

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

TIRUPATI – 517 502

**ACADEMIC REGULATIONS
COURSE STRUCTURE &
DETAILED SYLLABUS (CBCS)**



LL.M

TWO YEAR DEGREE COURSE

**(For Regular students studying in Dept. of Law, S.V. University &
Affiliated Law Colleges, S.V. University)**

CBCS-SEMESTER SYSTEM

(w.e.f. 2024 – 2025)



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REGULATIONS - 2024

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**(TWO YEAR) SEMESTER PATTERN WITH CBCS
(effective from the batch of students admitted from the
academic year 2024-2025)**

1. Duration of The Program:

The professional post-graduate programme leading to the degree of Master of Law (LL.M) will extend to two academic years / 4 Semesters and each semester will normally have duration of 90 working days. However, under special circumstances and to save the academic year, the normal working days of 90 can be reduced by increasing working hours per day as per the Bar Council of India Rules, New Delhi.

2. Minimum Qualification For Admission:

A candidate seeking admission into LL.M Degree course should have passed 3 Year / 5year B.L / LL.B Degree examination or equivalent thereto.

3. Admission Procedure:

- 3.1.** The admission into LL.M Program will be through PGLCET for Indian Students conducted by Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE).
- 3.2.** Admission of Foreign / NRI Students into LL.M Program:
 - 3.2.1.** Students should have earned their qualifying degree from a University / Institute recognized by the Association of Indian Universities / similar Indian body.
 - 3.2.2.** Students nominated by Foreign Governments may be accepted for admission into LL.M programmes, without any further test / interview, if their request for admission is routed through MHRD / any agency of the Government of India.

4. Structure of the Programme:

The LL.M programme has a curriculum, with syllabus consisting of:

- 4.1** Core courses, which give a broad base in the main field of study in the academic programme concerned
- 4.2** The Foundation Courses are the courses based upon the content that leads to knowledge enhancement. They are mandatory for all branches.
- 4.3** Elective courses chosen by the student in consultation with the faculty adviser.

4.4 Elective Course: Elective course is a course which can be chosen from a pool of courses. It may be:

4.4.1 Supportive to the discipline of study

4.4.2 Providing an expanded scope

4.4.3 Enabling an exposure to some other discipline/domain

4.4.4 Nurturing student's proficiency/skill.

4.5 An elective may be "Generic Elective" focusing on those courses which add

generic proficiency to the students. These electives shall be "Discipline centric".

4.6 Second type elective may also be "Open Elective" and shall be offered to student of other branches.

4.7 The program will also include seminars and Group discussions, as prescribed

in the curriculum and syllabus recommended by the Board of Studies and approved by the Academic Council.

5. The Credit System:

5.1 Each course has a certain number of credits assigned to it, depending upon whether it is a lecture or tutorial or practical work and the number of periods

assigned per week. The practical courses shall include Dissertation work and viva-voce in IV Semester.

5.2 The credits are assigned according to the following pattern:

5.2.1 1 credit for each lecture period/week,

5.2.2 1 credit for each tutorial period/week,

5.2.3 1 credit for each practical session period/week &

5.2.4 1 credits for Dissertation work of 2 periods / week.

6. Minimum Instruction Days:

6.1 The normal duration of LL.M Course is four semesters.

6.2 Semesters, I, II, and III shall consist of a minimum of 90 instruction days

for each semester (based on six instruction days per week) excluding the days allotted for tests, examinations and preparation holidays.

6.3 Fourth semester shall consist of a minimum of 90 working days for undertaking Dissertation work in the College / University.

7. Course Registration:

Every student has to register for the set of courses offered by the Department in that semester including those of Open Elective courses and MOOCS courses with the total number of their credits being limited by considering the permissible weekly contact hours.

8. Credits Required for Award of LL.M Degree:

A student earns credits by passing courses every semester. A student, who has registered the LL.M degree programme, has to acquire 84 credits to become eligible for the award of the degree.

8.1 It is mandatory for a student to complete successfully all the core courses

pertaining

to his/her specialization of study.

8.2 A student may choose Generic Electives from the list of elective courses offered from his/her specialization of study.

8.3 Further, a student may select from a list of Elective courses from other Departments

as Open Electives to “suit the required” number of credits, such that the total credits is atleast 96.

8.4 There should be a register maintained by the Head of the Department indicating for each student, the course (s) registered by the student within the department, so that “Generic Electives” opted by the student are indicated.

8.5 In the case of Open Elective the Head of the Department should prepare a statement /register indicating the courses chosen/ opted by the students of the department in other departments.

8.6 A copy of the courses registered by the students in each semester approved by the Principal shall be sent to the Academic Branch as well as Examination Branch.

