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### **NOTIFICATION**

- Read: 1. **Resolution No. 6 – Academic Council meeting – 02.09.2020**  
2. **Approval of the President on note-dated 05.10.2020**

Sub: **Amendment in the Academic Regulations of Under Graduate programmes in Law under Faculty of Law**

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that taking into consideration the recommendation of the Academic Council under its resolution referred at serial 1 above, the Director General with the approval of the Chairman, Board of Governors of the University and in exercise of power conferred upon him under Section 19(3) of Nirma University Act has approved the *amendment* in the Academic Regulations of **Under Graduate programmes in Law** under Faculty of Law by way of *introducing* new academic regulations in supersession of existing academic regulations, to be made effective for the students to be admitted from academic year 2020-21 onwards as per **Appendix-A** attached herewith.

  
Executive Registrar

Encl: Appendix-A [Pages 1 to 16]

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**ACADEMIC REGULATIONS FOR LAW UNDER GRADUATE FIVE YEAR  
INTEGRATED PROGRAMME UNDER FACULTY OF LAW**

**SHORT TITLE, APPLICATION AND COMMENCEMENT:**

- a) These regulations shall be called as Academic Regulations for Law Under Graduate Five Year Integrated Programme, Under The Faculty of Law
- b) They shall apply to all students admitted in five year integrated law degree programme under Nirma University.
- c) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the notification with the approval of Board of Governors, Nirma University.

**DEFINITIONS: IN THESE REGULATIONS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
REQUIRES:**

Programme	- It is a five year integrated law degree programme
Course	- A constituent subject of the programme
Semester	- Duration for studying a course/s
Term	- A portion of an academic year, normally coinciding with a semester. The word "Term", is generally used synonymously for the "Semester".
Registration	- Procedure to register the course/s in a semester for the purpose of study or appearance in examination.
Letter Grade	- A letter associated with a particular performance level of the student in a course. A qualitative meaning and a numerical figures are attached to each grade.
Credit	- A numerical figure (15 Hours=1 credit) associated with a course. On passing the course, student will earn this "credit"
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Granting a Term	- This expression is used to indicate whether the student performance of the semester is up to a minimum acceptable standard which permits the student to promote to the next Semester without having to repeat the complete study of a course.
Appeal Committee	- A Committee consisting of Director, Area Head and two senior faculty members nominated by the Director.

**SHORT FORMS**

The Institute	- Institute of Law
The Director	- The Director, Institute of Law
Faculty	- Faculty of Law
The Dean	- The Dean, Faculty of Law
CEE	- Continuous Evaluation Examination
PWE	- Practice Work Examination



SEE	- Semester End Examination
SPE	- Supplementary Examination
IR	- Initial Registration
RPR	- Repeat Registration
RS	- Repeat Registration for Studying all components of a course
RER	- Re-examination Registration
REC	- Re-examination Registration for continuous evaluation component of a course
RES	- Re-examination Registration for Semester End Examination of a course
GPAC	- Grade Point Average for a course
SGPA	- Semester Grade Point Average
PGPA	- Progressive Grade Point Average
CGPA	- Cumulative Grade Point Average
R.LAW (UG)	- Regulation of Law undergraduate five year integrated programme.

### **R.LAW (UG) 1: THE PROGRAMME**

The Integrated Degree Programme in Law leading to the Integrated Law Degree offered by the Institute of Law, Nirma University under the Faculty of Law (**Annexure-I**).

### **R.LAW (UG) 2: ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION**

The Eligibility criteria for candidates seeking admission in the First/Second Year of Five Year integrated law (Hons.) programme under the Faculty of Law, Nirma University shall be as per (**Annexure-II**).

### **R.LAW (UG) 3: CATEGORIES OF COURSES**

The following categories of courses are offered in the programme:

#### **3.1 Core Courses:**

The courses to be compulsorily studied by the student as a core requirement to complete the academic requirement of the programme as prescribed by Bar Council of India legal education rules.

