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Joint Masters/ LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law and Management

Jointly offered by:

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About the Programme

The Master of Law (LL.M. Degree) in Intellectual Property Law and Management and Masters in Intellectual Property Law and Management (Masters of Arts-M.A. Degree) Programme, seamlessly blends intellectual property law expertise with cutting-edge management principles.

The programme will enable a transformative academic journey curated to empower students, early career professionals, entrepreneurs and Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in navigating the intricate realms of intellectual property (IP) law and management. The course aims to introduce innovative practices tailored to shape the future leaders in transforming intangible assets into tangible one's for the benefit of society.

The Programme transcends the boundaries of traditional education by offering a dual track mode that can cater to legal as well as non-legal backgrounds, thereby, removing barriers to access Intellectual Property education. Innovative pedagogy and interdisciplinary coursework forms the cornerstone of this Programme. Whether you come from the legal field seeking an LL.M. Degree or from diverse fields of non-legal backgrounds seeking a Master's Degree, the Programme is structured in a way that it provides a comprehensive pathway to expertise in the dynamic realm of IP law and management. Particularly, the involvement of world-class faculty drawn from different parts of the world and its skill-based courses (SBCs) delivered by professionals and practitioners are key highlights of the programme.

NLUD, WIPO, and the Office of CGPDTM, Government of India, have collaborated to deliver the programme through a tripartite letter of intent. The Programme heralds a new era of education, emphasizing holistic development, a multidisciplinary approach and embracing internationalisation. Further, recognizing the evolving landscape where IP intersects with law, science, technology, business and management, the programme has been crafted with a unique curriculum guided by distinguished experts from around the globe. It is tailored to meet the diverse needs of the professionals encompassing different domains.

About the Partners

National Law University Delhi (NLUD)

National Law University Delhi (NLUD) was instituted by Act 1 of 2008 of the National Capital Territory, Delhi. The primary objective of the University is to evolve and impart comprehensive and interdisciplinary legal education that is socially relevant. The vision of the University is to create a global educational institution that strives to be the best, both within and outside India, and to present individuals with a wide range of opportunities to contribute to the legal profession and beyond.

The curriculum and pedagogy at NLUD are designed to bridge the gap between theoretical concepts and their practical applications. The University aims to encourage novelty and scientific temper amongst its students, enabling them to become pioneers of change for future generations. The commendable achievements of the students and faculty of NLUD within a short span of time stand testimony to the pool of skill and talent that this University has nurtured. The University has been consistently ranked 2nd in the 'law category' of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India. Read more about NLU Delhi: nludelhi.ac.in/home.aspx

Notably, the Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition (CIIPC), NLUD was established with the aim of supporting academic and policy-oriented dialogues in the areas of innovation, IP and competition in the year 2015. Recognizing the contributions and academic potential, the Chair on IPR was instituted by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in the year 2018 under the Scheme for Pedagogy and Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA). Read more about the activities of CIIPC-IPR Chair: ciipc.org

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is the global forum for intellectual property (IP) services, policy, information and cooperation. It is a self-funded agency of the United Nations, with 193 member states. It helps governments, businesses and society realize the benefits of IP; provides global services to protect IP across borders, and resolves IP-related disputes. It delivers capacity-building programs to enable all countries to use IP for economic, social and cultural development.

The WIPO Academy is the centre of excellence of IP education, training and skills-building for WIPO member states, in particular developing countries, least-developed countries (LDCs) and countries in transition. The Academy works to help build human capacity in IP, which is essential to innovation. The aim of the University Partnerships program is to support access to IP higher education, especially to participants from developing countries, LDCs and countries in transition. One of the main means of achieving this aim is through the Joint Masters/ LL.M. Programs on IP, offered in cooperation with selected academic institutions. Read more about the WIPO Academy at www.wipo.int/academy/en

Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM)

Office of the Controller General of Patents, Design and Trade Mark (CGPDTM), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (DPIIT), Government of India (GoI) is the government agency responsible for the administration of Indian intellectual property laws with regard to Patents, Designs, Trademarks, Copyrights, Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout-Design Registry and even Geographical Indications.

The Office of the CGPDTM plays a vital role in promoting innovation and protecting Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in India. It administers the IP laws in the following different IP domains and has an IP training institute:

(i) Patent Office; (ii) Designs Registry; (iii) Trademark Registry; (iv) Copyright Registry; (v) Geographical Indications Registry; (vi) Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout-Design Registry (SICLDR); and (vii) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIIPM) as Training Institute.

Read more about the Office of CGPDTM at the official website of Intellectual Property India ipindia.gov.in

Academic Faculty

The National Law University Delhi Professors, as well as visiting faculty, WIPO experts, Officials from the office of the CGPDTM and other IP professionals from India and abroad will offer courses as well as special guest lectures.

