregister for those courses when they are again offered. The student shall be required to attend the classes in those courses and shall be evaluated for 100 marks.

- **4.** No student shall be promoted to the third year without passing all the first year courses. Similarly, for the promotion to Fourth and Fifth years a Candidate should have passed all the papers in Second and Third year respectively.
- **5.** In other words, Promotion Scheme shall be based on the following:

For promotion to II year - A student should have passed above 50% courses of the I year.

For promotion to III year, a student should have passed all courses of the I year and passed above 50% courses of II year

For promotion to IV year, a student should have passed all courses of the I and II years and passed above 50% courses of the III year.

For promotion to V year, a student should have passed all courses of the I, II and III years and passed above 50% of the IV year.

**6**. A student will need to secure the passing percentage of 45 percent separately in internal and end semester components in order to clear a course.

# 15. Declaration of Final Results (Based on the Result from I To X Semester Examination):

After declaration of results of IX & X Semesters, a candidate can be put in the following two categories:

- Passed: A candidate who has passed in all the courses of Examinations of I to X Semesters and obtained at least CGPA of 4.5
- Failed: All those students who have not "Passed" shall be categorized as "Failed".

Such failed students may clear their failed courses in subsequent examinations as ex-students. There shall be a provision of repeat examinations for IX and X Semesters after declaration of results of X Semester. Students failing in courses of IX and X Semesters may appear in the repeat examination or subsequent main examination(s).

A student who has failed in a course shall get ordinarily two more chances to clear a course subject to the maximum duration for passing course. The maximum duration for passing B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) course shall be eight years from the date of his/her admission in the I semester of the course.

### 16. **Declaration of Division**

A candidate who has passed in all the papers/ courses of I to X semesters of the five year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme taken together shall be declared as 'Passed'. Such passed candidates may be awarded with the division according to the following criteria:

Marks Range (Out of 100)	Grade Point	Grade	Division
Above 80	8.0	О	Outstanding
Above 75 – up to 80	7.5	D	Distinction
Above 70 – up to 75	7.0	A++	Very Good
Above 65 – up to 70	6.5	A+	Good
Above 60 – up to 65	6.0	A	Satisfactory
Above 55 – up to 60	5.5	B+	Fair
Above 49 – up to 55	5.0	В	Average
Above 45 – up to 49	4.5	С	Pass
Below 45	0.0	F	Failure

**Note:** The SGPA and CGPA shall be computed up to 2 places of decimals (truncated at the second place).

### **EXPLANATION:**

- A student has to clear the B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme in NOT MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS from the initial date of admission to the first Semester of the programme. Even after that if a student fails, he/she shall have to leave the programme.
- A student who is not promoted to a higher semester or readmitted to a semester due to shortage of attendance shall be required to study the same syllabus as being taught in that academic year.
- A student may also be rusticated, expelled or suspended for reasons other than academic (e.g. on disciplinary grounds).
- Result shall be withheld if the student fails to pay his/her dues or if there is a case of irregularity reported and indiscipline proceeding pending against him/her.

### 17. Issuance of Mark-sheets:

(i) The results of the Sessional and the End Term Examinations shall be displayed on the Notice Board/ University website at the end of each academic year, the students shall be issued the mark-sheet after the declaration of the results on the basis of the marks tabulated in the chart duly signed by the, Head of Examination, the Registrar and the Vice-Chancellor for the End Semester Examinations held in that particular academic year.

- (ii) The revised mark-sheets may be issued in accordance to these Regulations to such students who are either allowed to appear in the Repeat Examination or whose examined scripts have been allowed by the competent authority to be reviewed.
- (iii) The Duplicate Mark-sheets may be issued on the written request of a student and submission of the details in the format developed by the University for the purpose after receiving such payments as have been fixed by the University from time to time.

# 18. Ranking to the Candidates:

- (1) Ranking shall be given to only those candidates who pass all the courses of the programme in one attempt.
- (2) Notwithstanding any provision in the Regulations to the contrary, the student who, having been duly admitted to a regular examination of the course, but was unable to take that examination in full or in part due to some cogent reasons, and took the next following examination of that course and passed the course in the first attempt shall be eligible for ranking. The marks obtained by him/her at the aforesaid respective examination shall be considered as the basis for the University ranking and other distinctions.
- (3) In order to get the benefit of this provision, the student should claim that he/she is eligible for this benefit and get a decision in writing from the examination department after proving his/her eligibility for ranking.

# 19. Break in the Course:

Any student taking admission in B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme shall not be allowed to pursue any other full time programme/ course in the University or elsewhere in the entire period of the programme. Further, it is clarified that if a student leaves the programme after passing some of the semesters/ courses and takes up a full-time programme/ course elsewhere, then he/she shall not be allowed to continue the programme further in the University.

### **Definition:**

- 1. A 'Regular Student' is one who has pursued a regular course of study and obtained prescribed attendance mentioned in the ordinances and is eligible to appear in the examination.
- 2. 'Ex-student' means one who has studied in the Faculty for at least one semester preceding the date of the examination and has filled up the examination form but failed or has failed to appear in the examination, though otherwise eligible.

**Note:** Academic calendar for the odd and even semesters shall be notified at the beginning of every academic year.

# 20. Removal of Difficulty:

The Vice Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor, shall have power to make such modifications, alterations or amendments in this Regulation as may be necessary to remove any difficulties arising during a period of first five years from the date of commencement of this Regulation. The amendment so made will be reported to the Academic Council and the Executive Council in its next meeting.