

Ph.D. ADMISSION 2025-26 - NOTIFICATION

Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai (MNLU, Mumbai) is established by the way of enactment known as the Maharashtra National Law University Act (Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014). Applications are invited for admission to the Ph.D. Programme 2025-26 in **Law or interface with Law** at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.

❖ Eligibility

1. Master's degree in Law with at least 55% marks or equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7- point scale.

OR

Obtained a Master's Degree (regular mode) in any discipline from a recognized University including a foreign University with not less than 55% marks or its equivalent.

Provided that the candidate with qualifications in Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities may pursue his / her research interfacing with public policy or law.

2. A relaxation of 5% in eligibility criteria will be granted to candidates from SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer)/EWS/ Differently-Abled persons and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark.
3. Candidates appearing in the final year of the qualifying examination are also eligible to apply. (However, before the completion of the admission procedure, the original mark sheet of the qualifying examination has to be produced to show that the candidate fulfills the eligibility criteria.)

4. The candidate who has passed the Company Secretary examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and has been awarded the Associate Membership of the Institute (ACS) and having a Bachelor Degree in Law from a recognized University through regular stream shall be eligible for admission to the programme. Provided that the research he / she wishes to pursue interfaces with a special focus on public policy or law.
5. The candidate who has passed the Chartered Accountants examination conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi and has been awarded Membership of the Institute and having a Bachelor Degree in Law from a recognized University through regular stream shall be eligible for admission to the programme. Provided that the research he / she wishes to pursue interfaces with a special focus on public policy or law

❖ Categories of Enrolment

Enrolment to the PhD Programme can be either full-time or part-time.

A) Full-time Enrolment

1. Enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree shall ordinarily be full-time. The candidate shall put in a minimum of three years residence of which at least 18 months shall be in the university. There shall thus be provision for the candidate to earn credits for research work done outside the university.
2. Six years shall be the maximum period in which a full time candidate shall complete the research work and submit it for evaluation.

B) Part-time Enrolment

There shall be provision for part-time enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree.

1. A part-time candidate shall put in a minimum of three years, including course work, of part-time study in the University including time spent for research at any other place with the permission of the Supervisor.

2. Six years shall be the maximum period in which a part time candidate shall complete the research work and submit it for evaluation.
3. Conversion either from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time is to be permitted only with the approval of the Doctoral Committee.

PROCEDURE OF ADMISSION

1. Application form is available at
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEgtlexhZ6plWx2nEMHnuPNsxsAptDMztRHiwed4J64k0e1g/viewform?usp=header>
2. Payment Link -
<https://payments.cashfree.com/forms?code=PhDAdmission2025fortheapplicationfee>
3. Filled-up application form along with the self-attested photocopies of the supporting documents and proof of online payment details must be carried by the candidate at the time of personal interview.
4. Application fees is Rs.2000 for (For General/ OBC/EWS)
And Rs.1500 for (For SC/ST/ Other category students)
5. The admission process shall include an offline entrance test and a personal interview. The entrance test will be held at the University's campus.
6. UGC-NET , JRF, CSIR, SLET, GATE, M.Phil qualified candidates will be exempted from appearing in the Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT) but will have to submit the research proposal and shall appear for the Personal Interview.
7. Candidates eligible for PAT and personal interview shall be communicated through e - mail. Candidate must regularly check mails from the University.
8. The entrance test (PAT) will seek to judge the abilities of the candidates in the fields of Subject Knowledge of Law and Research Methodology. The subject knowledge specific questions will be short-answer type, essay type as well as multiple-choice questions. These may include Jurisprudence,

Constitutional Law, International Law, Human Rights, Law, Contract Law, Personal Laws, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Corporate Law, Alternative Dispute Resolutions and Intellectual Property Rights.