#### **3.2 Elective Courses:**

Elective course is a course which can be chosen

- (a) From the pool of courses in honours area as prescribed by Bar Council of India legal education rules.

- (b) From the pool of courses supporting to the discipline of study optional courses as prescribed by Bar Council of India legal education rules.
- (c) From the pool of courses supporting to enabling exposure to some other discipline and domain offered by the different constituent Institutes of the University.
- (d) From the pool of courses nurturing student's proficiency and skills offered by the institute from time to time.

### **3.3 Clinical courses -**

The student has to Compulsory study the Clinical Courses that are notified by Bar Council of India (BCI) time to time.

### **3.4 Supplementary Courses:**

They are offered to the students to provide an additional exposure to certain skills/knowledge. This is a Non-credit course. The Dean of the Faculty of Law is empowered to decide these courses, their curriculum, teaching and examination schemes, passing standards and such other matters as may be necessary for efficient conduct of the courses.

### **3.5 Audit Courses:**

These are optional courses. Audit courses not evaluated for the purpose of assessing the performance of the students and no grade will be awarded for these courses.

### **3.6 Internship(s):**

All students shall undergo internship(s) with NGOs/Trial Court/ High Court/Supreme Court/law firms/Professional Bodies etc as prescribed by the Bar Council of India.

## **R.LAW (UG) 4: COMPONENTS OF A COURSE**

The academic schedule of the courses may consist of one or more of the following components with their respective scope as described.

### **4.1 Lecture:**

Teaching learning sessions conducted through real and virtual classrooms with various multimedia aids and other forms of students learning engagements as per requirement of the course and approved by the Dean.

### **4.2 Tutorials:**

Supplementary to classroom teaching and as per Nirma University Tutorial Policy and as amended from time to time.





### **4.3 Practical Work:**

Supplementary to classroom teaching and professional preparation as per Practical Work Policy of the Institute and as amended from time to time.

## **R.LAW (UG) 5: COURSE COORDINATOR, FACULTY CONVENER**

**COURSE COORDINATOR** (to be nominated by Dean for each course) – to coordinate all matters related to the conduct and assessment of a course.

**EXAMINATION HEAD** (to be nominated by Dean) – to look after all matters regarding Registrations and Re-registrations of courses and also to provide guidance and counselling to students regarding these issues.

**AREA HEAD** (to be appointed as per Nirma University policy) – to look after and oversee all matters pertaining to conduct of courses in different areas identified by the Institute.

## **R.LAW (UG) 6: TEACHING AND EXAMINATION SCHEME**

### **6.1 Teaching Scheme:**

The teaching scheme for the course as a whole will be referred as Teaching Scheme.

The schemes show the various courses, distribution of teaching hours, course component/s, examinations, component weightage and credits allotted to each course.

The courses offered in each programme (Semester wise) and their teaching schemes are given in the Semester Schedules approved by the Academic Council from time to time on recommendation of Faculty of Law.

### **6.2 Examination Scheme:**

For assessment of a course a student is evaluated on components as follows:

- (a) Continuous Evaluation Examination (CEE) - that includes several sub-components such as Quizzes/ Test, Assignment, comprehensive Viva, Open Book Examination and Projects (Group/ individual) etc. All exercise in CEE will be continuously assessed during the semester and given marks.
- (b) Practical Work Examination (PWE) – that includes several subcomponents as per the practical work policy of institute of Law. All assignments in practical work will be continuously/ periodically assessed (as applicable) during the semester.
- (c) Semester End Examination (SEE) which will be conducted at the end of the semester.

The detailed scheme of the CEE and PWE will be notified by the Dean of the Faculty of Law before start of the academic year and the same will be notified to the students by way of course outline of each course before the commencement of each semester. The SEE covers the entire syllabus of the course.

