

## **COMMON REGULATION FOR THE FIVE YEAR INTEGRATED DOUBLE DEGREE LL.B. (HONORS) COURSES**

(As per Bar Council of India Rules of Legal Education 2008 and approved by the Board of Studies Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

### **1. Title of the Programme**

There are three Five Year integrated double degree LL.B Courses offered by the affiliated Colleges under M.G University. The nomenclature of the courses are as follows (1) Five Year Integrated B.Com,LL.B (Honors) Degree Course (2) Five Year Integrated B.A,LL.B (Honors) Degree Course and (3) Five Year Integrated BBA,LL.B (Honors) Degree Course.

### **2. Duration of the Course**

- (a) The course shall consist of regular study for a minimum period of 10 semesters in five academic years, after plus two.
- (b) The course of study shall be by regularly attending the requisite number of lectures, tutorials and practical training.
- (c) The 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> semesters shall ordinarily be from 1<sup>st</sup> September till January 31<sup>st</sup>. The remaining semesters shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> February till 31<sup>st</sup> August, subject to changes if any notified by the Government of Kerala and other authorities; from time to time. The periods are inclusive of the time for examinations.

### **3. Medium of Instruction**

The medium of instruction and examination shall be English only.

### **4. Number of Seats**

Number of students to be admitted each year and the number of batches shall be decided and notified by the University from time to time, based upon the Rules, instructions and notifications issued by the Bar Council of India and the Government of Kerala.

### **5. Eligibility for Admission**

An applicant who has successfully completed Senior Secondary School Course ('+2') or equivalent (such as 11+1, 'A' level in Senior School Leaving Certificate Course) from a recognized University of India or outside or from a Senior Secondary Board or equivalent, constituted or recognized by the Union or by a State Government or from any equivalent institution from a foreign country recognized by the Government of that country for the purpose

of issue of qualifying certificate on successful completion of the course, may apply for and be admitted into the programme of the Centers of Legal Education.

Provided that applicants who have obtained +2 Higher Secondary Pass Certificate after pursuing studies in distance or correspondence method ( 10 +2 Pattern) shall also be considered as eligible for admission in the Integrated Five Years Course.

Explanation- The applicants who have obtained 10+2 or Graduation / Post graduation through Open Universities system directly without having any basic qualification for pursuing such studies are not eligible for admission in the law course.

#### **6. Prohibition to register for two regular courses of study**

No student shall be allowed to simultaneously register for a law degree programme with any other graduate or post graduate or certificate course run by the same or any other University or an Institute for academic or professional learning excepting in the integrated degree programme of the same institution:

Provided that any short period part-time certificate course on language, computer science or computer application of an Institute or any similar course run by a Centre for Distance Learning of a University, shall be exempted.

#### **7. Minimum marks in qualifying examination for admission**

Bar Council of India will from time to time, stipulate the minimum percentage of marks not below 45% (without rounding) of the total marks in case of general category, 42% in the case of OBC and 40 % of the total marks (without rounding) in case of SC and ST applicants, to be obtained for the qualifying examination, such as +2 Examination in case of Integrated Five Years Course for the purpose of applying for and getting admitted.

Provided that such minimum qualifying marks shall not automatically entitle a person to get admission into an institution, unless the applicant fulfills other institutional criteria notified by the institution/University concerned or by the Government concerned from time to time to apply for admission.

#### **8. Procedure for Selection**

- (1) Admission to the course shall be governed by the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Notifications in force and issued by the Government, University and other Statutory Authorities at the relevant time.
- (2) Admission to the course in Government Law College under the University at present shall be based on the entrance examination being conducted by the Commissioner of Entrance Examinations, Government of Kerala. The students will be allotted and admitted to the Colleges after the centralized counseling to be conducted by the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations, Government of Kerala.

- (3) Admission and all other matters relating to 5 Year Integrated LL.B (Honors) Courses in Law Colleges affiliated to the University shall also be governed by these regulations.

### **9. Fee Structure**

A student shall pay the fees prescribed by the University and the Government from time to time.

