

FACULTY OF LAW
DIRECTION NO:...117..../2012

**DIRECTION GOVERNING EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE 5 YEAR INTEGRATED
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) (B.A.LL.B (HONS) [CREDIT BASED
SEMESTER SYSTEM]**

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

WHERE AS THE Maharashtra Universities Act No. XXXV of 1994 (hereinafter referred as an Act) has come into force with effect from 22nd July, 1994 and has been amended from time to time.

AND

WHERE AS Gondwana University, Gadchiroli has been established vide Government of Maharashtra Notification No. MISC-2010(252/10) UNI – 4 Dated 27th Sep 2011 and commences its academic activities from 2012-13 academic session.

AND

WHERE AS it is expedient to provide Direction governing Examination leading to the 5 year Integrated Degree of Bachelor of Laws (HONOURS) (B.A.LL.B Hons) (Credit Based Semester System).

AND

WHERE AS there is a need to make the 5 year Integrated Degree of Bachelor of Laws (HONOURS) (B.A.LL.B Honrs.) more compatible with the Legal Education Rules 2008 framed by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi.

AND

WHERE AS the Board of Studies in Law in its meeting dated 13-04-2012 and subsequent meeting dated 23-04-2012 introduced and approved the new syllabus of 5 years

B.A.LL.B.(HONOURS) on the basis of “**Credit Based Semester System**” to be implemented from the academic year 2012-13.

AND

WHERE AS the Faculty of Law at its meeting held on 3/05 /2012 approved the said syllabus prepared and approved by the Board of Studies in Law.

AND

WHERE AS the Chairperson / Dean of the Faculty requested the Vice-Chancellor of Gondwana University to approve the new syllabus based on Credit Based Semester System under Section 14(7) of Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994 to meet the exigency.

AND

WHERE AS the procedure of implementing the new syllabus is urgent and emergent.

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Vijay Ainchwar, 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 Direction:

- 1. Title of the Direction:** This direction shall be called “Direction leading to the examination for award of the 5 Years Integrated Degree of Bachelor of Laws (HONOURS) (B.A.LL.B Hons.) (Credit Based Semester System) in the faculty of Law, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.
- 2. Commencement of the Direction:** It shall come into force from the academic year 2012-13.
- 3. Duration of the Programme:** The duration of the programme is 5 academic years which spread over 10 semesters with the University Examination at the end of each Semester.

Each Academic Year shall be divided into Two semesters. The academic Session for Odd semesters (1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th & 9th) will commence as far as possible from 1st of July, while for Even Semester (2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th & 10th) will commence 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. The fees for the examination shall be prescribed by the University from time to time.

The courses/papers and credits assigned to the each course shall be as given in the Appendix-I

4. Definitions of the Terminology : the following are the definitions of the terminology used in the directions:

Average Grade Letter: refers to the Grade Letter awarded after summing up external and internal marks obtained in each course/paper.

Course : It is equivalent to a paper/subject in a semester. It is a complete unit of learning which will be taught and evaluated within a Semester.

Credit : Credit means the unit by which the course work is measured. It is measured in terms of weekly class hours assigned to a Course.

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.

Credit Transfer: The credit acquired for the courses in another University would be accepted on reciprocal basis subject to the UGC Norms.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighted across all the semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in all the semesters by the total number of credits in all the semesters.

Grade Point : Grade Point is weight allotted to each grade letter depending on the marks awarded in a course/paper

Grade Letter : Grade Letter is an index to indicate the performance of a student in a particular course/ Paper.

Programme: It means in this particular context, a 5 year Programme of study and examination spread over Ten semesters, the successful completion of which would lead to the award of B.A. LL.B. 5 year course degree.

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): SGPA indicates the performance of a student in a given Semester. It 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.

5. Eligibility Criteria for Admission: (a) Admission to the programme shall be made on basis of merit by the respective college admission committee and in accordance with the rules and instructions provided from time to time by Bar Council of India. The reservation policy and rules of the Government of Maharashtra governing admission to higher educational institutions issued from time to time shall also be followed.

(b) An applicant who has successfully completed 10+2 or Intermediate or equivalent examination from a recognized University of India or outside or from a Senior Secondary

Board or equivalent with minimum 50% of marks, may apply for and be admitted into the 5 years B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)Degree Course.

6. **Medium of Instruction:** The medium of instruction and Examination shall be in English. Question papers for the examination shall be set in English. Answers shall be written in English

7. **Attendance:** No student shall be permitted to appear for the Semester Examination unless he/she has put in not less than 75% attendance of the classes held in any course/paper concerned including tutorials, moot court exercises, practical training etc. conducted in respect of that paper/course.

8. **Rules of Promotion:** Rules of Promotion are as under:

Semester	Condition to be fulfilled for promotion
From I to II	Should have appeared for atleast one theory paper in Semester-I
From II to III	Should have passed minimum 40% papers in Semester-I and minimum 40% papers in Semester II
From III to IV	Should have appeared for atleast one theory paper in Semester-III
From IV to V	Should have passed all papers of Semester I and Semester II
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	Should have passed minimum 40% papers in Semester-III and minimum 40% papers in Semester IV
From V to VI	Should have appeared for atleast one theory paper in Semester-V
From VI to VII	Should have passed all papers of Semester I .II,III and Semester IV

AND

Should have passed minimum 40% papers in Semester-V and minimum 40% papers in Semester VI

From VII to VIII Should have appeared for atleast one theory paper in Semester-VII

From VIII to IX Should have passed all papers of Semester I ,II,III ,IV, V and Semester VI

AND

Should have passed minimum 40% papers in Semester-VII and minimum 40% papers in Semester VIII

From IX to X Should have appeared for atleast one theory paper in Semester-IX.

