



Dharmashastra

National Law University, Jabalpur

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ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.) 2023

The Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur is established by Madhya Pradesh Dharmashastra National Law University Act No. 24 of 2018. The University invites applications for admission to Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) for the Academic Year 2023 in the subjects of Law, Political Science, Economics and English. In Political Science, Economics and English, the topic of Ph.D. research must have a compulsory interface with Law.

Eligibility Criteria for admission to Ph.D. programme in Law:

Persons seeking admission for the Ph.D. programme in Law must possess the following eligibility -

- Master's Degree in Law with at least 55% aggregate; or an equivalent grade point from an Indian University recognised by UGC; or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Or

- Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme in Law with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or 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 educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Eligibility Criteria for admission to Ph.D. programme in Political Science, Economics and English:

- 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 in the relevant subject.

or equivalent qualification in the relevant subject 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.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

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)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

- Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or 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 educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

- The University shall conduct a 'DNLU National Level Entrance Test – DNLET' for enrolment of candidates to the Ph.D. programme. However, Junior Research Fellow (JRF) awardee of the University Grants Commission (UGC) in the relevant subject shall be exempted from the DNLET. A candidate who is only a UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) qualified in the relevant subject shall not be exempted from the DNLET.

A UGC-JRF candidate shall directly appear for the interview.

- The candidates writing the National Level Entrance Test will be tested for Subject Knowledge and Research Methodology with equal weightage given to both sections. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall comprise of:
 - (a) 50% in Research Methodology. A total of 35 multiple choice questions will be asked. One question will carry one mark.
 - (b) 50% shall be subject specific. The syllabus of the DNLET will be the syllabus of the UGC NET Syllabus of the relevant subject. A total of 35 multiple choice questions will be asked. One question will carry one mark.
- The candidates securing 50% or more than 50% marks in the National Level Entrance Test shall be short-listed and called for an interview. A relaxation of 5% will be granted in cut off marks for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer)/SAP Categories.
- An interview shall be conducted of the shortlisted candidates wherein the candidate's research interest/area will be deliberated upon after a presentation made by the candidate on his/her research proposal dwelling on his/her research interest. The interview shall carry a total of 30 marks. A UGC JRF candidate who is directly eligible for the interview will be evaluated to determine his/her suitability for admission to the Ph.D. course.
- Through the interview and on the basis of the presentation made by the candidate, following aspects shall be considered:
 - (a) Quality of the research proposal;
 - (b) whether the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
 - (c) whether the research work can be suitably undertaken at the University;
 - (d) whether the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

- On completion of the process of interview, based on the report submitted by the interview panel, the University will declare the list of successful candidates. The selected candidates shall thereafter complete the admission formalities.

AVAILABLE Ph.D. SEATS:

- Seats are available for Ph.D. full time/part time in the areas of Law, English, Political Science and Economics. The number of seats for admission will be decided based on the suitability of the candidates and the total number of available seats in the University based on the vacancies with the eligible faculty supervisors.

FEE STRUCTURE:

4.1. The fee structure for the PhD programme will be as follows:

(a) Admission fee	Rs.10000/-
(b) Annual Fee	Rs.50000/-
(c) Thesis Submission Fee	Rs.10000/-
(d) **Conversion from full time to part time	Rs.5000/-
(e) **Change of research topic	Rs.5000/-
(f) Library and IT Fees	Rs.12100/- (yearly)
(g) Hostel Charges	As per University rules
(h) Mess Charges	As per actuals
Refundable Charges	
(i) Caution Fee	Rs.15,000/-
(j) Library Deposit	Rs.10,000/-

Note: * The Annual Fee and Library and IT Fees will be charged annually for the entire period of enrolment of the research scholar i.e. up to the date of submission of thesis.

* **Total fees to be paid at the time of admission = Rs.97100/- (including refundable deposit)**

* For hostel residents, the hostel charges and mess charges are to be paid separately. Hostel charges are to be paid at the time of admission. Mess charges are to be paid directly to the service provider.

