



DAMODARAM SANJIVAYYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
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LL.D. PROGRAM REGULATIONS

1.ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLYING LL.D. DEGREE:

1.1. The candidate must possess Ph.D. in Law from any recognized University or its equivalent from an accredited institution /Foreign University.

2. LL.D. Program in Law at DSNLU, is a post-doctoral course with aspirations of conceptual contributions enriching the legal knowledge regime.

3. Candidates should have completed their Ph.D. before three years on the date of making an application; and should have published articles in the relevant area.

4. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION:

The candidate intending to register for LL.D. shall be admitted as per the Regulations of the University.

5. MODE OF ADMISSION:

5.1 The candidates will be provisionally admitted for LL.D. on the recommendation of the DRC.

5.2 The candidate is required to submit preliminary research proposal along with the application for registration for pursuing post-doctoral research in law, on or before the day specified by the University.

5.3 The candidate taking admission will have to make a presentation of the Research Proposal before the DRC, Faculty Members, research scholars and Post Graduate students on the day notified by the University.

5.4 The Doctoral Research Committee of the University may make any suggestions or modifications.

5.5 The Post-Doctoral Registration Number, the title of the proposed Research work, and the name of the Guide will be allotted after successful presentation of the research proposal before the DRC.

5.6 Subsequent to the Registration, in furtherance of the Research Proposal, Researchers shall have to hold three Seminar presentations before the DRC on specified dates Notified by the University, after such preparedness is indicated to the university through the research supervisor/ guide;

5.7 Consequent to the third presentation, the DRC shall communicate the recommendations for furtherance of submission of the thesis to the University.



6. DURATION OF THE PROGRAM:

6.1 The duration of the program is minimum three years and maximum five years from the date of the Registration.

6.2 In case, if the Research is not completed within the maximum period of the program for any valid reason, the Researcher will be given an extension of time for a maximum of one year, at one time, for a further period of three years, on the recommendations of the DRC with a late fee of Rs.30,000/- per each extension request.

6.3 If a candidate fails to fulfil the LL.D. Regulations and DRC guidelines issued from time to time the admission stands cancelled.

7. DOCTORAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

7.1 The Academic Council shall constitute DRC. DRC shall comprise of four members excluding the Chairman of which three members shall be the senior faculty from the University and one external member as nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. The DRC shall prepare a plan of work for the entire program.

7.2 The Vice Chancellor of the University shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the DRC.

7.3. The DRC will be constituted for a minimum period of 3 years as per the Regulations.

7.4. The DRC will review the theme of the research work submitted by the Research Scholar and may suggest to make additions/ alterations in the nature and scope of the research proposal.

8. RESEARCH SUPERVISOR:

8.1 Professor / Associate Professor of Law as recommended by DRC will be recognized and appointed as a Research Supervisor / Guide.

8.2 No Research Supervisor / Guide may be allotted more than one Post-Doctoral research scholar in an Academic Year.

8.3 The allotment/allocation of Research Supervisor / Guide shall be the prerogative of the University.

8.4 A Researcher shall pursue his/her research as per the Rules of the University and with due approval/s of the Research Supervisor(s)/ Guide (s) if any.

8.5 If a Research Supervisor/Guide retires or takes up an assignment outside the University on deputation/lien, the candidate will be permitted to continue the research under the same Research Supervisor OR may be permitted to change the Research Supervisor if the candidate desires so, with the permission of the Research Supervisor. But the date of registration, the area of research and the title of the study shall remain unaltered.



9. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE RESEARCH WORK:

9.1 The Researcher shall submit a Research Progress Report (RPR) annually with the endorsement of research supervisor. The same will be reviewed by the DRC. The review report will be intimated to research scholar and research supervisors.

