

GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI
FACULTY OF LAW
DIRECTION NO. 210 of 2016

EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE AWARD OF POST GRADUATE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) [CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM] IN THE FACULTY OF LAW, DIRECTION, 2016.

[Issued by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor under Section 14(8) of the M. U. Act, 1994]

Whereas, the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli has been established vide Government of Maharashtra Notification No. MISC-2010(252/10) UNI – 4 Dated 27th Sep 2011;

AND

Whereas, it is expedient to provide Direction in respect of examinations leading to the Award of Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M);

AND

Whereas, Direction No. 118/2012 has been issued by the Vice-Chancellor under Section 14(8) of the M. U. Act, 1994 governing Admissions and Examinations leading to the Award of Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M) on credit based semester pattern;

AND

Whereas, the University has adopted Credit Based semester pattern for Master of Laws (LL.M) examinations from the academic year 2012-13 as per the above said Direction No. 118/2012;

AND

Whereas, the Chairman of the University Grants Commission directed vice-chancellor to initiate steps for successful implementation of the Choice Based Credit System(CBCS) from the academic session 2015-16, vide letter No. D. O. No. F-1-1/2015 (CM), dated 08/01/2015;

AND

Whereas, the University Grants Commission has formulated and issued Guidelines regarding adoption of Choice Based Credit System for all the Universities.;

AND

Whereas, the Vice-chancellor directed all the Deans and Chairmen of Boards of Studies to formulate and introduce Choice Based Credit System in U.G. and P.G programmes in all faculties.

AND

Whereas, the Board of Studies in Law in its meeting dated 30/03/2016 has resolved to adopt the choice based credit system for Master of Laws (LL.M) course from the academic session 2016-17 and in its subsequent meeting dated 19/01/2016 has accepted the scheme and syllabus providing for the Degree of Master of Laws on the basis of “**Choice Based Credit System**” to be implemented from the academic year 2016-17;

AND

Whereas, the Faculty of Law at its meeting held on 15/07/2016 accepted the said scheme and syllabus for award of the Degree of Master of Laws, as accepted and recommended by the Board of studies as aforesaid.

AND

Whereas, the Chairperson/ Dean of the Faculty requested the Vice-Chancellor of Gondwana University to approve the scheme and syllabus for LL. M. course on behalf of the Academic council regarding Choice Based Credit System, under Section 14(7) of Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994, to meet the exigency.

AND

Whereas, the same necessitates to issue the present Direction

AND

Whereas, the procedure of implementing the new syllabus is urgent and emergent.

Now, therefore, I, Dr. N. V. Kalyankar, Vice-Chancellor, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 14 (8) of the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994 do hereby issue the following Directions:-

1. This Direction shall be called “**EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) [CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM]**” in the faculty of Law, Direction, 2016.”
2. This Direction shall come into force from the date of its issuance.
3. This Direction shall apply to LL.M. Regular Course Students.
4. The duration of the LL.M programme shall be TWO academic years spread over FOUR semesters with the University Examinations at the end of each Semester. Each Academic Year shall consist of Two semesters. The academic Session for the Odd Semesters i.e. 1st & 3rd Semester, will commence as far as practicable from 1st of July every year and for the Even Semester i.e 2nd& 4th will commence, as far as practicable, from 1st of January every year. An examination for each of the semester shall be held twice in a year at such places and on such dates as may be fixed by the University from time to time. The fees for the examination also shall be as prescribed by the University from time to time.

5. Unless the context otherwise require, the following words shall have the meaning as assigned to them in this para, :-

- (a) **Academic Year:** Two consecutive (one odd + one even) semesters constitute one academic year.
- (b) **ATKT:** means Allowed to Keep Term in next Higher Semester as per the provisions of this direction.
- (c) **Choice Based Credit System (CBCS):** Choice Based Credit System provides choice for students to select course of study from the prescribed courses
- (d) **Course** : It is equivalent to a paper/subject in a programme. It is a complete unit of learning which will be taught and evaluated within a Semester. All courses need not carry the same weight. A course may be designed to comprise lecturing/tutorial/laboratory work/field work/outreach activities/project work/vocational training/viva/seminars/term papers/assignments/presentations/self-study etc. or a combination of some of these.