### **6.3 Audit of Assessment**

- i. Every Semester the question papers used in different tests/examinations shall be submitted for the purpose of audit to the Board of Studies.
- ii. Answer-Books, quiz papers, assignments, project reports, and any other assessment tools used, should be shown to the students and descriptive and detailed feedback should be given to an individual student.
- iii. The faculty shall maintain all assessed exercises and proper records of such feedback given to the students and submit to the office at the end of every Semester. The Institute shall audit them with a suitable mechanism.

### **6.4 Examiners:**

Assessments of Continuous Evaluation Examination/ Practical Work Examination/ Semester End Examination shall be carried out by the course concerned faculty and also by the external examiners wherever required.

## **R.LAW (UG) 7: REGISTRATION IN COURSES**

### **7.1 Registration:**

There are two categories of registration, Initial Registration (IR) and Repeat Registration (RPR). All categories of registration will collectively be referred to simply as Registration. Individual categories will be referred by their abbreviation. All Registration, wherever applicable, will be subject to the availability of courses. Registration will be done for each course.

### **7.2 Categories of Registration:**

- a) **Initial Registration (IR)** - In order to study a course for the first time, the student will register under the IR category. This will imply regular attendance for study of all components of that course and appearing at all examinations thereof. IR registrations for courses of a Semester are to be done for all courses of that Semester as shown in the Teaching Scheme; IR registration will not be permitted for lesser number of courses. The student who so registers (IR) for all courses of a Semester will be considered as having been registered in that Semester.



**b) Repeat Registration (RPR) for course and examination:**

**i) Repeat Registration (RS)**

The student whose Term is not granted for any registered course (R.LAW (UG)-8) will have to repeat the study of that course. He will have to seek fresh registration for this purpose. The category of such registration will be as follows:

Term not granted	<u>Category</u>	Registration	<u>Category</u>
	NT		RS

RS - This category will imply regular attendance to study all components (i.e. LECT, CE, PW as applicable) and appearing at all examinations thereof.

**ii) Repeat Registration for Examination (RER):**

This registration is necessary for appearing again in a particular examination of a course. It will not involve regular attendance for studying the course.

Repeat Registration for Examination will be in the following categories:

- (a) Repeat Registration for the Examinations of Continuous Evaluation component of a course (REC)
  - (b) Repeat Registration for the Examination of Practical Work (REP)
  - (c) Repeat Registration for Semester End Examination of a course (RES).
- c) Approval of Registration:** Every student must apply in the prescribed form for registrations, as applicable. The decision on the student's request will be based on the availability of courses and applicable Regulations. The Dean will issue appropriate orders for processing the application, including scrutiny, verification and final orders.
- d) Simultaneous Registration and Repeat Registration in Different Categories:**
- 1. Students registration in a Semester will be in chronological order.
  - 2. Student must first register for all RPR registrations, as applicable in his/her case. A student will not be permitted to register (IR) in the next higher semester if the total number of RPR as applicable in his case exceeds more than three courses or examinations.

## **R.LAW (UG) 8: GRANTING OF TERM**

The Term will be granted course-wise.

### **8.1 Attendance:**

The granting of Term for all the students (IR, RPR) will depend on the compliance of maintaining minimum 85% attendance in all components of the course (as applicable) Regular approval for remaining absent up to 15% is necessary.

### **8.2 Appeal Committee:**

The student who has been given category NT may appeal to the Appeal Committee giving full reasons for his default. The decision of the Committee in all such cases will be final.

### **8.3 Term not Granted:**

The student who is given NT category will not be permitted to appear in SEE of the concerned course. S/he will also be given grade FF in that course.

## **R.LAW (UG) 9: SCOPE OF EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT**

In order to pass a course, the students will have to pass all examinations of that course. The scope of examinations and the method of assessment are as follows:

### **9.1 Assessment:**

In all mark based assessment, the overall percentage marks, if fractional, will be rounded off to the next higher integer value.