8.7 A model of Registers to be maintained by the Head of the Department is given in the Annexure. It is mandatory on the part of the Head of the Department to maintain Register for each UG/PG Course separately.

9. Evaluation of Academic Performance:

9.1 The performance of the students in each semester shall be evaluated paper / course wise. The Scheme of instruction and examinations shown in the table below shall be followed. The distribution of marks between sessional work (based on internal assessment) and University Examination is as follows:

Paper Category	Sessional Marks	University Examination Marks
Theory	30	70
Practical Training	100 50 marks for research methodology, 25 marks for clinical work and 25 marks for Law teaching	-
Dissertation	-	150 – Dissertation (9 Credits) 50 – Viva-Voce (3 Credits)

9.2 Evaluation shall be done on a continuous basis i.e. through Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) in the Semester and Semester End Examination (SEE). For each theory course, there shall be two internal tests of two hours duration carrying 30 marks each and one End-Semester Examination of 3 hours duration carrying 70 marks. Internal marks for a maximum of 30 shall be awarded based

on the average performance in the two internal tests.

9.3 The first internal test shall be held immediately after the completion of 50% of the instruction days covering 50% of the syllabus. The second internal test shall be held immediately after the completion of 90 instruction days covering the remaining 50% of the syllabus.

9.4 It is mandatory for a student to attend both the internal tests in each theory course. The weighted the average of the marks secured in two tests is awarded as sessional marks. However, 0.8 shall be assigned as weight for the best performance of the two tests whereas for the other test it shall be 0.2. If a student is absent for any of the internal test for whatsoever reason, the marks for that test shall be zero.

9.5 The students shall be permitted to verify the valuation of answer scripts of sessional tests and sign on the same after verification.

9.6 The valuation and verification of answer scripts of Sessional Tests shall be completed within a week after the conduct of the internal tests. The answer scripts shall be maintained in the University Department / College until the semester end results are announced.

9.7 The valuation of End-Semester Examination answer scripts shall be arranged by the Controller of Examinations as per the University procedures in vogue.

9.8 Evaluation of Practical Training:

9.8.1 The maximum marks for practical training paper shall be 100 where in 50 marks

for research methodology, 25 marks for clinical work and 25 marks for Law teaching. This practical training paper shall be taken up in the third semester. The faculty shall evaluate the components of practical training internally. This paper is purely practical hence no university examination. For details see the syllabus.

9.8.2 Dissertation and viva-voce: At the end of fourth semester a candidate shall submit a dissertation on any topic approved by the Faculty Supervisor of that branch. The maximum marks allotted for dissertation and viva-voce shall be 200 where in 150 marks for dissertation written part and 50 marks for viva-voce examination. The submission of dissertation shall not be later than the last working day of the course of study of 4th semester. The viva voce will be conducted at the end of 4th semester exams and on submission of dissertation. A Candidate who fails to submit his / her dissertation for any reason has to submit the same along with subsequent batches or after obtaining permission from HOD and faculty concerned.

10. Scheme of Examination:

10.1 The maximum marks for each theory paper shall be 100 where in 30 marks are allotted for internal assessment and 70 marks for semester end university examination.

10.2 University Examination (For 70 Marks): The Question paper for the semester

end university examination in theory course shall consist two sections namely Section – A (Short Answer Questions). In this section 10 Short answer questions will be given, out of which the student has to answer any five questions, Each question carries 4 marks (5 X 4 =20 Marks). Section – B (Essay Questions). In this section 5 essay questions with internal choice will be given in each unit. The student has to answer anyone question from each unit. Each question carries 10 marks (5 X 10 =50 Marks).

Internal Examination (For 30 Marks): Refer Clause 9.4

11. Attendance Requirements:

11.1. A student is required to complete the Programme of Study satisfying the attendance requirements in all the semesters within twice the prescribed period of study i.e. 4 academic years from the year of admission failing which he/she forfeits his/her seat.

11.2. A student shall repeat the semester if he/she fails to satisfy the attendance requirements given below:

i) A student shall attend at least 60 percent of the maximum hours of instruction taken by the teacher for each course.

ii) A student shall attend at least 75 percent of the maximum hours of instruction taken for all the courses put together in that semester.

11.3. The Principal shall condone the shortage of attendance of a student provided,

the student satisfies the clause 11.2 and obtain atleast 60% of overall attendance in a semester on medical grounds only.

11.4. A student who fails to satisfy the attendance requirements specified in clause 11.2 shall repeat that semester in the subsequent academic years with the written permission of the Principal.