The UGC guidelines on CBCS system prescribe three kinds of courses: Core, Elective and Foundation in a programme.

Core Course (CC): This is the course/subject which is to be compulsorily studied by a student as a core requirement to complete the programme. It shall be related to the discipline of study.

Elective Course (EC): Elective course is a course which can be chosen from a pool of prescribed papers. An elective courses may be “*Generic Elective*” focusing on those courses which add generic proficiency to the students. An elective may be “*Discipline Centric*” or may be chosen from an unrelated discipline. It may be called as “*Open Elective*”.

Foundation Course: The Foundation Courses may be of two kinds, *Compulsory Foundation (FC)* and *Elective Foundation (FE)*. “*Compulsory Foundation*” courses are the courses based upon the content that leads to Knowledge enhancement. They are mandatory for all disciplines. “*Elective Foundation*” courses are value based, and are aimed at man- making education.

- (e) **Credit** :Credit meansthe unit by which the course work is measured. It is measured in terms of weekly class hours assigned to a Course. One Credit is equivalent to one hour of teaching work (Lecture or tutorial) or two hours of practical work/field work per week.
- (f) **Credit Point (CP):** It is the value obtained by multiplying the Grade Point by the Credit. i.e No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Points secured for that course.

- (g) **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** CGPA means the value obtained by dividing total number of credit points in all the semesters by the total number of credits in all the semesters. It is a measure of overall cumulative performance of a student over all semesters.
- (h) **Grade Letter :** Grade Letter **means** an index to indicate the performance of a student in a particular course/ Paper. It is the transformation of actual marks secured by a student in a course/paper into a letter grade. There shall be a range of marks for each Grade
- (i) **Grade Point :** Grade Point means weightage allotted to each grade letter.
- (j) **Programme:** It means the Two Year Post Graduate Programme of study and examination spread over four semesters, the successful completion of which would lead to the award of Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree.
- (k) **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):** It means the value obtained by dividing the total credit points earned by a student in all the courses of a given semester by the total number of credits assigned to that semester. It is a measure of performance of work done in a semester.
- (l) **Transcript or Grade Card or Certificate:** Based on the grade earned, a grade certificate shall be issued to all the registered students after every semester. The grade certificate will display the course details (code, title, number of credits, grade secured) along with SGPA of that semester and CGPA earned till that semester.

6. Eligibility Criteria for Admission: A student desiring to seek admission to LL.M. Program, may either register himself/herself as a regular student in any of the institution established , conducted or affiliated to the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli, where LL.M course is administered. An applicant for admission to LL.M programme should have obtained Bachelors Degree in Law (LL.B.) or any other equivalent qualification, called by any name, which is recognized by the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.

7. Medium of Instruction and examination : the medium of instruction and Examination for LL.M Course shall be English. An answer-books in the University examinations written in any language other than English, shall not be eligible for valuation. It shall be deemed to be invalid for all purposes.

8. PATTERN AND SCHEME OF LL.M PROGRAMME (choice based credit system):

In LL.M Programme(Choice Based Credit System), there are Four Courses as **Foundation Courses**, which are compulsory for all. There are Seven Core courses and Four Elective Courses.

There are **Seven specialization groups**.. They are :

- a) **Group A: International Law;**
- b) **Group B: Constitutional Law & Administrative Law;**
- c) **Group C: Intellectual Property Laws;**
- d) **Group D: Business Law;**
- e) **Group E: Environment and Legal Order;**
- f) **Group F: Labour, Capital and Law; and**
- g) **Group G: Criminal Law**

Candidates have to select any one group of specialization. Candidates who have selected group of specialization at the time of admission shall not be allowed to change the group of specialization subsequently. The candidates will have to prosecute regular full time course of study. In each of the group, 25 students, will be admitted on merit in the P.G. Department of law and in affiliated colleges.

