

# CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

NYAYA NAGAR, MITHAPUR, PATNA-800001

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## **Ph. D. / D.Phil. – General Regulations**

### **PROGRAMME FOR Ph.D. – DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LAW, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH LAW, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SCIENCE OR ANY OTHER ALLIED SUBJECTS WITH LAW**

(As amended and modified by Academic Council on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017)

#### **1. Eligibility :**

Candidates who passed (a) Master Degree from a recognised University in any discipline with a minimum of 55% marks or 50% marks in case of reserved candidates in the aggregate and (b) passed by securing minimum of 50% marks in the aggregate in the **Ph. D. ENTRANCE TEST** conducted by the University shall be eligible for Enrolment in the Ph.D. Programme. Mere appearance at Entrance does not guarantee admission.

Candidates qualified in UGC NET and JRF also should qualify in ENTRANCE TEST for enrolment in Ph.D. Programme.

*“Eligibility criteria will be on the basis of and in conformity with University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016 vide UGC notification No. F. 1-2/2009(EC/PS)V(I) Vol. II dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016*

#### **2. Fee for Entrance Test – Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)**

#### **3. Total Marks of Entrance Test and Interview - 150**

#### **4. Syllabus for Entrance Examination: (Research Methodology and Legal Aptitude – 50 Marks, Subject Area – 50 Marks and Interview/Research Aptitude/Skill – 50 Marks) [See Annexure-‘A’] (Please check separate instruction for detailed syllabus of Entrance Test)**

#### **5. Qualifying Marks – Candidates securing 50% marks in Entrance Test will be eligible to appear for interview/interaction.**

#### **6. Medium of Examination:- English only**

#### **A) Full/Part Time Ph.D. Programme:**

**An applicant seeking admission to full/part time Ph.D. Degree Programme shall have:**

- (i) A Master’s Degree in Law from any recognised University having scored a minimum of 55% marks in the aggregate.
- (ii) With a view to encourage interdisciplinary studies and research with strong legal component, the CNLU encourages candidates from other disciplines also to register for Ph.D. Full Time/Part Time Programme. Such candidates must have :

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- a. A Master's Degree or equivalent degree or diploma in any subject relevant to the field of research with a Bachelor's Degree in law; **or**
- b. A Master's Degree or equivalent degree or diploma in any subject relevant to the research with established research credentials by way of publications; **or**
- c. A Master's Degree or equivalent degree or diploma in any subject relevant to the research with long term in depth practical experience in the area to be researched; **or**
- d. M. Phil degree or equivalent degree or diploma in the relevant subject with excellent academic background.

### **B) D.Phil. - General Programme :**

*Candidates who have passed LL.M. or Master Degree in any subject may be admitted to D.Phil. – General Programme without Entrance Test on the basis of Interaction/ Research Aptitude in areas having interface with Law/Research Skills etc. After successfully completing the D.Phil. – General Programme they will be awarded D.Phil – General. Such of the Candidates who are awarded D.Phil – General are not eligible for any Academic position as per UGC Regulation No. 2781 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The decision of the Doctoral Research Committee (D.R.C.) with regard to the eligibility of a Candidate for Admission in to D.Phil. – General Programme shall be final and binding.*

**An applicant seeking admission to D.Phil. - General Programme shall:**

- i) Be a Judge of any State High Court in India or Supreme Court of India.

**Or**

- ii) Have minimum of 10 years active practice as an Advocate before the High Court or Supreme Court or experience as Judicial Officer or Law Officer in govt. or semi govt., undertaking or reputed Law Firm etc. for a similar period.

**Or**

- iii) Have Master's Degree in Law with 3 years' experience as a regular teacher in law in any University Department or Law College or Research Institution affiliated to a recognized University with aptitude for research evidenced by research work.

**Or**

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- iv) Have Master's Degree in Social Sciences or Science with three years' experience as regular teacher or researcher in any University Department or Research Institution or P.G. College or institution affiliated to a recognized University with aptitude for research as evidenced by research work and also by refereed research papers.