### **10. Age on Admission**

Subject to the conditions, stipulated by the Bar Council of India, Mahatma Gandhi University and the norms fixed by the Government of Kerala on this behalf; the maximum age for seeking admission into a stream of Integrated Double Degree Bachelor of Law Degree Program, shall be limited to twenty years in case of general category of applicants and to twenty two years in case of applicants from SC, ST and Other Backward Communities. The age shall be reckoned as on last date of application for entrance examination or last date of application for admission, if admission is not based on entrance examination.

### **11. Semester System**

The course leading to integrated double degree shall be conducted in semester system, not less than 18 weeks in double degree integrated course with not less than 36 class hours per week including tutorials, moot room exercise, seminars and other practical papers.

Provided there shall be at least 30 lecture hours per week.

Provided further that University is free to adopt trimester system, with appropriate division of courses per trimester, with each of the trimesters having not less than 12 weeks.

### **12. End Semester University examinations and attendance requirements**

No students shall be allowed to take the University examinations at the end of each semester in a subject if the student concerned has not attended minimum of 75% of the classes held in the subject concerned as also in the moot court exercises, tutorials and practical training conducted to the subject taken together, separate 75% attendance is also required in each of the compulsory clinical courses.

Provided that if a student for any exceptional reasons fails to attend 75% of the classes held in any subject, the University may condone the shortage of attendance as per existing rules.

Provided further that, a list of such students who are allowed to take the examination, with reasons recorded, be forwarded by the University to the Bar Council of India before the student is allowed to appear for the concerned semester examination.

Provided further that the conduct and progress of the student should be satisfactory.

### **13. Prohibition against lateral entry and exit**

There shall be no lateral entry on the plea of graduation in any subject or exit by way of awarding a degree splitting the integrated double degree course, at any intermediary stage of integrated double degree course.

No student shall be permitted to change course after the commencement of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the course in which the student is admitted.

### **14. Uniform Identity Number of Students and Faculty**

University and its approved institutions registering students for law courses shall send particulars (as prescribed in the schedule X of Bar Council of India Rules of Legal Education, 2008) of its registered students and faculties to the Bar Council of India for the purpose of building up of uniform data of the faculty and the students of law and for issue of Uniform Identity Number to students and faculty against a fee prescribed by the Bar Council of India from time to time.

### **15. Annual Report and Return**

All approved Centers of Legal Education of the University whose degree is approved for enrolment shall submit to the respective University with a copy to the Bar Council of India an annual return in the form prescribed in Schedule VIII, Rules of Legal Education, 2008, in hard and soft copy at the end of its annual academic session.

## **CURRICULUM OF THE FIVE YEAR INTEGRATED DOUBLE DEGREE LL.B (HONORS) COURSES**

(SCHEME OF SUBJECTS)

### **16. LL.B (Honors) Courses**

Curriculum shall consist of 20 compulsory Law subjects, 08 Law Papers for Honors Degree, 06 Law papers in Optional subjects and 04 Clinical papers in Law. Eight Honors subjects and Six Optional subjects are chosen, and offered by the affiliated colleges, from among the General Elective Courses; by complying with The Bar Council Rules of Legal Education, 2008. The eight elective courses shall be chosen from various groups shown as Special Elective Groups viz., Constitutional Law, Business Law, Law and Agriculture, Intellectual Property Law and such other groups introduced by the University/Bar Council from time to time depending upon the availability of infrastructural facilities.

Considering the limitations of infrastructure, availability of Faculty, and the nature of the basic degree being integrated; eight papers are taken from multiple of groups (Honours shall be in Law) to be offered initially, in the Law Colleges under the University at present.

### **17. University's power for additional subject/group**

Provided that the University may add to the above list of subjects as well as a New Group of subject specialization with such papers as may be stipulated from time to time. Students in the general law course have to take not less than six papers from any three or more groups.

In case of specialization or honours in any specific group, the college has to take at least eight papers from one group over and above six optional papers in other groups.

