

REGULATIONS RELATING TO UNITARY  
DEGREE COURSE IN LAW

**1. Title**

The Regulations shall be called the Regulations relating to unitary Degree Course in Law.

**2. Commencement**

These Regulations shall come into force with effect from Academic Year 2011-12.

**3. Duration of the Course**

- (a) The course of study for the Bachelor degree in Law (LL.B) shall consist of regular course of study for a minimum period of 6 semesters in three years and shall consist of 20 compulsory papers, 4 compulsory clinical papers and 6 optional papers in Law.
- (b) Each semester shall consist of 90 instructional days having 5 hours per day for lectures, seminars and test papers. There shall be not less than four hours per subject per week and one/two hours for seminar/debates/test paper.

**4. Eligibility for Admission**

- (a) No candidate shall be admitted to the course unless he has passed the graduation in any faculty of University of Kerala or any other University recognized by the University of Kerala as equivalent thereto with not less than 45% marks for general category and 40% marks for SC and ST.

**5. Attendance and Progress**

No candidates shall be permitted to register for the end semester examinations conducted by the University unless the Principal has certified that he has obtained not less than 75% of the attendance in each paper and his conduct and progress have been satisfactory.

**6. Examinations**

- (a) There shall be a University examination at the end of each semester. Each written paper carrying 100 Marks is divided into 80 Marks for written examination and 20 Marks for internal assessment.
- (b) Paper V in Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth semesters shall be evaluated internally. Internal Viva shall be conducted by the Board of Examiners constituted by the Principal from among Senior Teachers.
- (c) Paper I in Fourth Semester, Paper I and II in the Fifth Semester and Paper I and II in the Sixth Semester is optional paper. 1/3 (one third) of the total number of the students of that Semester can choose either of the two papers.
- (d) *Internship.* Each student shall have completed minimum of 12 weeks 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, Local Self Government and other such bodies where law is practised either in action or in dispute resolution or in management.

Provided that internship in any year cannot be for a continuous period of more than Four weeks and all students shall at least gone through once in the entire academic period with Trial and Appellate Advocates.

Each student shall keep internship diary and the same shall be evaluated by the Guide in Internship and also a Core faculty member.

- (e) Viva-voce examination in the sixth semester shall be conducted by the Board of Examiners constituted by the University.

## 7. Internal Assessment

Marks for the internal assessment in each written paper shall be distributed as follows:

- (i) Attendanceô 5 Marks (2.5 marks for 75% of attendance and additional 0.5 marks for every 5% attendance above 75%)
- (ii) Test Paperô 5 Marks
- (iii) Assignmentô 5 Marks
- (iv) Seminar/Debateô 5 Marks.

The marks for the internal assessment shall be awarded by the Teacher in charge of each paper, countersigned by the Principal and forwarded to the University before the commencement of the Written Examination. A statement containing the marks awarded to every student as internal assessment in each paper shall also be published.

Guidelines for Internal Assessment:ô

- (i) *Introduction.*ô The objectives of introducing internal assessment are (i) to develop in the students the ability for critical analysis and evaluation of legal problems; (ii) to develop communication skill, both oral and written; (iii) to create an awareness of current socio-legal problems; (iv) to ensure the involvement and participation of students in academic programmes; and (v) to make evaluation of students a continuous process. In order to achieve these objectives it is imperative that internal assessment is made by teachers in a fair and object manner and in an atmosphere of total transparency and confidence. The following guidelines are issued to secure fairness, objectivity and transparency in internal assessment.
- (ii) *Attendance.*ô (a) For each subject attendance shall be taken in the class and recorded in a register maintained by the teacher. A statement of attendance shall be prepared every month which shall be available for inspection by the students. Complaints, if any, shall be brought to the notice of the teacher and the Principal before the seventh day of the succeeding month.

Students representing the College/University in Sports/Games, Arts/Cultural events or Moot Courts, Client Counseling Competitions, Academic activities and Office bearers of the College/University Union may, with the prior permission of the Principal, take part in such competitions or activities and be given attendance as directed by the Principal for such participation, subject to a maximum of 10 days in a semester.

- (iii) *Test Paper.* Two test papers shall be conducted for each subject in a semester. The marks obtained by each student in the test paper shall be announced by the teacher within ten days from the date of the test paper and shall also be recorded in a register maintained by the teacher.
- (iv) *Assignment.* Every student shall write one assignment for each paper, on a subject chosen in consultation with the teacher. The assignment should reflect the ability of the student to identify and use materials and his/her capacity for original thinking, critical analysis and evaluation. Each student shall select the topic of assignment before the 20th working day of the semester.

The assignment shall be submitted before a date prescribed by the teacher. If the assignment submitted by a student is found to be unsatisfactory by the teacher, the student shall be given an option to revise the assignment or write an assignment on another subject chosen in consultation with the teacher.

The marks obtained by each student and the criteria adopted for evaluation of assignments shall be announced by the teacher within 10 days from the date of submission of the assignment. The marks shall also be recorded in a register maintained by the teacher.

- (v) *Seminar/Debate.* Every student shall participate in one seminar or debate for each paper. A synopsis of not more than one page shall be submitted by each participant to the teacher before the seminar/debate. In the evaluation, 50% credit shall be given to the content and 50% for presentation. The topic of the seminar/debate shall be selected by the student in consultation with the teacher before the 20th working day of the semester. The marks awarded for the seminar/debate shall be announced by the teacher at the end of the seminar/debate and shall also be recorded in a register maintained by the teacher.

## 8. Pass minimum and classification

- (a) A candidate who secures not less than 50% marks for each paper in a semester shall be declared to have passed the examination in that semester.
- (b) A candidate who obtains pass marks (50%) in one or more papers, but fails in other papers in a semester is exempted from appearing in the papers in which he/she has obtained pass marks.
- (c) A candidate who fails in Paper V of Third or Fourth or Fifth or Sixth semester shall appear in that paper in the next academic year without obtaining re-admission.
- (d) A candidate who fails in Internship or viva-voce has to complete the internship and viva-voce in the next academic year without obtaining re-admission.
- (e) There shall be no chance to improve either the internal assessment marks or written examination marks.

(f) Classification is as shown below:

Distinction	..	80% and above
First Class	..	60% and above, but below 80%

Second Class .. 50% and above, but below 60%.

- (g) Ranking shall be done on the basis of the marks obtained by the candidate in the whole examination (Ten semesters) passed in the first chance.
- (h) A candidate admitted in this course shall complete the course and shall pass all papers within a period of Six years from the date of admission.

#### **9. Publication of Results**

The results of the Sixth semester examination shall be published only after the candidate has passed the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth semester examinations.

#### **10. Award of Bachelor Degree in Law**

A candidate who successfully completes all the Six semesters shall be eligible for the award of LL.B Degree from the faculty of Law.

#### **11. Applicability of Regulations**

This regulations supersede the existing regulations relating to LL. B. Three Year semester course provided however that students of Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth semester LL. B. Three year semester course shall continue to be governed by the existing regulations till they complete the course.