



## CLAT 2024 INFORMATION BROCHURE

### NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY (NLSIU), BENGALURU

#### About the University

The National Law School of India University was established in 1986 to pioneer legal education reform and anchor the transformation of the Indian legal system through research and policy interventions. NLSIU is dedicated to the creation of conditions necessary for the realization of core constitutional values committed to freedom, equality and social justice.

The University rests on a unique collaboration between legal academics, the Bar, the Bench and the State Government of Karnataka. This strong coalition has helped the University remain the undoubted leader in the field of legal education in India for the last three decades.

This is also substantiated by various rankings as NLSIU has secured a No. 1 ranking on every significant ranking study published. This includes the NIRF rankings of the Education Ministry which has ranked NLSIU as the top law school in the country for six consecutive years now.

These rankings also reflect the University's overall push for excellence across several parameters which cover varied aspects of its functioning. Read more about our rankings [here](#).

#### NLSIU Campus

NLSIU began modestly at the Central College Campus of Bangalore University and in 1991, shifted to Nagarbhavi. The sprawling 23-acre campus comprises academic blocks with upgraded classrooms, a state-of-the-art library, a health centre, canteens, clean & well maintained residence halls for men and women, and faculty/staff quarters. Sports facilities include a well-equipped gymnasium, and facilities for football, basketball, and tennis, among other spaces for academic and community-based activities.

**Campus Infrastructure** - We have undertaken the implementation of a comprehensive [Revised Master Plan](#) which involves a bold yet responsible plan for the future development of the NLSIU campus. As part of this plan, the University is redeveloping common and public spaces on campus to ensure all

students have access to safe communal spaces that enhance well-being. We have made several infrastructural upgrades over the past year and the first phase of our campus redevelopment is already underway. The Library precinct which includes a renovated state-of-the-art Library and an amphitheatre.

**A New Reimagined Library** - From 2005, the Shri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library has been a central node of the NLS campus. Spread over 30,000 sq.ft. built-up area, the Library houses a collection of over 70,000 books and journals and seated 250 persons. In AY 2022-23, we completely redesigned the Library to respond to our community's needs for a space that could be used for teaching and self-study, as well as social spaces. This massive project was possible because of the support of the Infosys Foundation and the Government of Karnataka.

Our new Library is reimagined to be the hub of intellectual life on campus, with emphasis on collaboration and collective learning. It accommodates the growing student, research and faculty community and is organized into Zones adapted to various uses. The Library can now seat 600 persons across its three floors and the terrace. Modernisation of the Library improves accessibility, accommodates increased use of devices and revamps displays and storage. The Library precinct too is being redeveloped with an open air amphitheatre, four courtyards and an entry garden to allow for a seamless connection between the outdoors and the Library space.

## **Measures taken to improve academic and campus life:**

### **Restructuring of academic programmes**

- **BA LLB (Hons) Programme** - In Academic Year 2024-25, the University is increasing the number of seats for the undergraduate BA LLB (Hons) Programme from 240 to 300<sup>1</sup> in line with the NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan. Recently, the University introduced an advanced legal writing programme with a dissertation component as an elective option for final year BA LLB (Hons) students. The University is also in the process of restructuring the curriculum of the programme to strengthen interdisciplinarity with a choice of Major and Minor specialisations.
- **LLM Programme** - The student intake for the LLM Programme will increase from 100 to 120 in AY 2024-25 in line with the NLSIU Inclusion and Expansion Plan. This programme has been restructured to strengthen legal writing and research methodology, and immerse students in foundations of legal theory. The University is currently working on refining the dissertation requirements to integrate it further with other components of the programme.

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- **Elective Courses** - NLSIU offers Elective Courses which allow students to undergo an immersive deep dive into their chosen subject. These courses involve 40 hours of teaching in each trimester and are taught by senior law practitioners, advocates, judges, and prominent members of academia who can provide a more practical knowledge of the law.

In AY 2022-23, the University offered close to 100 elective courses. These courses were delivered by both internal and external faculty. We had as many as 55 external/ visiting faculty, that included several eminent professionals and academics, teaching electives during the year. Our elective courses cover the widest range of enquiry in law, public policy and the social sciences - we offer one of the highest number of elective course options of any Indian law university.

- **Clinical and Experiential Learning** - Clinical electives play a significant role in exposing students to the practice of law and policy. These courses are traditionally taught by practitioners who lend real life experience inside and outside the classroom, including exposure to live cases or clients, thereby bridging the gap between academics and practice.