9.2 The Researcher shall pursue the Research Program under the guidance of the Research Supervisor/Guide;

9.3 In case the progress of the candidate is unsatisfactory, the DRC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. (If the candidate fails to implement these corrective measures the DRC may recommend specific reasons for cancellation of the Registration of the candidate)

10. GUIDELINES FOR SEMINAR PAPER

10.1 The Researcher shall make three presentations with a gap of at least 3 months between each presentation for the purpose of getting approval of Final thesis submission;

10.2 the First presentation may be made after the substantial portion of the research has been accomplished and not before completion of two years from the date of registration.

10.3 All the Seminar presentations should be made in the presence of minimum of two subject experts as panel members and/or as suggested by the DRC.

11. SUBMISSION AND ADJUDICATION OF THE THESIS:

11.1 SUBMISSION OF THE THESIS: The Researcher is required to certify of having observed the following guide lines:

i. The thesis shall be in English and it shall be the result of Researcher's own and original work that attains the standard of literary presentation;

ii. The thesis shall reflect the newness of advancing conceptual nuances, and/or implores new ideas enriching legal knowledge coupled with methodological coherence to adduce the conclusion logically.

iii. The Researcher as a part of the third Seminar, shall have to submit the draft thesis to the Research Supervisor and make a pre-LL.D. presentation. The ensuing suggestions has to be incorporated before submission of the thesis.

iv. The Researcher shall submit a certificate of having presented all the three seminars with an endorsement by the Research Supervisor/Guide as above and the thesis should contain the same;

v. The Researcher shall submit five copies of his/her thesis along with four softcopies on a CD/Pen-drive.

11.2 ADJUDICATION OF THE THESIS:

- i. The submitted thesis will be sent to three external examiners as appointed by the Vice Chancellor from among the list of the names suggested by the Research Supervisor/ Guide. One of them shall be a foreign adjudicator. The majority report



- will be taken into consideration for award of LL.D. The foreign adjudicator report shall be positive to consider for awarding the LL.D.
- ii. The University will initiate evaluation process at the earliest from the date of the submission of the thesis.
 - iii. The research supervisor/ guide shall suggest names of the six external evaluators;
 - iv. The examiners/adjudicators shall submit their respective detailed adjudication report in writing to the university mentioning their valued assessment of the thesis and categorical recommendations as to the award of the Post-doctoral Degree (LL.D) to the scholar on the merits of the thesis adjudicated;
 - v. If the examiner suggests any changes/alterations in particular area or any additional work to be undertaken by the candidate, the researcher shall resubmit the thesis accordingly.
 - vi. Subsequent to receiving of the satisfactory assessment report and unanimous recommendation of all the evaluators for the award of the LL.D Degree, the open Viva voce examination will be conducted on a scheduled date.
 - vii. After successful completion of open Viva voce examination, the award of the degree may be recommended by the Board of Evaluator/ Adjudicator / Examiner (hereafter BOE) consisting of the Research Supervisor/Guide, one of the External Evaluator and a nominee of the Vice Chancellor; the Research Supervisor /Guide shall be the Chairman of BOE.
 - viii. On recommendation of the BOE for the award of the LL.D. Degree to the scholar, a notification will be released by the university specifying that the LL.D. in Law has been provisionally awarded mentioning the registration number, name of the scholar and the title of the thesis and the supervisor/guide's name.
 - ix. The award of the degree will be made at the annual convocation, on the approval of the Academic Council for such admittance.

12. FEE STRUCTURE (2021-2022)

Application Fee	Rs.2,000
Fee for Pursuing LL.D.	
Registration	Rs. 50,000
Examination	Rs. 30,000
Continuation up to maximum no. of years	Rs. 20,000
Library Facilities	Rs. 20,000
Total	Rs. 1,20,000
Re-submission	Rs.20,000
Re-Registration	Rs.30,000

*Fee Paid is not refundable.



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Notwithstanding anything contained in the above Rules and Regulations' governing the LL.D Program at DSNLU, the DRC is vested with the powers to revise them and same to be placed before the Academic Council accordingly.
