



HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
SECTOR 40 - NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR
RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 493661

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME– 2025-26

[Notification issued under the HNLU Ph.D. Ordinance, 2021 amended as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022]

PROGRAMME OFFERED

Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU) invites applications for admission to its **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme** for the academic year 2025–26. The University offers

- (a) Ph.D. in Law and
- (b) Ph.D. in Law & Inter-disciplinary Studies

The Programme aims to provide a platform for advanced research and innovation. The doctoral programme at HNLU seeks to create a rigorous academic forum where scholars from legal and allied fields can pursue their research interests, engage in critical inquiry, and contribute meaningfully to their chosen area of study.

Suggestive areas of Specialization: Law & Policy relating to the following areas:

Intellectual Property Laws	Internet Laws	Law & Technology	International Trade Law	Law & Forensics
Constitutional Laws	Comparative Laws	International Law	Criminal Law	Dispute Resolution
Competition Laws	Infrastructure Laws	Public Health Laws	Privacy & Data Protection Laws	Environmental Laws
Corporate Governance	Banking & Insurance Laws	Commercial Arbitration	Tax Laws	Securities Laws
Law & Economics	Tribal & Indigenous Law & Policy	Law & Sociology	Human Rights	Gender & Law

INTAKE & RESERVATION

1. The intake capacity for the Ph.D. Programme 2025-26 is approximately 15-20 based on the availability of the guides.
2. The admissions of the Ph.D. will be subject to the reservation policy of Chhattisgarh State Government.



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME IN LAW

Candidates who have completed:

- a. A LL.M. Degree after a LL.B./B.A.LL.B. Degree or any other programme recognized by the UGC/Bar Council of India as equivalent to LL.M. and LL.B./ B.A.LL.B Degree. The LL.M degree or its equivalent degree must be with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed,

or

- b. Equivalent qualification 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 the educational institution.

or

- c. Sitting / Retired Judge of Supreme Court or Judge of High Court with 3 years of experience as a Judge of the High Court.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) / Specially-abled Person.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME IN LAW AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Candidates who have completed:

- a. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree 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

- b. A Masters Degree recognized by the by the corresponding statutory regulatory body in India after a Bachelor's Degree recognized by the by the corresponding statutory regulatory body in India. The Masters degree must be with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed,

or



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- c. equivalent qualification 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 the educational institution,
- or
- d. Passing the Company Secretary examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and has been awarded the Associate Membership of the Institute (ACS) and having a Bachelor Degree in Law from a recognized University through regular stream,
- or
- e. Passing the Chartered Accountants examination conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi and has been awarded Membership of the Institute and having a Bachelor Degree in Law from a recognised University through regular stream shall be eligible for admission to the programme.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Specially-abled person (SAP).

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer/ Specially-abled Person).

Provided further that admission to the Ph.D. Programme in Law and Interdisciplinary Studies shall be restricted to research areas that interface the candidate's specialization at the Master's level with the domains of Public Policy and/or Law.

PROGRAMME DURATION - Program Duration: Ph.D. program shall be for a minimum duration of three years from the date of registration and a maximum of six years.

PROGRAMME FEE STRUCTURE

S. No.	Particulars	Fee (Indian Nationals)	Fee (Foreign Nationals)
<i>One Time Fee (Payable during Admission)</i>			
1.	Admission Fees	Rs. 10,000/-	\$150
2.	Coursework & Examination Fees	Rs. 25,000/-	\$300
3.	Caution Money (Refundable)	Rs. 25,000/-	\$300



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<i>Recurring Fee</i>			
4.	Semester Fees * (Rs. 62,500/- per semester)	Rs. 1,25,000/- (p.a.)	\$1500
5.	Continuation Fees - beyond prescribed timeline by UGC (Rs. 20,000/- per semester)	Rs. 40,000/- (p.a.)	\$300
6.	Halls of Residence Charge	Rs. 18,000/- (p.a.)	Rs. 18,000/- (p.a.)
7.	Mess Charge	As per actual	As per actual

* Inclusive of Library / IT Infrastructure & other amenities

SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Process shall comprise of the following two stages:

Stage I: All-India Written Test:

- (1) Candidates have to appear for an All-India Written Test at Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur.
- (2) The Test will be for 2.5 hours and
- (3) The Test shall comprise of the following two components:
 - (a) Component I – Research Aptitude Test – 50 Marks – Common to all candidates
 - (b) Component II –
 - i. Legal Aptitude Test – 50 Marks – for candidates applying for Ph.D. in Law
 - ii. Inter-disciplinary Aptitude Test – 50 Marks - for candidates applying for Ph.D. in Law & Inter-disciplinary Studies
- (4) The candidate needs to score a minimum of 50 % of marks in each component to qualify in the Test in order to be shortlisted for Stage II.
- (5) Candidates who have qualified UGC NET (Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/ lectureship) or eligible for Ph.D. Admission by UGC or SLET) shall be exempted from the Entrance Test. They will be separately communicated to submit their research proposal.

Stage II: Presentation of Research Proposal:

- (1) Candidates shortlisted from Written Test conducted under Stage I & Candidates who have qualified for UGC NET (as per pt. no. (5) above) will have to submit a Preliminary Research Proposal (between 1500 to 2000 words).
- (2) The submitted proposals shall go through plagiarism check. If the similarity index for any proposal exceeds 10%, excluding appropriately cited sources, then the applicants will not be called for the interview.
- (3) Candidates will be assessed on the following criteria:
 - (a) The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research.



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- (b) The research work can be suitably undertaken at the University.
(c) The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

MODE OF APPLICATION: Online

Click on the link to apply:

<https://forms.gle/tNvXi4qjM7EUdqd46>

or

Scan the QR Code below to Apply:



Application Fees:

Unreserved / Other Backward Classes	:	Rs. 2,000/-	Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe / SAP	:	Rs. 1,000/-
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Mode of Payment:

Account Holder's Name	:	Registrar, Hidayatullah National Law University
Bank Name & Branch	:	State Bank of India, Indravati Bhawan Branch
Account No.	:	41394244908
Account Type	:	Savings Account
IFSC Code	:	SBIN0018097

[Note: Please download a copy of the transaction receipt upon payment.]

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date to Receive Application	:	November 30, 2025
Notification to Candidates Eligible to Write to All-India Written Test	:	December 3, 2025
All-India Written Test (To be held at HNLU Campus)	:	December 21, 2025

The dates for the Presentation of Research Proposals by shortlisted candidates, the Declaration of Final Results, Registration, and Commencement of the Programme will be announced in due course.

APPLICABLE LAW: The Ph.D. Programme at HNLU is governed as per the HNLU Ph.D. Ordinance 2021 (available at the university website at <https://hnlu.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/PhD-Ordinance-16th-Feb-22.pdf>) and relevant UGC regulation as



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amended from time to time. Candidates are advised to go through the same prior to applying for the programme.

Notwithstanding anything contained above: The University reserves the right to revise the pattern of the admission test, procedure for admission, number of seats, and fee structure.

Sd/-
Registrar

For further queries please contact:

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