### **18. Examination and Promotion**

- (1) There shall be a University examination at the end of each semester. Candidates securing not less than the prescribed attendance in each paper as mentioned in Clause 12 of these Regulations shall alone be admitted to the examination.
- (2) For each written paper carrying 100 marks, 25% shall be set apart for being awarded by way of internal assessment and 75% marks for the written external examination. Internal assessment shall be made on the basis of overall performance during the semester such as regularity of attendance, preparation and presentation of assignments, test paper scoring and class room participation.
- (3) The performance in practical training papers shall be assessed internally by a team of three faculty members.
- (4) A candidate who is registered and is entitled to be presented for the examination in a semester shall alone be eligible to pursue the studies for the next semester of the course.
- (5) There shall be a viva-voce at the end of tenth semester examination which may cover all the law courses taught for the whole programme. The Viva Board shall consist of the Chairman and two examiners from the law with a minimum of 10 years experience and at least one of whom shall be a practicing lawyer with 10 years experience. A candidate admitted for this course shall complete the programme within a period of eight years from the date of admission.
- (6) A candidate who has failed in a paper shall be eligible to write the paper in the subsequent regular examinations alone.

### **19. Pass minimum and classification**

- (1) A candidate who secures not less than 40% marks in the external examination separately and fifty per cent (50%) in the aggregate of the total marks for that paper shall be declared to have passes the examination in that paper.

- (2) A candidate who passes in all the papers and secures 50% or more of the aggregate marks for all the ten semesters but less than 60% shall be declared to have passed whole examination in second class.
- (3) Successful candidates with 60% marks and above in aggregate for all the ten semesters shall be declared to have passed the whole examination in first class.
- (4) Successful candidates with seventy-five percentage marks or above in the aggregate for all the ten semesters shall be declared to have passed the examination with distinction provided he/she passes all the examinations within the period of whole programme.
- (5) Ranking shall be done on the basis of marks obtained by the candidate in the whole examination passed in the first chance.

### **20. Pattern of question papers and distribution of marks**

- (1) Out of the 100 marks for each paper, 25 marks shall be set apart for internal assessment.
- (2) The remaining 75 marks for University examination shall be distributed as follows:
 

Part (A) : Short answers	: 15 marks (3 marks x 5 questions)
Part (B) : Problems/short essays	: 30 marks (10 marks x 3 questions)
Part (C) : Essays	: 30 marks (15 marks x 2 questions)

### **21. Internal assessment**

The internal assessment marks shall be distributed as follows:

- (a) Attendance : 5 marks
- (b) Classroom assignment : 10 marks (5 marks each)  
(Written and Oral Presentation)
- (c) Test paper : 10 marks
- (d) Total : 25 marks (Maximum)

1. **Attendance** – Separate attendance shall be maintained for each subject by the teachers concerned; either manually or in electronic form. Attendance report shall be published by the teachers before the seventh day of the succeeding month. Complaints in writing shall be preferred to the Principal / Head of the institution within two days of publication.

Students representing the College/University in academic and extra-curricular activities, with the prior written permission of the head of the institution, may at the discretion of the staff council, be granted maximum of ten days attendance per semester.

Marks for attendance shall be granted as follows:

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| (i)   | Below 75% attendance | : | nil     |
| (ii)  | 75% to 79%           | : | 1 mark  |
| (iii) | 80% to 84%           | : | 2 marks |
| (iv)  | 85% to 89%           | : | 3 marks |

- (v) 90% to 94% : 4 marks  
(vi) 95 % and above : 5 marks

2. **Test Paper-** At least one test per paper shall be conducted by the teacher concerned. The date for the test shall be notified one week in advance absentees shall not be entitled for re-test normally. Exceptional cases on medical and similar grounds may be considered by the staff council. The marks will be published in the class within 15 days of, the test and students can obtain photocopies of the answer script, if required, at their expense. The answer scripts shall be retained by the teacher till 90 days after the test; unless otherwise specifically directed by the authorities, after which period, the teacher shall be free to dispose such answer scripts in whichever manner he/she deems fit.
3. **Classroom Assignments-** Every student shall write an assignment on each subject based on the topics assigned, and directions given by the teacher.

