

# **GUJARAT UNIVERSITY**

## **Ordinances and Regulations relating to Master of Laws**

(Revised and made applicable from June 2013)

### **O LL.M. – 1 : Eligibility**

- (1) Candidates for the Master degree of Laws for admission in First Semester of the Program must have passed at the First Attempt, the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (Third Year LL.B.) of Gujarat University or an examination of other recognized Universities deemed equivalent with it. The candidate should have scored at least 50% marks in the third year of degree course in External Examination or with equivalent grade in the third year degree shall be eligible for admission.

Candidates who have passed at the First Attempt the Five Year Integrated Course in LL.B. after 12<sup>th</sup> or 10+2 course should have scored at least 50% marks in external examination or with equivalent grade in the fifth year degree shall be eligible for admission. While preparing merit list of all categories in LL.M. Semester – I Admission, 5 % marks of LL.B. Final Year LL.B. Exam will be reduced for the candidate applying for LL.M. Admission after 2 years of his completing LL.B. programme.

- (2) A candidate who has passed any examination of LL.M. from any other University shall be eligible for admission only to the First Semester of the LL.M. program of Gujarat University as a fresh student, however, in such a situation the grades and credits obtained outside the Gujarat University will not be considered for award of LL.M. Degree.
- (3) A candidate who has obtained LL.M. degree from the Gujarat University in one area of specialization will not be eligible to get admission in the LL.M. Degree Programme with the same or another specialization as a regular student. After having taking admission and registered himself/herself in any Group of LL.M. offered by the Gujarat University, it shall not be permissible for any candidate to take afresh admission in other Group offered by the University before the expiry of the Registration Period of 5 years.
- (4) The registration of the candidate in the LL.M. program shall be for a period of five years from the date of registration. The Vice-Chancellor may extend the period by one more year on behalf of the Executive Council.
- (5) In case the student is not able to clear the program till the expiry of the registration period and wishes to continue with the program, he/she shall re-register in the program as a fresh student, as per Provision (1).
- (6) In case a candidate drops out of the program voluntarily for any reason whatsoever and opts to join any other program by obtaining a Transfer and/or Migration Certificate, the registration of the candidate in the LL.M. program would be automatically cancelled.

## **O LL.M.– 2 : Conditions for eligibility to appear in End-Semester University Examination:**

A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the End-Semester University Examination provided,

### **(1) Attendance:**

A candidate should have attended at least 75% of the total number of working days in each semester.

### **(2) Medical Ground Ordinance:**

Relaxation in the requirement for semester attendance will be allowed on account of bonafide illness, maternity or any other medical reason deemed sufficient by the Executive Council. This relaxation will be given only two times in the whole program. The candidate shall be eligible to appear in the End-Semester University Examination for the Semester in which this relaxation is granted to the candidate.

## **O LL.M. – 3 : Eligibility for award of Degree :**

To become eligible for award of the LL.M. Degree, a candidate shall be required to pass four examinations as under:

LL.M. Semester – I Examination, LL.M. Semesters II, III and IV examinations in respective Specialization Areas before expiry for the Registration period.

## **R. LL.M. – 1 Course Structure :**

- (1) The LL.M. program is full time two years Post Graduate program. The medium of instruction as well as the language of examination papers shall be English.

However, the Post Graduate Centers can opt for Gujarati or Hindi as the medium of instruction with the prior permission of the University. The medium of examination can be English, Gujarati or Hindi. The option on this aspect shall be exercised by the student.

- (2) The program consists of Four Semesters – Semesters I and II in the First Year of the Program and Semesters III and IV in the Second Year of the Program. The Department or Post Graduate Center of law will have ample discretion for taking internal examination/assignments for each course of the semesters.
- (3) The total program consists of 96 credits, equally divided into 24 credits per semester.
- (4) There would be different elective areas of specialization as per syllabus of respective subjects.

A candidate can opt for any one of the elective groups at the time of admission. Change of elective specialization will not be allowed in the duration of the program.