### **9.2 Continuous Evaluation Examination – CEE (IR & RPR Registration):**

The learning of the students will be continuously assessed during the Term and given marks. Oral examination will be included in the assessment at all possible stages. The total marks of components of continuous evaluation will be aggregated based on their *inter se* weights to give the overall percentage of marks in the CE examination.

If a student fails in CEE, the student will not be permitted to appear in SEE of that course and the student will have to seek REC.

### **9.3 PW Examination: (IR and RPR)**

All assignments in Practical Work will be continuously / periodically assessed (as applicable) during a semester. Oral examination will be included in the assessment at all possible stages. Each assessment will be given marks. The total marks of all Units of PW





will be aggregated based on their *inter se* weights to give the overall percentage of marks in the PW examination. The course coordinator will notify the procedure for assessment, review, viva voce, etc. to the students in advance.

If the student fails in PW examination, the student will not be permitted to appear in SEE of that course and the student will have to seek fresh registration as REP in subsequent semester, if the student fulfils the condition of granting the term **(R-LAW (UG)-8)**

#### **9.4 Semester End Examination SEE [IR & RPR Registration]:**

The expression 'Semester End Examination' refers to the written Examination of a course taken at the end of a Semester. The SEE of a course will cover the entire syllabus of the course.

#### **9.5 Supplementary Examination (SPE)**

(RPR registration, grade IF in SEE)

The Institute may decide to hold a Supplementary Examination (SPE) after declaration of the result of SEEs conducted for IR courses at the end of each Semester for the students who have obtained grade IF (O) and/or IF(S) in a course. Such students will have to seek RPR registration to take up SPE.

The student, who could not entirely study a course during the regular semester and repeat the course like fresh students and fail in the SEE in the first attempt, may be given an opportunity to appear in the Supplementary Examination and be treated at par with students registered under IR. It means students registered under RS category also be given a chance to appear in the Supplementary Examination in addition to students under IR.

In addition, opportunity should be given to the students to appear in the Supplementary Examination who cleared all the courses and have earned the requisite number of credits but could not graduated due to failure in SEE (IR/RPR) in one course.

#### **9.6 Schedules of SEE and SPE:**

SEEs of all courses of the programme, as per the Teaching Scheme, will be held at the end of each Semester. The supplementary Examinations (SPE) will be held after the SEEs of the respective Semester as decided by the Institute.

#### **9.7 Absence in Examination**

Absence in any examination with or without Regular Approval will be treated as absent in the concerned examination and will be assigned grade as per **R.LAW (UG)-11.3**.

**9.8** Student may be allowed to take break of one academic year during the regular study of the Programme for justified reason with the prior approval of the Director General. The Director General will be sole judge to take the final decision.

**R.LAW (UG) 10: Grade and Performance Levels:**

The overall Performance level of the student in any course will be adjudged in terms of the letter grades, and grade points. Table-1 provides significance of letter grades along with its equivalent grade points.

**Table-1: Letter Grades and their significance**

<b><u>Grade</u></b> <b><u>(G)</u></b>	<b><u>Qualitative Meaning</u></b> <b><u>(GQ)</u></b>	<b><u>Equivalent Grade Point</u></b> <b><u>(g)</u></b>
A+	Excellent	10
A	Creditable	9
B+	Very Good	8
B	Good	7
C+	Satisfactory	6
C	Average	5
IF	Interim Fail	0
FF	Fail	0

**10.1 CEE, LPW and SEE:**

Grades for the CEE, PW and SEE examinations will be given on the basis of the percentage marks obtained by the student in the respective examinations. In the normal course, a student (IR, RPR) and category Term Granted (GT) will appear for SEE after his CEE and PW examination, in the same Semester.

Table-2 shall be referred for converting percentage marks into corresponding Grades (G) for CEE, PW and SEE/SPE.

<b>Table-2: Conversion of Marks to Grades</b>	
<b>% marks</b>	<b>Grade(G)</b>
90 and above	A+
80-89	A
70-79	B+

60-69	B
50-59	C+
40-49	C
Less than 40	IF

## 10.2 Course Grade:

Course grade will be given only when the student meets with the academic standards of passing of all components of a course.