Alternatively, the teacher has the discretion to direct students to participate in seminars/debates on the subject.

Written assignment has to be submitted : 50% marks will be for content and the remaining 50% for presentation.

Internal assessment marks will be published in the notice board by the teacher within 15 days after the end of each semester.

The Classroom assignments submitted by the students shall be retained by the teacher till 90 days after the end of the semester, unless otherwise specifically directed by the authorities, after which period, the teacher shall be free to dispose such assignments in which ever manner he/she deems fit.

4. **Grievance Redressal Cell** – A Grievance Redressal Cell constituted by the head of the institution shall examine written complaints in respect of internal assessment. Complaints shall be preferred within 5 days from publication of the marks; and the decision of the cell shall be final.
5. **No redoing of internal assessment** – Marks once awarded in the internal assessment shall be final and no application for redoing of internal assessment shall be entertained on any ground after the end of the semester.

## 22. Compulsory Internship

As per the Rules of Legal Education laid down by the Bar Council, 2008, each five year student has to undergo an internship for not less than twenty weeks to carry out legal studies

under Non-Governmental Organizations, trial advocates, appellate advocates, judiciary, legal regulatory authorities, legislatures and Parliament, other legal functionaries, market institutions, law firms, companies, Local Self Government and in other legal institutions where such training can be imparted to such students. Students cannot undergo internship in any year continuously for more than four weeks. All students are expected to undergo training under trial and appellate advocates not more than twice.

The Bar Council has also stipulated that each student shall keep an Internship Diary. The Internship Diary has to be prepared and kept by the student in such a manner so that the evaluator may be able to assess the cumulative performance of the student. The Diary shall contain the details of training a student has undergone, the total number of days of each session of training and the nature of work done by the student/training imparted to him. After each spell of such internship, the record, prepared by the student in his own handwriting, shall be signed by the head/chief of the institution where he has undergone training, and the faculty-in-charge of him. The students shall be guided and evaluated by the faculty as appointed by the Principal. A student who has to complete more than four weeks of internship shall not be promoted to the tenth semester. He can rejoin the course only after completion of the required weeks of internship in the subsequent batches:

Provided that, after each spell of internship, the evaluator/s shall assess the performance of the students, on the basis of the days of his attendance in the internship, involvement and awareness about the work accomplished and also the preparation of the records. The evaluator shall record the assessment objectively after perusing the record of internship. A student who has satisfactorily completed the internship shall alone be eligible to be promoted to the next semester/year. A student who has not satisfactorily completed the internship programme has to redo the same with their subsequent batch.

Provided further that, being a component of the Clinical paper IV, attending the chamber of lawyers and observing trials in two cases shall be confined to the tenth semester and its record shall be prepared separately in the Record of the Clinical paper IV, ie., FL 38 Moot Court Exercise and Internship. Attending the lawyer's chambers before the tenth semester will not be reckoned for the purpose of FL 38.

The Internship Record shall contain details of training for 20 weeks (ie., excluding the training for FL 38). While assessing the candidate for FL 38, due weightage shall be given to his performance / involvement in the compulsory internship of the previous semesters as evidenced by his Internship Record.

### **23. Re-admission**

Re-admission to each semester shall be according to the availability of seats in the concerned semester. This shall also be subject to rules framed by the University and Government of Kerala



from time to time. Application for Re-admission shall be submitted to the University, 3 weeks before the commencement of the Semester to which the applicant seeks for admission.

Provided that only those students who have dropped out/been detained/obtained transfer certificate or discontinued from any semester of Integrated Five Year LL.B (Hons.) course as per these regulations alone will be eligible for re-admission.

#### **24. Transfer from other Universities/Colleges**

Students who are registered for LL.B Courses in any other University shall not eligible for inter University transfer. There is no Intra University transfer from Self-Financing/Private Law Colleges to Government Law College. Intra University transfer in all other cases shall be subject to the recommendation of the Principals of both colleges and in accordance with University Rules.