The University has reinvented its experiential learning curriculum to include several new Clinical Courses (e.g. Defending Capital Punishment Cases, Criminal Procedure - Investigations, Data and Criminal Justice). All senior students are expected to take up at least one clinical course during the programme, and we aim to increase the intensity of Clinical Education in the years ahead. Additionally, the University offers Externships in collaboration with leading professional organisations including India's top law firms, advocates, and the non-profit sector. Students have the option of signing up for externships in lieu of elective courses.

## **Expert Faculty Pool**

The University has a team of highly experienced faculty members which include Rhodes, Commonwealth, and Chevening scholars. Many of our faculty are from some of the best schools including Oxford University, Stanford University, University of Cambridge, Harvard Law School, Columbia University, Yale Law School, New York University, SOAS, University of South Carolina, Jawaharlal Nehru University, NALSAR Hyderabad, NLU Delhi, XLRI Jamshedpur, etc.

To accommodate our expanded student intake, and further strengthen our teaching and research initiatives, we recruited 11 faculty in 2022, and 22 faculty in February 2023 for the law and social sciences. We also had 55 external faculty and practitioners delivering elective courses in AY 2022-23. This has not only strengthened our exceptionally talented faculty pool, but has also resulted in providing an unparalleled learning environment for legal education in the country.

## Digital Infrastructure Upgrades

The University is undergoing a thorough digital transformation which permeates several aspects of its functioning. The University offers high quality wireless connectivity throughout the campus which has been upgraded recently. In 2023, the University introduced a new ERP system, digitisation and automation of academic and hostel administration, and a new learning platform to improve accessibility and pedagogy across the University. The digitization of library books has also been underway since last year and students with disabilities already have access to digitised copies of the Library's collection. We have upgraded the Library platform, and have intensified the digitisation of books with over 21,000 books digitised so far.

**Learning Management System** - The University has built and deployed an online learning management system that ensures a structured syllabi for every course and the easy availability of reading materials. This learning platform is integrated with video conferencing and the administrative platform to make online learning a seamless experience.

## Research

NLSIU has actively developed and organised its research infrastructure to consolidate and augment research output in terms of publications, projects, and contribution to policy frameworks. Continuing our research efforts, NLSIU entered into a number of collaborations in 2021-22 both at the local and international level to produce innovative and relevant outcomes through research. In AY 2023-24, the University has revived and refreshed leadership and staffing at all fully and partially endowed Research Centres and Research Chairs. The University will continue to invest to generate new and original research.

The University has identified five focus areas for its research and policy development initiatives:

- Labour and Work
- Climate Justice
- State Capacity and Reform
- Access to Justice & Legal System Reform
- Law, Technology and Society

The Academic Year 2022-23 saw the relaunch of the [National Law School Journal](#), the University's flagship faculty-led journal, with a new website and a special commemorative issue. Our digital [scholarship repository](#), which enables open access to NLS journals, will soon host all publications authored by its faculty members—across scholarly and popular media platforms. The University also recruited a dedicated team of researchers including Academic Fellows who will further intensify and expand our research productivity.

## **Extra-curricular activities**

Apart from the rigorous academic programmes, the University offers an environment that encourages students to organise and engage in several co-curricular and extra-curricular activities on campus.

Mooting remains a core activity at NLS. In 1999, the University became the first Indian team to win the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and has gone on to secure more such wins. Teams from NLSIU have won several moot court competitions at the national and international level including the Manfred Lachs Space Law International Moot and the Oxford Price Moot.

For student-related information and activities, visit our University web page [here](#).

## **Student Welfare**

The University has worked with the Student Bar Association (SBA) to carefully review the mental health and emotional well-being needs of the student community. We care about every member of our University community and seek to support your holistic development during your time at NLSIU. The following services are available to the student community:

1. Counselling Services
2. Clinical Therapy and App-based Services
3. Psychiatric Referrals
4. Consultation Hours with the Student Welfare Officers

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES:**

### **I. FIVE-YEAR INTEGRATED B.A., LL.B. (HONS.) PROGRAMME:**

The five-year integrated Undergraduate B.A., LL.B (Hons) Degree Programme is the flagship degree at NLSIU that offers students training in a range of legal and non-legal subjects. The University pioneered this five-year programme in India with an intention to provide a strong foundation upon which students could choose to pursue professional options or further academic opportunities.