Semesterwise course structure, Total marks, credits, passing standard and Examination hours shall be as prescribed below :-

First Semester

Courses	Course Code	Name of the Course/Subject	Total Marks UA + CA	Credits	Passing Standard UA + CA	Exam Hours
Core 1	PLC01	Law and social transformation in India	80+20 =100	05	50	3
Core 2	PLC02	Indian Constitutional Law: The New Challenges	80+20 =100	05	50	3
Core 3 (One Subject as per the group of	PLC03A	Gr. A: Nature & Source of International Law	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC03 B	Gr.B: Constitutionalism: Pluralism and Federalism	80+20 =100	05	50	3

specialization)	PLC03C	Gr.C: Nature, Emergence and development of IPRs	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC03D	Gr. D: Corporate Law	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC03E	Gr. E: Environmentalism & Indian Society	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC03F	Gr.F: Law of Industrial Adjudication-I	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC03G	Gr.G: Criminal Justice System	80+20 =100	05	50	3
Core 4 (One Subject as per the selected group of specialization)	PLC04A	Gr. A: International Organisations, Law, Practice and Future	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC04B	Gr.B: Union – State Relations	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC04C	Gr.C: Copyright Law	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC04D	Gr. D: Company and Securities Law	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC04E	Gr. E: Human Impact on Environment & Problems in India	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC04F	Gr.F: Law relating to Industrial Adjudication-II	80+20 =100	05	50	3
	PLC04G	Gr.G: Crime and Social Legislation	80+20 =100	05	50	3
Practical Core Practical-1	PLP01	Law Teaching	75	04	37	CA
Seminar 1	PLS01	Seminar based on core subjects (2 hours per week)	25	01	13	CA
Total Credits = 25						

Second Semester

Courses	Course Code	Name of the Course/Subject	Total Marks	Credits	Passing Standard	Exam Hours
			UA + CA		UA + CA	
Core 5	PLC05	Legal Education and Research Methodology	80+20=100	05	50	3
Core 6	PLC06	Jurisprudence	80+20=100	05	50	3
Core 7 (One Subject as per the selected group of specialization)	PLC07A	Gr. A: International Humanitarian Law	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC07 B	Gr.B: National Security, Public Order and Rule of Law	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC07C	Gr.C: Patents Law	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC07D`	Gr. D: Economic Legislation	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC07E	Gr. E: Environment : Laws, Policy & Structures	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC07F	Gr.F: Law relating to Wages and Monetary Benefits	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC07G	Gr.G: Criminal Justice: Concepts and Procedure	80+20=100	05	50	3
Core 8 (One Subject as per the selected group of specialization)	PLC08A	Gr. A: Disarmament and Peace Strategies	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC08B	Gr.B: Administrative Process	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC08C	Gr.C: Law Relating to Trade Marks	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC08D`	Gr. D: Legal Regulation of Economic Enterprises	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC08E	Gr. E: International Environment Law & Global Issues	80+20=100	05	50	3

	PLC08F	Gr.F: Law relating to Collective Bargaining	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC08G	Gr.G: Penology – Treatment of offenders	80+20=100	05	50	3
Core Practical 2	PLP02	Law Teaching- II & Group discussion	75	04	37	CA
Seminar -2	PLS02	Seminar	25	01	13	CA
Total Credits = 25						

Third Semester

Courses	Course Code	Name of the Course/Subject	Total Marks	Credits	Passing Standard	Exam Hours
			UA + CA		UA + CA	
Foundation Course-1	PLFC01	Computer	80+20=100	05	50	3
Core -9 (One Subject as per the selected group of specialization)	PLC09A	Gr. A: Private International Law – I	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC09 B	Gr.B: Judicial Control of Administrative Powers	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC09C	Gr.C: Law relating to Designs and geographic indicators	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC09D`	Gr. D: International Trade Law	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC09E	Gr. E: Biological Diversity and Legal Order	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC09F	Gr.F: Social Security Legislation – I	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC09G	Gr.G: Organised Crime, Terrorism and International Crime, New Challenges.	80+20=100	05	50	3
Core -10	PLC10A	Gr. A: Private International Law – II	80+20=100	05	50	3