- (5) The program consists of the following types of course:
- (i) Core Courses : Six Core Courses for all specialization groups
  - (ii) Elective Courses: Twelve Elective Courses for all specialization groups.
  - (iii) Dissertation, Doctrinal Research, Non-doctrinal Research, Clinical Research Report and Class room Teaching is compulsory for all specialization groups in Semester – IV consisting of 24 credits. (8 credits for Dissertation and 4 credits each for Doctrinal Research, Non-doctrinal Research, Clinical Research Report and Class room Teaching.)

### **R. LL.M. -2 : Clearing and carrying the Semesters :**

Rules for carrying the semesters are given below:

- (1) A candidate must have at least 75% overall attendance in the program and should have satisfactory performance in class participation of each course.
- (2) In case a candidate obtains F in any one course/all courses in the first semester, he/she shall be allowed to continue to proceed to the second semester provided he/she has kept his/her term of the first semester successfully.
- (3) The candidate shall be allowed to proceed to the third semester only after clearing all the courses of the first and second semesters.
- (4) In case a candidate obtains F in any one course/all courses in the third semester, he/she shall be allowed to continue to proceed to the fourth semester provided he/she has kept his/her term of the third semester successfully.
- (5) The candidate shall become eligible for the award of the degree after successful clearance of all the courses of semesters I, II, III & IV by the fourth semester examination of the second year of the program or till expiry of registration. **Separate Result sheet shall be given to a candidate for each semester and at the end of successfully clearing all the four semesters, a collective result sheet showing the CGPA of a candidate will be issued.**
- (6) If a candidate fails to get minimum 36 Marks out of 100 Marks in any subjects/courses (in Maximum 3 courses) in the First/Third Semester of LL.M. Degree at the End Term University Examination, he/she has to again appear and pass only those course/s separately or along with the Second/Fourth Semester End Term University Examination as the case may be. If such candidate does not clear course/s of the First/Third Semester with minimum 36 Marks out of 100 Marks (with 48 % aggregate in a semester) at the End Term University Examination, the result of the End Term University of the Second/Fourth Semester shall be declared failed by the University. However, it will be permissible for the candidate to appear for all the 6 courses of the Semester I/Semester III examination again. A candidate is eligible to get admission in the Third Semester only

after successfully clearing first two semesters.

If a candidate gets minimum 36 % in all the courses of any Semester, but fails to score aggregate 48 % in that semester, then such candidate will be given exemption only in those courses of the semester in which he/she obtains 48 % (48/100 Marks) or more and the marks obtained by him/her in such course/s will be carried forward. If a candidate does not want to exercise his/her option of exemption, it will be permissible for him/her to appear in all the courses of a Semester. Moreover, once a candidate opts for exemption, he shall not be allowed to revert.

- (7) On successfully clearing all the courses of a semester as per the minimum requirements of passing prescribed hereinabove, the candidate will be issued separate Mark sheet of that semester with CGPA.

### **R. LL.M.-3 : Assessment and Evaluations :**

- (1) Each course will be assessed on basis of 100 marks.

### **Assessment System**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>Uni. Exam Marks</b>
1.	Core (Theory)	100
2.	Elective (Theory)	100
3.	Dissertation	200
4.	Project/Practical (Doctrinal Research, Non-doctrinal Research, Clinical Research and Class room Teaching)	100

- (2) There shall be a university examination of each theory course in every semester consisting of 100 marks weightage in theory course. For Dissertation the weightage shall be 150 marks for theory and 50 marks for Viva and for Doctrinal Research, Non-doctrinal Research, Clinical Research Report and Class Room Teaching the weightage shall be 100 marks for each course of project/practical.
- (3) The minimum passing standard will be 36% for each course, and not less than 48% of the total marks obtainable in each semester.

- (4) The grades for each course would be decided on the basis of the percentage marks obtained in the end-semester university examination only as per following table:

% Marks		Grade	Grade Point	
From	To		From	To
75	+	O	8.0	10.0
70	74	A+	7.0	7.99
65	69	A	6.0	6.99
60	64	A-	5.0	5.99
55	59	B+	4.0	4.99
50	54	B	3.0	3.99
48	49	B-	2.5	2.99
0	47	F	0	0

**Explanation :** If a candidate obtains 36 or more marks, but less than 48 marks in a course/s (Paper) (maximum three courses), he should be given 'C' grade only for those course/s(paper/s). However, if a candidate obtains less than 48 % in more than three courses(papers) he should be given 'F' collectively in the mark sheet of that semester in aggregate.