#### **Programme Structure**

- The programme is taught across three trimesters each academic year. In each trimester, a student completes 4 courses and over 5 years, completes an intense programme of 60 courses before they graduate. Once students complete their foundation courses in the first two years of the programme, they are permitted to choose elective courses from the third

year onwards.

- The programme is highly inter-disciplinary where students are equipped to develop an understanding of law along with knowledge of humanities and social sciences. The pedagogy is Socratic where students engage actively in debates along with learning materials in the classroom.
- All students write a mandatory paper in almost every course in the programme and present these materials to ensure that they develop research, writing and oral presentation skills. Students also have to complete mandatory internships during the programme.

## **Eligibility**

1. A Pass in 10+2 or an equivalent examination with a minimum of:
  - (i) Forty Five per cent (45%) of marks or its equivalent grade in case of candidates belonging to General/OBC/PWD/ EWS categories; and
  - (ii) Forty per cent (40%) of marks or equivalent in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST categories.
2. Candidates who may be appearing for their qualifying examination in March/ April, 2024 are also eligible to appear for the CLAT 2024 examination. However, their admission to the course shall be subject to their fulfilling the conditions stipulated in the Regulations and producing supporting documentary evidence at the time of admission.
3. There is no upper age limit for the UG Programme.
4. NLSIU will reintroduce admissions for international students in AY 23-24 by way of supernumerary seats in the UG Programme. Further details will be notified separately.
5. Foreign nationals who possess a PIO (Person of Indian Origin) or OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) card are eligible to appear for CLAT as per the admission procedure notified by the Consortium of NLUs.

The candidate must have studied English language as one of the compulsory subjects in 10+2 or equivalent Higher Secondary School Examination. Upon converting your Class 12 school grades, it should be equivalent to 45% under the Indian grading system to be eligible for admissions.

The University reserves the right to cancel the admission of any candidate for the breach of these Rules.

## **Intake and Reservation**

The total intake capacity shall be **300 (Three Hundred)** seats<sup>1</sup> for AY 2024-25 with the following breakup:

Category	Percentage of Seats	Number of Seats
<b>Scheduled Caste</b>	15.0%	45
<b>Scheduled Tribe</b>	7.5%	23
<b>Other Backward Classes NCL</b>	27%	81
<b>Economically Weaker Section</b>	10%	30
<b>General</b>	N/A	121
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>300</b>

- a) Fifteen (15) seats comprising 5% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally for Persons with Disabilities (PWD).
- b) Ninety (90) seats comprising 30% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally for Women.
- c) Seventy-five (75) seats comprising 25% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally (compartmentalised) for Karnataka Students\*.

**\* Karnataka Students Category:**

- (i) Candidates who have studied for not less than 10 years in a recognized educational institution in Karnataka shall be eligible to be considered as 'Karnataka Students.'
- (ii) Candidates who have not completed ten years of study in Karnataka shall be eligible to apply under the Karnataka Students category if they fall under any of the below categories:
  1. Children of defence personnel/ ex-servicemen, who at the time of joining service, have declared their hometown to be in the State of Karnataka, and who have served or are serving outside Karnataka, corresponding to the candidate's years of study outside Karnataka.
  2. Children of employees of the Karnataka State Government who have served or are serving outside Karnataka corresponding to the candidate's years of study outside Karnataka.
  3. Children of serving or retired employees belonging to the Karnataka cadre of the All India Services (IAS/IFS/IPS), who have served or are serving outside Karnataka corresponding to the candidate's years of study outside Karnataka.
  4. Children of working or retired employees in the Central Armed Police Force service, who upon joining service declared their hometown to be in the State of Karnataka, and who have served

or are serving outside Karnataka, <sup>2</sup>corresponding to the candidate's years of study outside Karnataka.

**Illustration:** If the candidate has studied in Karnataka for three (3) years, they must prove that their parent/s were serving outside Karnataka for at least seven (7) years corresponding to their own period of study outside Karnataka.

If the candidate has not studied in Karnataka continuously for at least one (1) year, they must prove that their parent/s were serving outside Karnataka for at least ten (10) years corresponding to their own period of study outside Karnataka.

(iii) Eligible candidates must keep their Study Certificates issued by their School/s and other relevant documents ready to be submitted at the time of counselling/ admission.