[See NOTE at page 1 regarding the award of Degrees viz. Ph.D. and D. Phil. -- General].

**Note:** *Sl. No. B Clause i), ii), iii) and iv) Category Candidates shall not be eligible for Ph.D. Programme unless they fulfill the conditions of Sl. No. A Clause (i), (ii) with Sub Clause a, b, c, and d and qualify in Entrance Test and successfully complete prescribed Course Work. However it is open for them to Enroll for D.Phil. – General Programme.*

## **2. Admission Procedure:**

Application Form can be downloaded from the website of the University ([www.cnlu.ac.in](http://www.cnlu.ac.in)) and submitted with relevant documents and Bank draft only of Rs. 5000/- (Rs. Five Thousand only) in favour of Registrar, Chanakya National Law University, Patna payable at Patna within stipulated date.

**Candidate shall submit the following along with the application:**

- a) An outline of the theme of the research work with methodology and chapter-wise break-up of the proposed work in about 2000 words; (As per draft guidelines uploaded in the website [www.cnlu.ac.in](http://www.cnlu.ac.in)) [See Annexure- 'B']
- b) A certificate from the Head of the Institution / College / Department / Bar Council concerned testifying the length of service/practice, wherever required;
- c) An attested photocopy of LL.M., M. Phil. or P.G. Degree or PG Diploma with certificate of equivalence whichever is applicable, along with the marks sheet; and
- d) One set of published papers, monographs, articles and books, if any.

## **3. Registration, Admission and Fee Structure:**

Registration to the D. Phil. Programme shall be based on the initial screening of the research proposals submitted by the candidates along with the application. Only selected candidates will be called for interview and presentation on the basis of which final selection will be made.

If the Admission Committee finds a candidate suitable for pursuing Ph.D./D.Phil. - General Programme, the candidate will be allowed to provisionally 'register' on payment of Rs.

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**15,000/-** in case of full time/Part Time **Ph. D. / D.Phil. General** student as admission fee. In addition they shall pay the following fees:

**Facilities Fee - Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) Per Annum**

**Library Fee - Rs. 7,000/- (Rupees Seven thousand only) Per Annum**

**Library Deposit - Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) Refundable**

**Retention fee for every 6 months - Rs. 8,000/- (Rupees Eight thousand only) twice in a year**

**Course Work Fee (One Time) – Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) –** Details regarding content and duration of Course Work will be decided by the Doctoral Research Committee (D.R.C.).

## **4. Duration of the Programme:**

### **Submission of Ph.D./D.Phil - General Thesis**

	<b><u>Minimum Period</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Period</u></b>
<b>Full Time /Part Time</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>6 Years</b>

(In exceptional cases relaxation may be made by the D.R.C.)

## **5. Course Work: (Credit Requirement, Number, Duration, Syllabus, Minimum Standards for completion etc.)**

- **Candidate admitted for Full Time or Part Time Ph.D. course shall attend 6 Months Course Work conducted or permitted by the University.**
  - a. The Credit assigned to the Ph.D. Course Work shall be a minimum of 08 credits and a maximum of 16 credits,
  - b. The course work shall be treated as prerequisite for Ph.D. preparation. A minimum of four credits shall be assigned to one or more course on Research Methodology which could cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and review of published research in the relevant field, training, field work etc. Other course shall be advanced level courses preparing the students for Ph.D. degree.
  - c. All course prescribed for Ph.D. course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods. They shall be duly approved by the authorized academic bodies.
  - d. The department where the scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course (s) to him/her based on recommendations of the Doctoral Research Committee, as stipulated under clause 6 below, of the research scholar.

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- e. All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programmes shall complete the course work prescribed by the University during the initial one or two semesters.
- f. All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. Programme shall complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the University.
- g. Grade in the course work, including research methodology course shall be finalized after assessment by the Doctoral Research Committee (D.R.C.) and the final grades shall be communicated.
- h. A Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the University Grant Commission 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade /CGPA in a point scale) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the Programme and submit thesis.