9. PAT shall have the following scheme
 - a. Research Aptitude – 50 Marks.
 - b. Essays/answers on relevant topics pertaining to law/ other disciplines – 50 Marks.
10. Special care shall be taken for the candidates of sciences, social sciences and Humanities. If the research they wish to pursue interfaces with a special focus on public policy or law, the question paper shall be prepared accordingly.
11. Qualifying marks for PAT shall be 50% provided that a relaxation of 5 % of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the university.
12. Candidate short-listed on the basis of entrance test will be asked to submit research proposal. The selection of such candidates shall be evaluated in the ratio 70 (written test) : 30 (interview).
13. Admission and selection will be subject to the
 - i. Competency of candidate to carry out proposed research
 - ii. availability of vacant seats and facilities in the area of research chosen by the candidate and
 - ii. availability of university recognized supervisor.
14. Candidates are advised to go through the MNLU Mumbai Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Regulations available on the website.

❖ **Application shall be rejected if:**

- i. Submitted without requisite fee
- ii. Incomplete application
- iii. False information
- iv. Delayed application.

Timeline
Ph.D. Admission 2025-2026

Sr. No.	Particular	Dates
1.	Advertisement of Ph.D. Admission in the newspaper and on the website	December 2, 2025
2.	Last date of receiving fully filled application form	January 15, 2026
3.	Ph. D. Admission Test (PAT)	February 8 , 2026 (Tentative)
4.	Result of PAT	February 10, 2026 (Tentative)
5.	Submission of Research Proposal	February 28, 2026 (Tentative)

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APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION TO THE Ph.D. PROGRAMME (2025-2026)

Instructions to candidates

1. Terms and Conditions
2. Every candidate should read the accompanying notification carefully and understand the eligibility criteria for appearing in the admission test.
3. Mere qualifying in MNLU Mumbai Ph.D. Admission Test or mere submission of application for Ph.D. registration shall not guarantee to the applicants Admission in Ph.D. programme of MNLU Mumbai.
4. The candidates shall fill the application form with complete details correctly and legibly. The candidates are required to attach copies of the mark sheet(s) of the qualifying examination and other supporting documents.
5. Candidates are requested to pay prescribed fee per application through Payment Link provided, towards application processing fee.
6. The candidates should fill in the online application form with the requisite attachment.
7. All the candidates who shall pass the Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT) as well as those who are exempted from it, and called for Research Proposal Presentation/interview in front of Research Committee shall submit a preliminary proposal (four hard copies) of research not exceeding 1500 words indicating the hypothesis, statement of problem, research outlines, set of research questions, proposed research methodology, survey of literature and expected outcomes of the research on or before the stipulated date.
8. Admission is also available to part-time candidates, subject to fulfillment of requisite eligibility conditions.

9. Candidates short-listed on the basis of the entrance test and the exempted candidates will be called for the interview.
10. Admission will be subject to availability of vacancy and faculty in the area of research chosen by the candidate.
11. Change in the PhD admission timeline dates or mode of conducting examination, if any, would be intimated to students with prior notice.
12. The University shall reserve the right to change the schedule or process of admission to Ph.D. Programme in case of contingencies.
13. Admission will be confirmed after verification of original documents post declaration of final result.
14. In case of any grievance or disputes, the decision of the University shall be final and binding on all.
15. Candidates are not required to submit printout of application or any documents to the University after online submission of application. However, these documents are to be submitted at the time of presentation/interview at the University.
16. No request for change in any information submitted in the online form will be entertained by the University.
17. Number of vacant seats shall be published on the website.
18. The University has decided to conduct the Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT) for Ph.D. Degree Programme 2025-2026 only at MNLU Mumbai.
19. Candidates should regularly check communication from university made through e-mails and keep visiting <https://www.mnlumumbai.edu.in/> for periodical updates.
20. For any further clarification with regard to admissions please contact: The Convenor, Ph.D. Programme 2025-26, Prof.(Dr.) Amol Chavhan, Mob.no. 9420706040, Ms. Dipali Ahire, Mob.no. 7045092292.
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