### **Fee Structure - B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Programme | AY 2024-25**

Total fee (including refundable deposits):

a) General Category: Rs. 4,13,100

b) SC/ST Category: Rs. 4,08,700

(Fees are subject to further revision and necessary approvals)

#### **NOTE:**

**(i) Please note the fees/ charges applicable to both B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. Programmes may be revised by the University, and duly notified.**

**(ii) Hostel accommodation on campus may not be guaranteed for all candidates. Further information about available facilities will be provided to selected candidates during the admission process.**

### **Financial Assistance**

The University follows the principle that no student once admitted should have to discontinue his/her studies on grounds of financial hardship. NLSIU aims to address financial concerns of students by way of a comprehensive scholarship programme as well as the easy availability of long-term and short-term loans for financial assistance.

**Scholarships:** Every year, scholarships are given to the students out of the endowments and from University General funds. The University also supports students in availing a number of external scholarship options. These include private scholarships as well as those offered under the National

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Scholarship Portal and the State Government Scholarship Portal. The NLS alumni community has also extended support to both bursaries and endowments with generous contributions from different batches. For more details, visit the University's Financial Aid & Scholarship page [here](#).

## **II. ONE-YEAR LL.M. (MASTER OF LAWS) PROGRAMME**

NLSIU offers a one-year LL.M. degree programme. Similar to the B.A., LL.B. (Hons) programme, the LL.M. programme is organized around three trimesters every academic year.

### **Programme Structure**

The University has recently re-designed the structure of the LL.M. programme to provide students greater flexibility in choosing courses. The objective is to provide more opportunities to students to pursue courses from a wide array of electives offered at the University. Besides this, students will have to write a mandatory dissertation in the third trimester.

The core courses offered by the University helps deepen the students' conceptual understanding of core areas of law, and how law interfaces with society. They will equip students to pursue careers in academia, research, legal practice, and judicial services. The core courses currently offered at NLS are: Research Methodology, Law and Justice in a Globalizing World, Comparative Public Law, Law and Society, and Foundations of Private Law.

### **Eligibility**

1. An LL.B. Degree or an equivalent examination with a minimum of:
  - (i) fifty per cent (50%) of marks or its equivalent grade in case of candidates belonging to General/OBC/PWD/ EWS categories;
  - (ii) forty five per cent (45%) of marks or its equivalent grade in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST categories.
2. Candidates who may be appearing for their qualifying examination in March/ April, 2024 are also eligible to appear for the CLAT 2024 examination. However, their admission to the course shall be subject to their fulfilling the conditions stipulated in the Regulations and producing supporting documentary evidence at the time of admission.
3. There is no upper age limit for the PG programme in CLAT.
4. NLSIU will reintroduce admissions for international students in AY 2023-24 by way of supernumerary seats in the PG Programme. Further details will be notified separately.

5. Foreign nationals who possess a PIO (Person of Indian Origin) or OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) card are eligible to appear for CLAT as per the admission procedure notified by the Consortium of NLUs.

The University reserves the right to cancel the admission of any candidate for the breach of these Rules.

### **Intake and Reservation**

The total intake capacity shall be 120 (One Hundred and Twenty) seats<sup>3</sup> for AY 2024-25 with the following breakup:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Percentage of seats</b>	<b>Number of seats</b>
<b>Scheduled Caste</b>	15.0%	18
<b>Scheduled Tribe</b>	7.5%	9
<b>Other Backward Classes NCL</b>	27%	33
<b>Economically Weaker Section</b>	10%	12
<b>General Category</b>	N/A	48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>120</b>

- a) Six (6) Seats comprising 5% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally for Persons with Disabilities (PWD).
- b) Thirty-Six (36) Seats comprising 30% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally for Women.
- c) Thirty (30) Seats comprising 25% of the total intake shall be reserved horizontally (compartmentalised) for Karnataka Students.

### **Fee Structure - LL.M. Programme | AY 2024-25**

Total fee (including refundable deposits):

a) General Category: Rs. 4, 13, 100

b) SC/ST Category: Rs. 4, 08, 700

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**NOTE:**

- (i) Details pertaining to the ‘Karnataka Students Category’ mentioned under the BA LLB (Hons) programme is applicable to the LLM programme as well.**
- (ii) Details pertaining to the Financial Assistance mentioned under the BA LLB (Hons) programme is applicable to LLM students as well.**
- (iii) Please note the fees/ charges applicable to both B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. Programmes may be revised by the University, and duly notified.**
- (iv) Hostel accommodation on campus may not be guaranteed for all candidates. Further information about available facilities will be provided to selected candidates during the admission process.**

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