** These charges will be applicable only if the candidates opt for change/conversion.

*** Actual evaluation fees of thesis will be fix at the time of submission of final thesis.

Note: - As per DNLU Draft Ordinance (Ordinance-I) 11(d), there shall be an annual increase of 10% in the fees and charges every year, other than the Tuition fee (Annual fee).

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME PH.D.

Full-time Ph.D. Programme

- The selected candidates may opt for either full-time or part-time Ph.D. programme. However, there is no difference in terms of the time required for the submission of the final Ph.D. Thesis between a full-time and a part-time Ph.D. programme.
- A full-time Ph.D. Scholar cannot be in employment (regular or contractual) anywhere. Such Ph.D. Scholars will have to complete a minimum two years of residential requirement during which they will have to be present in the University on all working days during the office hours. A full-time Ph.D. Scholar will be eligible for the grant of 15 days casual leave in an academic year.

- A full-time Ph.D. Scholar shall be allocated 4 to 6 hours of teaching per week in the subjects preferably of their choice. The University may give some honorarium to such Ph.D. Scholars as per the discretion of the Vice Chancellor.

Part-time Ph.D. Programme

- The Part-time Ph.D. Scholar shall give an undertaking that he or she shall report in person to the guides at least once in every two months and discuss the progress made by them in Ph.D. research and the future course of action.
- A Part-time Ph.D. Scholar, if in employment (regular or contractual) anywhere, will have to give a “No Objection Certificate” from his or her employer. The No Objection Certificate must clearly state that:
 - i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
 - ii. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
 - iii. When required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

CONVERSION OF PH.D. REGISTRATION TO PART TIME -

- A candidate, registered for the Ph.D. programme can apply for conversion of his/her Ph.D. programme into part time Ph.D. programme if he/she has taken up employment (regular or contractual) with any Institution/Organization.
- The permission to convert the Ph.D. programme into a part time Ph.D. programme shall be allowed by the Vice Chancellor subject to the fulfillment of conditions mentioned above.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date of Notification	4 th March 2023
Last date for submission of online application	6 th April 2023
Date of Entrance Exam	To be notified on the website
Date of Interview	To be notified on the website
Declaration of Select List for interview and date of interview	To be notified on the website

APPLICATION PROCESS:-

The Application Form can either be filled in soft copy form by filling this [Google Form](#)

OR

It can be filled in hardcopy form by downloading the application form from the following link of the University website www.mpdnlu.ac.in.

Application Fee -An amount of Rs.3,000/- shall be charged as application fees from the candidates applying for admission (Rs.1500/- in case of SC/ST). The application fee must be [paid online](#) to the account of the University.

The application form of the applicant must contain the following:

- i. Proof of online payment of Application fees.
 - ii. One set of copies of the below listed documents/soft copy attached in case of Google Form.
- Copy of Certificate and Mark Sheet of 10th Examination.
 - Copy of Certificate and Mark Sheet of 12th Examination or its equivalent.
 - Copy of the Under Graduate Degree Certificate and Marksheet.
 - Copy of Certificate & Marksheet of Master's Degree.
 - Proof of CGPA to Percentage conversion (Master's Marksheet) if applicable
 - Copy of Certificate & Marksheet of M. Phil. Degree (if applicable)
 - Copy of Caste Certificate, issued by competent authority, if applicable.
 - Copy of Domicile Certificate, issued by competent authority, in case of M.P. State, if applicable.
 - Copy of Certificate for Person with Disability, satisfying the norms of reservation in this category, in the prescribed format only, issued by competent authority.
 - Copy of UGC JRF Certificate (if applicable).
 - A 1500-2000 words write up on the area of research the candidate wishes to undertake.
 - No Objection Certificate from the employer in case of the application for part-time Ph.D. as mentioned in the Ph.D. admission notification.

Note: On the cover of application kindly write "Application for Admission to Ph.D. Degree 2023."


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