The credit grade points are to be calculated on the following basis:

Grade point obtained x credits for the course = credit grade points. The grade points would be calculated upto Two decimal places only. The calculation is given in examples below:

**Example - I**

Marks obtained = 68 / 100  
 % Marks = 68 %  
 Grade = A  
 Grade Point =  $6.0 + 3 (0.99/4) = 6.0 + 0.74 = 6.74$   
 Course Credits = 4  
 Credits Grade Point =  $6.74 \times 4 = 26.96$

**Example - II**

Marks obtained = 46 / 70  
 % Marks = 65.71 %  
 Grade = A

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Grade Point} &= 6.0 + .71 ( 0.99/4 ) = 6.0 + 0.18 = 6.18 \\ \text{Course Credits} &= 4 \\ \text{Credits Grade Point} &= 6.18 \times 4 = 24.72 \end{aligned}$$

- (9) The semester grade point average (SGPA) will be calculated as an weighted average of all the grade point of the semester courses. That is Semester grade point average (SGPA) = (sum of grade points of all six courses of the semester)/ 24 (total credit of the semester) as per example given below :

**Semester – I**

<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Credit Grade Point</b>	<b>Credit</b>
401	26.96	4
402	24.72	4
403	18.57	4
404	21.22	4
405	20.19	4
406	15.36	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.02</b>	<b>24</b>

$$\text{SEMESTER GRADE POINT AVERAGE (SGPA)} = 127.02 / 24 = 5.92$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SGPA Sem. I} &= 5.92 \\ \text{SGPA Sem. II} &= 5.63 \\ \text{SGPA Sem. III} &= 6.01 \\ \text{SGPA Sem. IV} &= 5.50 \\ \text{Total} &= 23.06 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)} = 23.06 / 4 = 5.76$$

- (9) The cumulative grade point average will be calculated as the average of the SGPA of all the four semesters, as shown above.
- (10) For the award of the class CGPA shall be calculated on the basis of :
- i.) End Semester University Examination Marks
  - ii.) Total Marks obtained (End Semester University Examination Marks + Marks for internal assessment) for each course.

- a) The final Class shall be awarded on the basis of lowest CGPA of (i) & (ii) above.

Marks		Grade	Grade Point		Class for CGPA
From	To		From	To	
75	+	O	8.0	10.0	First Class Dist.
70	74	A+	7.0	7.99	
65	69	A	6.0	6.99	First
60	64	A-	5.0	5.99	
55	59	B+	4.0	4.99	Second
50	54	B	3.0	3.99	
48	49	B-	2.5	2.99	
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#### **R. LL.M. – 4 : SYLLABI REVISION**

- (1) Syllabi of every course should be preferably changed after every two years if found necessary by the members of the Joint Board of Studies in law.
- (2) Revised Syllabi of each semester should be implemented in sequential way.
- (3) In courses where units/topics relate to governmental provisions, regulations or laws, changes to accommodate the latest developments are automatic under information to the Registrar and Vice-Chancellor.
- (4) During every revision, upto twenty percent of the entire syllabi of each course can be changed to ensure that students who have studied the old syllabi can also appear for examinations in the revised syllabi.
- (5) In case the syllabus of any course is carried forward without any change, it shall be included in the revised syllabi.
- (6) New / Additional areas and courses of elective optional can be introduced on the basis of

recommendations of the joint board of studies in law if the same is found inevitable.

**R. LL.M. – 5 :- Format of Question paper for 5 Units**

The paper setters of LL.M. Programme are expected to follow the following pattern taking into consideration the contents of the syllabi.

<b>Question No. 1 to 4</b>	Write answer in detail. (with Internal Option)	20 marks For each
<b>Question No. 5</b>	Write short note /Comments/criticism of the relevant case Law etc.	20 marks (collectively)
		Total 100 Marks