Marks of SEE/ SPE, CEE and PWE (as applicable) examinations shall first be aggregated on the basis of the component / *inter se* weights given in the Teaching Scheme. After the aggregate marks of the entire group are so calculated, the performance of each student in the course as a whole will be assigned a grade based on his aggregate percentage viewed in relation to the overall performance of the group.

### 10.2.1 Relative Grading:

In giving relative grades, the number and designation of various grades (G) shall be kept the same as shown in Table 3. The cut off percentages of relative grading will be decided subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Academic Council.

The Transcript will show only the Course Grade and not the Component Grades.

### 10.2.2 Absolute Grading:

Absolute grading is followed for grading of all courses that do not have Semester End Examinations, Credit based Internships, Enrichment Courses, Field Courses and for all examinations of IR/RPR category. However, the Institute uses absolute grading system in case the grading is performed for 30 or less than 30 students. The following Table-3 provides the conversion of marks in letter grades.

<b>Table-3: Conversion of Marks into Grades in a Course</b>	
<b>% marks</b>	<b>Grade (G)</b>
90 and above	A+
80-89	A
70-79	B+
60-69	B
50-59	C+
Below 50	IF

## **R.LAW (UG) 11: INTERPRETATION OF GRADES**

### **11.1 Minimum Passing Requirement:**

Grade C+ is the minimum for overall passing a course. Grade C is the minimum for passing a component of a course.

### **11.2 Grade FF:**

If this grade is given because of NT (R.LAW (UG)-7), the student will have to seek RS registration respectively for repeat study of the course.

### **11.3 Grade IF:**

This is an interim fail grade given in CE, SEE and overall fail in a course, as under:

Performance	Grade
Fail in CEE	IF(C)
Fail in SEE	IF(S)
Fail in PW	IF (P)
Overall Fail in a course	IF(O)

The student who obtains grade IF in SPE will be allowed to appear in Three consecutively available subsequent SEE/ SPE of the concerned course. The criteria for giving grades in these three attempts will be the same as given in R.LAW (UG)-10. However, grade IF in the final attempt will be converted into grade FF.

## **R.LAW (UG) 12: PASSING STANDARDS**

### **12.1 PASSING A COMPONENT**

The standards of passing a component/ course/ programme are given below:

- COMPONENT - Min C in each component examinations i.e., CE, PW and SEE/SPE
- COURSE - Min C+ Grade
- PROGRAM -Min C+ Grade in each credit course with prescribed credits of the program and Min CGPA 6.0
- The student who has once passed a course will not be allowed permitted to reappear in any examination of that course.

Notwithstanding anything contained above, so far as the University Elective courses are concerned the minimum course grade for passing will be "C" instead of "C+" and here the grade "C" stands for "Average".





## **12.2 FAILURE**

Student not satisfying the criteria of Passing will be considered as having failed in the examination/ component/ course/ programme.

Notwithstanding anything contained above, the students who has got "C" in Continuous Evaluation (CE), will be allowed to reappear in CE (at his/her option) if he/she fails in a course. In case, if the students opts for reappearing in CE, then he/she will also have to reappear in SEE.

## **R.LAW (UG) 13: PERFORMANCE LEVELS**

The performance level of the student in credit courses at different stages of his study is measured by the following performance levels. All performance level values will be rounded off to the second place of decimal.

### **13.1 GPAC - Grade Point Average for a Course:**

Equivalent Grade Point Average (g) corresponding to the course grade **R.LAW (UG)-10**.

### **13.2 SGPA - Semester Grade Point Average:**

The SGPA shall be computed by multiplying the earned course grade points by the corresponding course credit and the resultant value shall be divided by the total credit of the Semester.

### **13.3 PGPA - Progressive Grade Point Average:**

Similarly, PGPA of a semesters at any stage of study shall be computed by multiplying the grade points of the earned courses till that point of time by the corresponding course credits and the resultant value shall be divided by the total credits of the earned courses.

