

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY JODHPUR



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Ph.D. PROGRAMME



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



It gives me immense pleasure to present this brochure for our doctoral programs in Law, Management, Insurance, Humanities and Social Sciences. As we navigate the era of unprecedented complexity, our Ph.D. programs are distinguished by their rigorous interdisciplinary approach, encouraging scholars to traverse intellectual domains and forge innovative research pathways.

Our experienced faculty, comprising accomplished academics and practitioners, mentor doctoral candidates in examining critical questions at the intersection of law, governance, business, and society. Our research agenda responds to India's evolving socio-legal landscape and global imperatives.

We seek scholars committed to advancing knowledge through methodological rigor and intellectual curiosity. Our doctoral community benefits from our NLU Jodhpur's rich legacy of 25 years of academic excellence, robust research infrastructure, and collaborative environment that nurtures transformative scholarship.

As you commence this transformative journey, I advise you to embrace the liberty to pursue your intellectual curiosity and maintain the highest academic and ethical integrity. I invite you to explore these programs and join us in our pursuit of knowledge that shapes policy, practice, and future.

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Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur

Fulbright Nehru Academic & Professional Excellence Scholar- 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES

Last date of Application	31st March, 2026
Entrance Test Date	17th May, 2026

ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY JODHPUR

National Law University Jodhpur (NLUJ) is one of India's leading Law Schools situated at the vibrant and colourful city of Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Consistently ranked among the top law schools in the country, the University is committed to the advancement of knowledge and learning. It aspires to emerge as a centre of excellence not only in legal education but also across multidisciplinary domains. Dedicated to fostering the holistic development of individuals, the University strives to nurture future leaders and domain experts across diverse fields of study. Spread over a sprawling 50-acre campus, the University offers an ideal environment for learning, reflection and intellectual growth.

The University Library, spanning over 19,000 sq. ft., houses an extensive collection of more than 25,000 books and documents, complemented by a rich array of national and international online resources. With seamless on-campus and remote access facilities, the library provides access to millions of journal articles and case laws through leading academic and legal databases, supporting rigorous research and scholarship.

The University places strong emphasis on cultural engagement and physical wellbeing. A wide range of cultural and sports facilities encourages students to explore and develop their talents beyond academics. The Cultural Committee organizes numerous events throughout the academic year and in collaboration with the Academic Support and Literary Committee (ASLC), hosts NH-65, the University's flagship cultural and literary fest, attracting participation from colleges and universities across the country. Additionally, the University offers excellent sports infrastructure, including outdoor and indoor sports complexes and a well-equipped gymnasium, promoting fitness, wellness and a balanced student life.

ABOUT Ph.D. PROGRAMME

National Law University, Jodhpur offers full-time and part-time doctoral programmes in Law, Humanities & Social Sciences, Management, and Insurance. The University actively promotes interdisciplinary research through a robust system of joint supervision. The programme is designed to cultivate a new generation of researchers and academicians equipped to advance the frontiers of knowledge and address contemporary legal, socio-economic, and managerial challenges facing India and the global community.

Our distinguished research-oriented faculty provides exceptional mentorship and creates a vibrant intellectual environment for doctoral scholarship. The University actively engages in sponsored research projects with industry partners and organizations across public and private sectors, fostering applied research that bridges theory and practice. Scholars are encouraged to pursue industrial fellowships, facilitating meaningful collaboration between academic inquiry and real-world application.

Admission to the doctoral programme follows rigorous selection criteria, including a postgraduate degree in the relevant discipline with requisite academic standing, performance in entrance examinations, and interviews conducted in accordance with university regulations. The doctoral journey commences with mandatory coursework covering Research Methodology, Research and Publication Ethics, and advanced disciplinary courses, ensuring scholars develop the methodological rigor essential for high-quality research. Upon successful completion of coursework and approval of their research proposal, scholars embark on original research under expert supervision, contributing new knowledge to their chosen fields. The Ph.D. scholars have to submit a brief report on the progress of the research work, to Research Advisory Committee for evaluation and further guidance, twice in an academic year.

The University library, equipped with books, journals, research articles, papers, e-books, e-journals and institutional repositories, enables scholars to stay updated with current research trends. It also provides access to past theses, dissertations, archival collections to build sound theoretical foundations. The library has also subscribed to 15 databases to provide seamless access to knowledge resources. In the changing landscape of legal and interdisciplinary education, NLUJ library is in the process of transforming its user centric services through innovative technologies.

ELIGIBILITY

Ph.D. in Law:

Eligibility: A Master's Degree in Law (LL.M.), or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree in Law by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions.