CORE INTERNAL FACULTY, NLU

Prof. (Dr) G. S. Bajpai

Vice-Chancellor & Senior Professor, National Law University Delhi

Dr. Yogesh Pai, Associate Professor (Law)

Co-Director, CIIPC & In-charge: SPRIHA-DPIIT IPR Chair National Law University Delhi

Dr. Neethu Rajam

Associate Professor (Law), National Law University Delhi

Prof. Anup Surendranath

Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi

CORE VISITING FACULTY

Prof. Jacques de Werra

Professor of Contract Law and Intellectual Property (IP) Law, Director of the Digital Law Centre, Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva.

Prof. Eric Gan Kok Wah

Associate Professor, Intellectual Property & Innovation Management, Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore

Ms. Jayashree Watal

Visiting Professor, NLU and Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown Law

Prof. (Dr.) N S Gopalakrishnan

Honorary Professor, Inter-University Centre for IPR Studies (IUCIPRS), Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kochi

Prof. (Dr.) V K Unni

Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta

Prof. Bryan Mercurio

Simon F.S. Li, Professor of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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Former Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru, Visiting Professor, Ahmedabad University, Distinguished Professor, ICRIER

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CEO, BITS BioCyTiH Foundation

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Prof. Suma Athreye

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Mr. Aditya Gupta

Partner, Ira Law

Ms. Abhilasha Nautiyal

Partner, Ira Law

Ms. Anupriya Dhonchak

Rhodes Scholar, M.Phil in Law, Oxford University

GUEST FACULTY

The programme promises a stellar panel of guest faculty with experts from academia, judiciary, industry, law firms, independent counsels, law chambers, tech-transfer offices, in-house R&D leads, government officials and officials from diplomatic missions. Senior representatives from all walks of the IP ecosystem in India will offer their expertise and insights on various aspects of Intellectual Property, including protection, management, commercialisation, litigation, enforcement and policy.

Curriculum

The One-year Joint Masters/LL.M. Programme will have a dual track and the components are mentioned herein below:

A) Credits: LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law and Management has been allocated 24 credits while M.A. in Intellectual Property Law and Management has been allocated 40 Credits.

B) Compulsory Papers/ Core Specialization Papers:

Track I	Credits	Track II
COMPULSORY PAPER		
Legal Research Methodology	3 Credits	Research Methods and IP Research
Comparative Public Law/Systems of Governance	3 Credits	Introduction to Law and Legal Systems
Law and Justice in a Globalizing World	3 Credits	International IP and Public Policy
CORE SPECIALIZATION PAPER		
General Principles of Intellectual Property Law	2 Credits	General Principles of Intellectual Property Law
General Principles of Strategy and Management of IP	2 Credits	General Principles of Strategy and Management of IP

C) Optional Papers :

Track I	Credits	Track II
OPTIONAL PAPER		
IP and Innovation (Advanced Focus on Patents, Plant Variety Protection and Industrial Designs)	2 Credits	IP and Innovation
IP and Creative Economy (Advanced Focus on Copyright and Related Rights)	2 Credits	IP and Creative Economy
IP and Brand Protection (Advanced Focus on Trademarks and Geographical Indications)	2 Credits	IP and Brand Protection

Track I	Credits	Track II
OPTIONAL PAPER		
IP Variants (Focus on Trade Secrets, Data Protection, Unfair Competition etc.)	2 Credits	IP Variant
IP Licensing and Contract Management	2 Credits	IP Licensing and Contract Management
IP Monetisation and Valuation	2 Credits	IP Monetisation and Valuation
IP and Frontier Technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Metaverse and Critical/Emerging Technologies	2 Credits	IP and Frontier Technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Metaverse and Critical/Emerging Technologies
IP Economics and Innovation and New Business Models	2 Credits	IP Economics and Innovation and New Business Models
Advanced IP Acquisition (Search, Patent Drafting, Filing and Prosecution)	2 Credits	Advanced IP Acquisition (Search, Patent Drafting, Filing and Prosecution)
IP Commercialisation and Technology Transfer for TTOs	2 Credits	IP Commercialisation and Technology Transfer for TTOs
IP Examination, IP Office Administration and Management	2 Credits	IP Examination, IP Office Administration and Management
IP and Competition Law/Policy	2 Credits	IP and Competition Law/Policy
IP and Regulation	2 Credits	IP and Regulation
IP Remedies/Enforcement and Dispute Resolution Management	2 Credits	IP Remedies/ Enforcement and Dispute Resolution Management
IP Intelligence and Analytics	2 Credits	IP Intelligence and Analytics

Note:

- Foundation/Compulsory Papers (3 credits) will be equivalent to Forty-Eight teaching hours and Optional/Core Specialization courses will be equivalent to Thirty-Six teaching hours.
- Optional/Core Courses will be offered only based on the availability of the faculty and minimum student subscription determined by the Steering Committee.
- All Courses shall be offered by using the block teaching method.
- Dissertation/ Applied Research Project Report: The Dissertation/ Applied Research Project shall be for 3 or 5 credits at the option of the student and on the recommendation of the supervisor to the steering committee for the award of M.A. Degree/ LL.M. Degree. It is a compulsory requirement for a student to become eligible for the grant of a degree.
- Skill-Based Courses: The LL.M. Candidates may take extra-credit skill-based courses at their option for which separate certificates/transcripts shall be provided. However, these extra credits shall not be accounted for in the award of LL.M. Degree. The M.A. Candidates are required to undertake the mandatory skill-based courses which shall be accounted for the award of M.A. Degree.