### **13.4 CGPA - Cumulative Grade Point Average:**

CGPA refers to the entire programme. It is calculated when the student passes all the credit courses of the programme.

The method of calculation is the same as for PGPA.

### 13.5 Class and Percentage (%) Marks:

In case, there is equivalence between CGPA values and Class / % marks is desired, the same can be obtained as given below: % marks = (CGPA – 0.50)\* 10

CGPA Value	Percentage	Equivalent Class
6.00 to 6.49	55% to 59%	Second
6.50 to 7.49	60% to 69%	First
7.50 and above	70% and above	First with Distinction

### RLAW (UG) 14: TRANSFER OF CREDITS

The student may complete the course from other institutions imparting legal education and earn credits, which will be transferred through an evaluation process subject to following conditions:

- 14.1 Transfer of credits shall be permitted for one semester up to 24 credits only.
- 14.2 Transfer of credits shall be permitted for Face to Face learning only.
- 14.3 Prior approval of the Dean will have to be taken for study the courses out the Institute of Law, Nirma University,
- 14.4 The course shall be completed only in the institutions having memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Law, Nirma University and the student shall have to submit the course completion certificate issued by the competent authority of the concerned institute along with grade card,
- 14.5 The transfer of credit will be done on the recommendation of the equivalence committee constituted by the Dean from time to time,
- 14.6 The University may frame the guidelines for transfer of credits which will be applicable in addition to above provisions.

### RLAW (UG) 15: AWARD OF DEGREE

To qualify for the award of Five year Integrated law degree programme a student requires:

- i. CGPA 6.0
- ii. to successfully complete the prescribed credits of the programme as specified in the Teaching and Examination Scheme
- iii. to successfully complete Supplementary Course(s) as notified by the Dean in the Teaching and Examination Scheme with a minimum grade 'satisfactory, failing to which, s/he is required to improve the Supplementary Course(s) grade in the scheme as prescribed by the Dean, Faculty of Law

## **R.LAW (UG) 16: CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION**

The admission of following categories of students is liable to be cancelled:

- a) Failure to meet the academic requirements for the award of under graduate degree within six years from the date of admission to the programme.
- b) The student, whose admission is so cancelled, can appeal to the Appeal Committee. The Committee may grant an extension up to the TWO additional Semester/s for the deserving cases, provided the student gives a viable assurance to make up the shortfall within that period.

**Note:** Notwithstanding anything contained above, if a student has cleared all the courses and have earned the requisite number of credits except one course, may appeal to the President. The President may consider such appeal on the recommendation of the appeal committee prescribed under the regulations for the purpose and after considering the genuineness of the case may give ONE more additional attempt to the student concerned to clear the remaining course.

**Nirma University**  
Institute of Law

**Annexure-I**  
**[R.LAW (UG).1]**

List of five year integrated law (Hons.) Programmes offered by the Institute of Law:

1. B.A., LL. B. (Hons.)
2. B.Com., LL. B. (Hons.)



**Nirma University**  
Institute of Law

**Annexure-II**  
**[R.LAW (UG).2]**

- A. Eligibility Criteria for candidates seeking admission in the First Year of five year integrated law (Hons.) programmes under the Faculty of Law, Nirma University
- HSC Examination/Intermediate Exam (10+2) or its equivalent with minimum percentage of marks as prescribed by Bar Council of India (BCI) from time to time.
- B. Determination of merit:
- The admission to the above category shall be given purely on merit by adopting one of the following methods as decided by the Director General:
- a) Marks obtained in qualifying examination, OR
  - b) Entrance Test conducted by the Nirma University, OR
  - c) Marks obtained in Entrance Test + Qualifying Examination weightage of which shall be decided by the Director General, OR
  - d) Any other method to be decided by the Director General.
- C. Method of determination of merit to be decided by the Director General from time to time.