(One Subject as per the selected group of specialization)	PLC10 B	Gr.B: Public Authorities and Liability: Controls on Maladministration	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC10C	Gr.C: Intellectual Property Rights-Emerging Areas	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC10D	Gr. D: International Economic Law	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC10E	Gr. E: Conservation of Resources & Management of Environment	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC10F	Gr.F: Social Security Legislation II	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLC10G	Gr.G: Juvenile Delinquency	80+20=100	05	50	3
Core Elective-1 (Any one)	PLEC1A	Comparative Law	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLEC1B	Banking Law	80+20=100	05	50	3
Core Practical 3	PLP03	Socio-Legal Project and Viva-Voce(External Examiner) Project work- 50Marks Viva-25 Marks	75	04	37	CA
Seminar -3	PLS03	Seminar	25	01	13	CA
Total Credits = 25						

Fourth Semester

Courses	Course Code	Name of the Course/Subject	Total Marks	Credits	Passing Standard	Exam Hours
			UA + CA		UA + CA	
Foundation Corce-2	PLFC02	JudicialProcess	80+20=100	05	50	3.
Core-11	PLC11	Human Rights and Duties under Indian Legal System	80+20=100	05	50	3.
Core -12	PLC12	Dissertation (External Examiner) Written work- 150Marks Viva-50 Marks	UA 2 00	10	100	No theory exam.

Core Elective -2 (Any one)	PLEC2A	Cyber Law	80+20=100	05	50	3
	PLEC2B	Taxation Laws	80+20=100	05	50	3
Total Credits = 25						

Schemes of teaching of the courses shall be as indicated under Appendix – 1 appended with this Direction.

The Course Code shall be referred as follows

P-post Graduate, L- Law, C- Core, F-foundation, ,P-Practical,

- 1) **PLC – Post Graduate Law Core;**
- 2) **PLP- Post Graduate Law Practical;**
- 3) **PLF- Post Graduate Law Foundation;**
- 4) **PLS- Post Graduate Law Seminar; and**
- 5) **PLEC- Post Graduate Elective Core**

9. Evaluation System on the basis of Credit based award Pattern : The academic performance of a student during a semester shall be graded on a Ten-point scale. The grade awarded to a student shall depend on his/her performance in external and internal examinations. The academic performance of a student during a semester and at the end of the programme, shall be evaluated on the basis of:

- (i) **Grade Point (GP) obtained in each subject;**
- (ii) **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA); and**
- (iii) **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**

At the end of each semester examination, a student shall be awarded a Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA). A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be awarded to each student at the end of Final Semester of the Programme. The details regarding method of calculating SGPA& CGPA is explained in para 10.

10. Award of Grade Letter, Grade Points, Credit Points, SGPA, CGPA:

(a) Award of Grade Letter and Grade Points:

Each course/paper shall be valued in a 10 point grading system. The letter grades and their equivalent grade points are listed below.

Range of % of Marks	Grade Letter	Grade Point
91 to 100	O - Outstanding	10
81 to 90	A+ - Excellent	9
71 to 80	A - Very Good	8
55 to 70	B+ - Good	7
51 to 54	B - Average	6
50	P - Pass	5
Less than 50	F - Fail	0
Absent	Ab (Absent)	0

(b) **Calculation of Credit Points :-**

Credit Points for the course = (No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Point secured for that course.)

(c) **Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) :-** SGPA indicates the performance of a student in a given Semester. SGPA is based on the **total credit points earned by the student in all the courses and the total number of credits assigned to the courses/papers in a Semester.**

$$\text{SGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points in the Semester}}{\text{Total Number of Credits for the Semester}}$$

OR

$$\text{SGPA (Si)} = \frac{\sum(C_i \times G_i)}{\sum C_i}$$

where C_i is the number of credits of the i^{th} course and G_i is the grade point scored by the student in the i^{th} course.

(d) **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) :**CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighted across all the semesters.

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points Obtained in all Semesters}}{\text{Total Credits of all Semesters}}$$

OR

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum (C_i \times S_i)}{\sum C_i}$$

where S_i is the SGPA of the i^{th} semester and C_i is the total number of credits in that semester.

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

11. Standard of Passing the Semester Examinations: In order to qualify in a particular examination, a candidate shall have secured at least 50% of marks taken together of University Assessment (UA) and College Assessment (CA) in each and every theory/ Practical/Dissertation prescribed for a particular semester.

12. Award of the Degree: A student will be eligible for the award of the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M) with his chosen specialization/s, after he has successfully completed all the four semesters.