Or

Obtained a degree in Law and Master's Degree in Social Sciences or Humanities from any recognized educational institution, Indian or a foreign educational institution accredited as per UGC regulations, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade point in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

Provided that candidates with qualifications in Social Sciences and Humanities may be admitted to the programme if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law with a special focus on Public Policy and Law.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer)/ Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the commission from time to time.

or

Degree in Law and Passed Company Secretary examination conducted by the Institute of CS of India and awarded membership of the Institute shall be eligible for admission to the programme, if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law.

or

(ii) Degree in Law and Passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India shall be eligible for admission to the programme, if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law.

Ph.D. in Humanities & Social Sciences viz., Economics, Political Science, Sociology, History

and English.

Eligibility: Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in relevant Social Sciences or humanities with 55% marks (50% for SC/ST/OBC non-creamy layer/ Differently-Abled/ Economically Weaker Section).

Ph.D. in Management and Insurance

Eligibility: Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in management with at least 55% marks (50% for SC/ST/OBCs non-creamy layer/ Differently-Abled/ Economically Weaker Section).

Ph.D. PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

A. Admission through open advertisements

A foreign national may apply for the Ph.D. programme in accordance with the admission notifications of NLUJ. The candidates shall have good skills in English language. Foreign nationals are exempted from the entrance examination conducted by NLUJ for Ph.D. enrollment. Except this, the other requirements for admission which are applicable to Indian nationals shall be applicable to foreign nationals also. The number of seats available for foreign nationals shall be in accordance with the notifications issued by NLUJ from time to time. In the event of non-availability of suitable candidates, NLUJ reserves the right not to fill up the seats and under no circumstances these seats shall be converted to any other categories of Ph.D. admission.

B. Admission of candidates from foreign universities/institutions having MoU with NLUJ

A foreign national, who is interested in enrolling for the Ph.D. programme at NLUJ, and is currently enrolled for Ph.D. programme at a foreign university/institution having MoU with NLUJ, may be allowed to be registered for Ph.D. in NLUJ subject to the condition that one supervisor will be from NLUJ and one from the parent foreign university/institution of the candidate. Such a candidate will be exempted from appearing in the entrance test, subject to the condition that the candidate fulfils the other minimum eligibility conditions. The Vice-Chancellor will be the competent authority to allow registration of such candidates on case-to-case basis, on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee. The candidate will be required to visit NLUJ for Viva-Voce to defend the thesis as per NLUJ Ph.D. Regulations. The fees for the programme shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MoU between NLUJ and the concerned foreign university/ institute. No separate Ph.D. degree of NLUJ will be awarded in such cases. A joint degree may be awarded, if required under the MOU. For the purpose of this regulation, a foreign national shall mean a candidate who possesses citizenship of a country other than India and holds a valid passport.

C. Admission of candidates through ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) Programmes:

Admission through ICCR: A foreign national may apply for enrolment in Ph.D. programme through ICCR Programme of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The candidates shall have sufficient skills in English language. Foreign nationals are exempted from the entrance examination conducted by NLUJ for Ph.D. enrolment. All other requirements for admission which are applicable to Indian nationals shall be applicable to foreign nationals also. The number of seats available for foreign nationals will be decided by the university on year-to-year basis and will be within the seats fixed by the university for ICCR. In the event of non-availability of suitable candidates, NLUJ reserves the right not to fill up the seats and if required, these seats may be converted to any other categories of Ph.D. admission for foreign nationals. Fee applicable

to candidates under this category will be at par with Indian Ph.D. scholars. For the purpose of this regulation, a foreign national shall mean a candidate who possesses citizenship of a country other than India and holds a valid passport.

Note: Foreign nationals in all the categories are exempted from appearing in the entrance test conducted by NLUJ for Ph.D. enrollment.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Admissions without NLUJ Entrance Test

(i) The candidates with UGC-JRF (category 1), candidates with valid NET score in category 2 and category 3 (as per UGC notification No.F.4-1 (UGC-NET Review Committee/ 2024 (NET)/ 140648 on March 27, 2024), industry-sponsorship and foreign nationals are exempted from appearing in the NLUJ Entrance Test.*

*** Candidates who are not eligible to apply in the above-mentioned categories have to appear in the NLUJ Entrance Test.**

(ii) The candidates with UGC-JRF shall be admitted into the Ph.D. program based on UGC-JRF fellowship. They shall be awarded 70% weightage for UGC-JRF and remaining 30% weightage shall be based on evaluation and presentation of the research proposal.

