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NOTIFICATION

ADMISSIONS TO THE LL.B (HONS.) PROGRAMME

NLSIU announces admission to its 3-year LL.B (Hons.) programme for the academic year 2026-27. The academic year will commence on July 1, 2026.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

In 1988, NLSIU launched India's first 5-year integrated BA LLB (Hons) programme. This programme radically disrupted and transformed legal education in India. Three decades after this bold experiment, NLSIU launched a new interdisciplinary 3-year LLB (Hons) Programme in 2022, which reimagines legal education for the 21st century.

The 3-year LLB (Hons) is a postgraduate professional degree programme that is open to graduates from all disciplines. It is a qualifying degree for admission to legal practice. The programme meets all requirements of the Bar Council of India and builds on top of that to deliver a rigorous legal education in keeping with NLSIU's unique curricular and pedagogic approach.

The first cohort of this programme graduated in 2025 and has distinguished itself, with placements at leading law firms and litigation chambers across India and admissions to top global universities. Notably, one graduate was awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, underscoring the programme's academic excellence and impact.

ELIGIBILITY

Any person holding a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized national or international University is eligible to apply to the programme. Applicants in the General Category should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 45% of total marks. Applicants in the SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PWD Category should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 40% of total marks. Students in the final year of their Bachelor's degree are also eligible to apply. However, their final offer of admission shall be contingent upon successful completion of their Bachelor's degree with the minimum aggregate marks specified above. Proof of completion of the qualifying degree has to be submitted no later than December 31, 2026.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The maximum intake for the 3-year LL.B (Hons.) programme in the Academic Year 2026-27 is 120 and ONLY students qualifying as per the criteria set out below will be admitted. Admission to the programme will be through an all-India written admissions test, the National Law School Admissions Test (NLSAT-LLB).

NLSAT - LLB

All candidates seeking admission to the programme shall appear for the NLSAT-LLB. The NLSAT-LLB will have a single question paper comprising two parts – Parts A and B. All candidates shall be required to attempt both parts of the question paper. The examination shall be for a duration of 150 minutes.

Part A

Part A of the NLSAT-LLB paper will consist of Multiple-Choice Questions and shall be for a maximum of 75 marks. Each question will be of one mark. 0.25 marks shall be deducted for each wrong answer, and for each unanswered question.

Part A will constitute the first stage of the admissions process. A rank list of candidates will be prepared based on their performance in Part A of the NLSAT-LLB. To be eligible for evaluation of Part B of the NLSAT-LLB paper, a candidate should have secured more than zero marks in Part A of the paper.

From amongst these eligible candidates, Part B of the NLSAT-LLB answer scripts will be evaluated in a ratio of 1:5 based on performance in Part A. That is, five candidates per seat available will qualify for evaluation of Part B of the examination.

Part B

Part B shall consist of subjective questions, which shall be for a maximum of 75 marks. A fresh and final rank list shall be prepared based on the cumulative performance in Parts A and B of the NLSAT-LLB. Offers of admission shall be made according to this final rank list, subject to the candidate satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) The candidate should have secured more than zero marks in both Parts A and B of the NLSAT-LLB.

- (b) A candidate seeking admission in the General Category or EWS category must secure a score above the 75th percentile of the eligible candidates in the aggregate score of Parts A and B. A candidate seeking admission in the SC or ST or OBC-NCL or PWD category must secure a score above the 40th percentile of the eligible candidates in the aggregate score of Parts A and B.

In case where more than one candidate obtains the same aggregate score of Part A and Part B, the marks obtained in Part B shall be used to break the tie between them and determine their rank.

Note: The applicable reservation policy shall be applied at each stage of the admissions process.

IMPORTANT DATES

The NLSAT-LLB will be held on **April 26, 2026 (Sunday)** between **10.00 am to 12.30 pm** in specified centres across the country. Application forms for the programme will be available on NLSIU's website (www.nls.ac.in) from November 15, 2025. Application fees of Rs. 2500 (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred only) shall be payable at the time of submission of the application. Candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PWD/EWS category shall be required to pay Rs. 2000 (Rupees Two Thousand only). Applications shall be accepted till 11:59 pm on **March 23, 2026**.

The final admissions list will be published by the end of May 2026. A candidate's provisional admission will become final only after verification of the original documents and payment of fees. The Academic Year will commence on July 1, 2026.

The syllabus for the NLSAT-LLB will be available on the website of the University. Fees and other details of the programme are also available on the University's website. NLSAT-LLB will be held in several centres across the country. The list of centres will be available on the application portal.

INTAKE AND RESERVATION

Seats shall be reserved as follows:

Category	Percentage of Seats Reserved
Scheduled Castes	15%
Scheduled Tribes	7.5%
OBCs	27%
EWS	10%

5% of the total intake is reserved horizontally for Persons with Disabilities (PWD); 30% of the total intake is reserved horizontally for women, and 25% of the total intake is reserved horizontally (compartmentalised) for Karnataka Students.

Karnataka Students Category:

1. Candidates who have studied for not less than 7 years in a recognised educational institution in Karnataka shall be considered as 'Karnataka Students.'
2. Candidates who have not completed seven years of study in Karnataka shall be eligible to apply under the Karnataka Students category if they fall under any of the below categories:
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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, 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 four (4) 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 seven (7) years corresponding to their own period of study outside Karnataka.

3. Eligible candidates must keep their Study Certificates issued by their educational institutions and other relevant documents ready to be submitted at the time of admission.

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