13. Absorption scheme for failure students of the credit based semester pattern:

- a) While switching over to Choice Based Credit System, the failure students of credit based semester pattern will be given **Five** chances to clear the examination starting from session 2016-2017.
- b) The candidates who have cleared first and second semester of Part I of the Credit Based Semester Pattern examinations in the concerned subject shall get admission to Third Semester of Part II of the Choice Based Credit System directly. However, candidates who are allowed to keep term will not be eligible for admission to Third Semester of Part –II of the Choice Based Credit System unless they clear all the papers and practical of first and second semester of Part I of the Credit Based Semester Pattern examinations.

14. Absorption scheme for failure students of annual pattern:

The candidates who have cleared first year of annual pattern shall get admission to Semester III of the Choice Based Credit System directly. However, candidates who are allowed to keep term will not be eligible for admission to Third Semester of the Choice Based Credit System unless they clear all the papers and practical of First year of the annual pattern examination.

15. With the issuance of this Direction, Direction No **118 of 2012**(Credit based Semester Pattern) shall stand repealed.

16. A) The A.T.K.T. rules for admission for the LL.M. Course (Theory, Practical and Seminar etc. as separate passing head and on calculation fraction, if any, shall be ignored) shall be as given in the following table

Admission to Semester	Rules
Semester I	As provided in the para 4 of the Direction
Semester II	Candidate should have appeared in semester I of University Examination.
Semester III	Candidate should have passed at least 50% of practical subjects and 50% of the Theory subjects of Semester I and II taken together.
Semester IV	Candidate should have appeared in at least one paper of semester III of University Examination.

Gadchiroli
Dated:- 20 / 09/ 2016

Sd/-
(Dr. N. V. Kalyankar)
Vice- Chancellor

Appendix-1

Schemes of teaching under semester pattern Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for LL.M. Programme.

	Core Course	Ability Enhancement	Skill Based Course	Discipline Specific Elective
SEM I	Core 1 Th. Paper 1 (5 Credits)(5 Hours/Week)	Seminar I (1 Credit)(2 Hours/Week)		
	Core 2 Th. Paper 2(5 Credits)(5 Hours/Week)			
	Core 3 Th. Paper 3 (5 Credits)(5 Hours/Week)			
	Core 4 Th. Paper 4 (5Credits)(5 Hours/Week)			
	Pract. Core Pr. 1 {Based on Core Th. 1&2} (4 Credits)(3-8 Hours/Week)			

Total 25 Credits

	Core Subject	Ability Enhancement	Skill Based Course	Discipline Specific Elective
SEM II	Core 5 Th. Paper 5 (5 Credits)(4 Hours/Week)	Seminar II (1 Credit)(2 Hours/Week)		
	Core 6 Th. Paper 6 (5 Credits)(5 Hours/Week)			
	Core 7 Th. Paper 7 (5Credits) (5 Hours/Week)			
	Core 8 Th. Paper 8 (5Credits)(5Hours/Week)			
	Pr. Core Pr. 2{Based on Core Th. 5&6} (4 Credits)(3-8 Hours/Week)			

Total 25 Credits

Core Subject	Ability Enhancement	Skill Enhancement	Discipline Specific Elective
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		Course		
SEM III	Core 9 Th. Paper 9 (5 Credits)(5 Hours/Week)	Seminar III (1 Credit)(2 Hours/Week)	Foundation Course I Th (5Credits)(5 Hours/Week)	Core Elective I Th. (4 Credits)(4 Hours/Week)
	Core 10 Th. Paper 10(5 Credits)(5 Hours/Week)			
	Pract. Core Pr. 3(4 Credits)(3-8 Hours/Week)			

Total 25 Credits

Cours e	Core Subject	Ability Enhanceme nt	Skill Based Course	Discipline Specific Elective
SEM IV	Core 11 Th. Paper 13 (5 Credits)(5 Hours/Week)		Foundation Course II (5 Credits)(5 Hours/Wee k)	Core Elective II Th.(5Credits)(5Hours/Wee k)
	Core 12 Project/Dissertati on (10 Credits)(6-12 Hours/Week)			

Total 25 Credits