Application for Admission

The application period is from **1st August, 2024 till 18th November, 2024**.

All the applications will be processed online through the website: nationallawuniversitydelhi.in

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (Indian National and Officials of CGPDTM)

Master of Law (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property Law and Management

Candidate should have completed LL.B. or an equivalent degree from a recognized University.

Masters of Arts (M.A.) in Intellectual Property Law and Management

- (i) Candidates must have completed two bachelor's degrees in succession, including one in the relevant discipline; or
- (ii) An integrated degree programme of five years in the relevant discipline after completing plus two; or
- (iii) An equivalent post-graduate degree in any discipline from a recognized university

The candidate must have secured a minimum of 50% marks in aggregate (45% for reserved categories such as SC/ST/Persons with Disability).

In all the above mentioned cases, the candidate must have secured a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate (50% for reserved categories such as SC/ST/Persons with Disability).

As per the admission process 70% Weightage will be given to AILET/AIET Merit*. The remaining 30% weightage will be allocated with distribution of 15% each between the interview and group discussion.

**The Indian Nationals and the Officials of CGPDTM are required to mandatorily take the entrance test.*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (FOREIGN NATIONALS)

Foreign Nationals and OCI/PIO are exempted from taking the entrance test.

Their admission shall be based on:

(i) Academic record of the qualifying examination (70% Weightage):

Academic record of Bachelor's Degree (For M.A. Programme) or LL.B. or equivalent Degree (For LL.M. Programme) recognized by UGC/ Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with not less than 55% marks or equivalent grade.

(ii) Group Discussion (15% Weightage)

(iii) Interview (15% Weightage)

Application Fee

Indian Nationals

General/OBC/EWS	INR 3,500/-
SC/ST and Persons with Disability (PWD)	INR 1,500/-
Officials of the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademark (CGPDTM- Indian IPO)	INR 3,500/-
Below Poverty Line (BPL) candidates of SC/ST Category only.	Fee exempted

Foreign Nationals

Foreign Nationals	INR 3,500/-
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Application fee is non-refundable.

Important Dates

Application Start Date:

01 Aug 2024

Application Closes:

18 Nov 2024*

Date of All India Entrance Test:

08 Dec 2024

For detailed information about the Admission process and the Entrance Test, the candidates should visit the official website: nationallawuniversitydelhi.in

***Last date for submission of online application form is April 30, 2025, for undergraduate and post graduate programme for applications under Foreign Nationals and OCI/PIO Category.**

Duration, Language, Venue & Degree

DURATION: The programme shall be of one-year duration (1st August, 2025 to 30th July, 2026).

LANGUAGE: English

VENUE: The programme will be held physically on campus of the National Law University Delhi and Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM-Indian IP Office), Dwarka Delhi in full time mode.

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION: It may be noted that due to the paucity of rooms in the hostel, the National Law University Delhi shall not be able to provide hostel accommodation to any student admitted in the Joint Masters/LL.M. programme.

DEGREE: The Degree granting authority for this programme is National Law University Delhi. However, the transcript/degree certificate shall bear the logos of all the partnering institutions.

TUITION FEE

Category	Fees in INR	Fees in USD
Indians	INR 4,15,595/-	USD 5,000/-
Officials of CGPDTM	INR 2,07,748/-	USD 2,500/-
SAARC	INR 6,23,392/-	USD 7,500/-
International Students	INR 8,31,190/-	USD 10,000/-

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

A limited number of scholarships are available from WIPO supported by the Government of Japan for international students from developing and least developed countries. Kindly visit WIPO Academy website for more information: welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=aipCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=MIP_LLM_NLUD#plus_MIP_LLM_NLUD

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Placement opportunities for the Joint Masters/LL.M. in IP Law and Management are managed by the Recruitment Coordination Committee (RCC), a student-driven body formed by every batch. The University does not directly participate in the placement process. The RCC coordinates placement efforts and works to connect students with potential employers.

Programme Coordinators

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Official Website of WIPO Academy: www.wipo.int/academy/en

CGPDTM COORDINATOR

Dr. Amarendra Samal

Joint Controller of Patents & Designs Office of the Controller
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For further information about the Joint Masters/LL.M. Programme and all other communications, please contact us via E-mail:

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Disclaimer: All candidates are requested to visit the official website for detailed information: nationallawuniversitydelhi.in
In case of any inconsistency in the brochure, the information on the website will be considered final.

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