11.5. A student shall not be permitted to study any semester more than two times during the Programme of his/her study.

11.6. A student who satisfies the attendance requirements specified in clause 11.2

in any semester may be permitted to repeat that semester canceling the previous attendance and sessional marks of that semester with the written permission of the Principal. However, this facility shall be extended to any student not exceeding twice during the entire Programme of study provided the stipulation in clause 11.1 is met.

12. Conditions of Promotion::

A student who satisfies the minimum attendance requirements should register for examination, failing which he/she shall not be promoted to the next semester.

13. Award of Degree:

A candidate for the award of the LLM Degree with the branch already chosen at the time of admission shall be required to satisfy the following conditions:

13.1. The program of study for the LL.M Degree shall cover normally a period of two

academic years comprising of 4 semesters.

13.2. No students shall be permitted to complete the course of study of LL.M Degree earlier than 4 semesters or to take not more than 8 semesters. Failing which he / she shall forfeit his/ her seat in LL.M.

14. Award Grades and Grade Points:

After a candidate has satisfied all requirements for the award of the degree as specified in clause 13, he/she shall be placed in one of the following three classifications, irrespective of whether the candidate passed compartmentally or otherwise, even after the regular period of study of four semesters.

Grade Point: It is a numerical weight allotted to each letter grade on a 10-point scale.

Letter Grade: It is an index of the performance of students in a said course. Grades are denoted by letters O, A+, A, B+, B, C, P and F.

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): It is a measure of performance of work done in a semester. It is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in the courses registered in a semester and a total course credits taken during that semester. It shall be given up to two decimal places.

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

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.

The CGPA is also calculated in the same manner taking into account all the courses undergone by a student over all the semesters of a programme, i.e.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): It is a measure of overall cumulative performance of a student over all semesters. The CGPA is the ratio of total credit points secured by a student in the courses in all semesters and the sum of the total credits of all courses in all the semesters. It is given up to two decimal places.

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

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 two decimal points and reported in the transcripts.

Letter Grades and Grade Points:

A 10-point grading system with the following letter grades is to be followed.

Grades and Grade Points

Marks	Grade Point	Letter Grade
75-100	7.5-10	O (Outstanding)
65-74	6.5-7.4	A+ (First)
60-64	6.0-6.4	A (First)
55-59	5.5-5.9	B+ (Second)
50-54	5.0-5.4	B (Second)
40-49	4.0-4.9	C (Third)
00-34	0.0	F (Fail)

A student obtaining Grade F shall be considered failed and will be required to reappear in the examination.

In each Semester every student who satisfies the attendance requirements should register for examination, failing which he/she shall not be promoted to the next semester. Any such student who has not registered for examination in a semester shall repeat that semester in the next academic year after obtaining the proceedings of the Principal.

- 14.1.** To pass a course in **LLM Degree** Programme, a student has to secure the minimum grade of (P) in the **LLM Degree** Semester end Examination. A student obtaining Grade F shall be considered failed and will be required to reappear in the examination as supplementary candidate.
- 14.2.** A student is eligible to improve the marks in a paper in which he has already passed, within 4 years from the year of admission as and when it is conducted for the subsequent batches. This provision shall not be provided once the candidate is awarded Degree.
- 14.3.** A student who has failed in a course can reappear for the End-Semester Examination as and when it is held in the normal course. The Sessional Marks obtained by the student will be carried over for declaring the result.
- 14.4.** Whenever the syllabus is revised for a course, the semester end Examination shall be held in old syllabus three times. Thereafter, the students who failed in that course shall take the semester end Examination in the revised syllabus.

15. Award of Ranks:

- 15.1.** Ranks shall be awarded in each branch of study on the basis of Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) for top ten percent of the students or top three students whichever is higher.
- 15.2.** The students who have become eligible for the award of LL.M degree by passing all the four semesters regularly without break, shall only be considered for the award of ranks.
- 15.3.** Award of prizes, scholarships and other honours shall be according to the rank secured by the student as said above and in conformity with the desire of the Donor.

16. Transitory Regulations:

16.1. A student who has been detained in the previous regulations for not satisfying

the attendance requirements shall be permitted to join in these regulations

provided the clauses 11.1 and 11.4 hold good.

16.2. End-Semester University Examinations under the regulations that immediately precede these regulations shall be conducted two times

after the

conduct of last regular examination under those regulations.

16.3. The students who satisfy the attendance requirements under the regulations

that immediately precede these regulations, but do not pass the courses shall

appear for the End-Semester University Examinations in equivalent courses

under these regulations as specified by the BoS concerned.

17. Amendments to the Regulation:

The University may, from time to time, revise, amend, or change the Regulations, Scheme of Examinations and Syllabi, whenever necessary.



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