8. Instruction, Training and Teaching Work Load: Each Semester shall comprise of not less than 18 weeks with not less than 30 class-hours per week including tutorials, moot room exercises and seminars provided that there shall be at least 24 lecture hours per week.

a) A Class-hour shall consist of 48 minutes duration .
b) The number of classes for theory / practical/Clinical courses per week must be equal to number of credits shown against the paper as indicated in the course structure or as indicated in the Appendix-I.

c) Distribution of 20 marks for internal assessment, wherever there is a provision for internal assessment shall be as follows:

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| i) | First Internal Examination (Descriptive) | = 5marks |
| ii) | Second Internal Examination (on-line/offline)
with multiple choice questions | =5marks |
| iii) | Seminars/Group Discussion | = 5marks |
| iv) | Assignments/Viva-voce Examination | =5 marks |

(e) Each registered student shall have completed minimum of 12 weeks of internship during the entire period of legal studies under NGO, Trial and Appellate Advocates, Judiciary, Legal Regulatory authorities, Legislatures and Parliament, other Legal Functionaries, Market Institutions, Law Firms, Companies and Local Self Government.

- (f) The internship in any semester cannot be for a continuous period of more than Four Weeks and the internship programme will commence from VIIth semester onwards. Each student shall keep internship diary in the form stipulated by the University and the same shall be evaluated by the Guide in Internship and also a Core Faculty member of the staff each time. The total marks shall be assessed in the Final Semester of the course in the Vth Clinical paper as stipulated in the Appendix-II.

10. Evaluation System on the basis of Credit and Grade Pattern: Based on his/her continuous evaluation, the academic performance of a student during a semester shall be graded on a Seven-point scale. The grade awarded to a student shall depend on his/her performance in external and internal examinations.

- (a) 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),**
- (iii) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**

- (a) Marks for Extra Curricular Components (E.C.C) are to be awarded in recognition of achievements in Sports/Cultural/N.S.S/NCC as per the rules and instructions of the University provided in this regard from time to time. These marks shall be added to improve the CGPA at the end of final semester i.e Xth Semester by multiplying the total marks obtained in E.C. C with 0.01.

For Example: A student gets a total of 12 marks in E.C.C and his C.G.P.A is 6.52. Then his total E.C.C marks i.e 30 shall be multiplied by 0.01 ($30 \times 0.01 = 0.30$) and the result shall be added to C.G.P.A ($5.68 + 0.30$). His final C.G.P.A will be 5.98

- (b) 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 detail in para 11.

(c) Students shall complete the programme of B.A.LL.B.(HONS) (5 year Course) within 8 consecutive years since their admission into First Semester .

11. Awards of Grade Letter, Grade Points, Credit Points, SGPA, CGPA:

(a) Award of Grade Letter and Grade Points:

Each course/paper shall be valued in Seven Grades. The letter grades and their equivalent grade points are listed below. The Marklist shows only Grade Letters and not Marks for each paper.

Range of % of Marks	Grade Letter	Grade Point
85 to 100	O - Outstanding	10
75 to 84	E - Excellent	9
71 to 74	A+ - Very Good	8
60 to 70	A - Good	7
55 to 59	B+ - Average	6
50 to 54	B - Pass	5
Less than 50	F - Fail	0

(a) Calculation of Credit Points (CP): Credit Points for the course = **No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Point secured for that course.**

(b) 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.** SGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points. (e.g - 6.578 rounded to 6.58 & 6.574 will be rounded to 6.57)

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

Provided that SGPA is computed only if the candidate passes in all the courses (gets a minimum 'B' Grade in all Courses).

(c) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) : CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighted across all the semesters. CGPA shall be rounded to two decimal Points (e.g - 6.578 rounded to 6.58 & 6.574 will be rounded to 6.57)

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

Provided that CGPA is calculated only when the candidate passes in all the courses of all the semesters.

12. Standard of Passing the Semester Examinations: In order to qualify a particular examination, a candidate shall have to secure atleast 50% of marks in each and every theory and Practical/Clinical paper in each end semester examination and minimum of 50% of marks in internal assessment of each of the papers in which there is a provision for internal assessment. See for details Appendix-II.

13 All the examinees of University Examination including failures of examinations, shall be bound to study the Syllabus prescribed for a particular paper/subject/course as revised from time to time.

14. Award of the Degree: A student will be eligible for the award of 5 years B.A.LL.B (Hons) Degree only when he has successfully completed all the prescribed courses and obtained a minimum CGPA of 5.00 out of 10.00 and after payment of prescribed fee for receive a degree signed by the Vice-chancellor. **The result of the successful candidates shall be classified as follows:**

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| i. First Division with Distinction: | CGPA from 7.00 and above |
| ii. First Division: | CGPA from 6.00 to 6.99 |
| iii. Second Division : | CGPA from 5.00 to 5.99 |

15. Conversion of CGPA into Percentage of Marks: The formula used in this direction to calculate percentage of marks from CGPA is

$$\text{Percentage} = 10 \times \text{CGPA}.$$

16. Award of Medals and Merit Certificates: Candidates who appear and pass the examination in all the papers of each and every semester at first appearance only are eligible for the award of Medals/ Prizes/Rank Certificates etc.

Gadchiroli
Dated:

Sd/-
Dr. Vijay Ainchwar
Vice-Chancellor