(iii) The candidates with Industry-sponsorship shall be admitted through evaluation of the Written Research Proposal followed by presentation. The weightage of each component shall be as follows:

- a) Evaluation of Written Research Proposal: 70%
- b) Presentation of research proposal: 30%

(iv) The candidate should also score a minimum of 50% marks in the evaluation and presentation of research proposals to qualify for the final selection.

b. Entrance Test

NLUJ may admit students through a National Level Entrance Test annually at the beginning of each academic year. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific. Students who have secured 50% marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the evaluation of research proposal followed by presentation. A weightage of 70% for the entrance test and 30% for the performance in the evaluation and presentation shall be given.

NLUJ ENTRANCE TEST PATTERN

- (i) The entrance test will be Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) based only.
- (ii) The paper will consist of 100 MCQs, with each question carrying 1 mark.
- (iii) 50 MCQs will be from the subject of Research Methodology (Common to all candidates)
- (iv) For Ph.D. in Law, the remaining 50 MCQs will be from different branches of Law.
- (v) For Ph.D. in Humanities and Social Sciences, the remaining 50 MCQs will be from different branches of Social Sciences viz. Economics, Sociology, Political Science, History and English. For each subject 50 questions will be designed.

- (vi) For Ph.D. in Management and Insurance the remaining 50 MCQs will be from different Management and Insurance areas.
- (vii) Negative Marking: 0.25 marks will be deducted for every wrong answer.
- (viii) The candidates with fellowship/ scholarship in UGC-JRF, candidate with valid NET score and foreign nationals are exempted from appearing in the Entrance Test.

RESERVATION

- i. Applicants belonging to SC and ST categories: 15% and 7.5% respectively
- ii. OBC: 21%
- iii. MBC of Rajasthan: 5%
- iv. Differently-Abled Persons (SAP): 5% (Horizontal)
- v. Domicile Reservation: 25% (Horizontal)
- vi. EWS Reservation: 10% of intake supernumerary (over and above intake)

INTAKE AND SEAT MATRIX

Total Number of Ph.D. Seats: 33 (28+2*) + 3*

NUMBER OF SEATS:

- Ph.D. in Law: 10+2 (foreign nationals)
- Ph.D. in Humanities & Social Sciences viz., Economics, Political Science, Sociology, History and English: 12
- Ph.D. in Management: 05
- Ph.D. in Insurance: 01

SEAT MATRIX:

S.No.	Category	Total Seats
1	Unreserved	15
2	Schedule Caste	4
3	Schedule Tribe	2
4	OBC-NCL	6
5	MBC of Rajasthan	1
6	Total	28

*In addition to the total 28 seats, 2 seats will be reserved for foreign nationals in Law stream and 3 will be reserved for EWS category (Supernumerary)

5% Horizontal Reservation for Differently-Abled Persons

25% Horizontal Reservation for Rajasthan State Domicile

Note: The University announces industry sponsored seats across the streams
The University reserves the right not to fill all the vacancies.
Stream-wise allotment will be given on the basis of merit cum preference of the candidate.

FEE STRUCTURE

The fee structure (all non-refundable fees) for the Ph.D. Programme will be as follows:

S.No.	Fee Head	Fee Amount for Indian Nationals	Fee Amount for Foreign Nationals	Period
1.	Application Form Fees	Rs.2,500/- (for General) Rs.1,500/- [for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), Differently Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.	INR 5,000	One Time
2.	Admission Fee	Rs.10,000/-	INR 20,000	One Time
3.	Hostel Charges	Rs.18,000/-	INR 24,000	Per Semester
4.	Library Charges	Rs.4,500/-	INR 5,000	Every semester till submission of Thesis
5.	Semester Fee	Rs.30,000/-	INR 50,000	Every semester till submission of Thesis
6.	Examination/Thesis Evaluation Fee	Rs.60,000/-	INR 75,000	One Time (at the time of Thesis Submission)
7.	Re submission of the Thesis	Rs.20,000/-	INR 30,000	

Note:

- The Vice Chancellor may waive up to 50% of the Semester fee for the Research Scholars who are participating in the teaching programmes/administration of the University.
- There shall be a 10% waiver in semester fee for SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the commission from time to time.
- Halls of Residence fee and Mess fee Mess Charges shall be applicable only to Residential candidates. Mess fees shall be as decided by the University from time to time.
- Hostel facility for outside Jodhpur students will be provided by the University, subject to availability.
- AC charges (if installed by the student) shall be applicable as decided by the University.
- The University reserves the right to amend the fee structure, if required.



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