# SEMESTER SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS OF B.A., LL.B. FIVE-YEAR DEGREE COURSE

# SCHEME OF B.A., LL.B. FIVE-YEAR INTEGRATED DEGREE COURSE WITH EFFECT FROM 2009-2010

Applicable to the students admitted from the academic year 2009-2010 onwards for B.A., LL.B. 5 Year Integrated Dual Degree Course in the faculty of law. All the rules and regulations, hereinafter, specified shall be read as a whole for the purpose of interpretation.

Intake: The total intake of the course will be 60

## I. ADMISSION

- 1. A candidate for admission to B.A., LL.B. 5 Year Integrated Dual Degree Course has to qualify 10+2/ Intermediate or equivalent thereto, and the Law Common Entrance Examination (LAWCET) for that academic year. The candidates will be admitted strictly in accordance with the merit secured at the entrance examination, keeping in view the Rules in force in respect of the statutory reservation of seats under various categories of candidates.
- 2. Eligibility for admission: An applicant who has successfully completed 10+2 or Intermediate or equivalent from a recognized University of India or outside or from a Senior Secondary Board or equivalent, constituted or recognized by the Union or by a State Government or from any equivalent institution from a foreign country recognized by the government of that country for the purpose of issue of qualifying certificate on successful completion of the course, may apply for and be admitted into the B.A., LL.B. 5 Year Degree Course.

Provided that applicants who have obtained + 2 Higher Secondary Pass Certificate after prosecuting studies in distance or correspondence method shall also be considered as eligible for admission in the Integrated Five Years B.A., LL.B.Course.

Explanation: The applicants who have obtained 10+2 through Open University system directly without having any basic qualification for prosecuting such studies are not eligible for admission in the law courses.

3. Minimum marks in qualifying examination for admission: As prescribed by the Bar Council of India the minimum percentage of marks, not below 45% of the total marks in case of general category applicants and 40% of the total marks in case of SC and ST applicants, has to be obtained in the qualifying examination, such as +2 or Intermediate Examination, for the purpose of applying for and getting admitted into Integrated Five Years B.A., LL.B. Course.

Provided that such a minimum qualifying marks shall not automatically entitle a person to get admission into an institution but only shall entitle the person concerned to fulfill other institutional criteria notified by the institution concerned or by the government concerned from time to time to apply for admission.

4. Age on admission: The maximum age limit for admission into first year B.A., LL.B. Five Year Degree Course in the University College of Law and Post Graduate College of Law, Osmania University, shall be twenty years (twenty two years in case of candidates belonging to SC and ST categories) as on 1st July of the year of admission. For admission

into the same course in other colleges affiliated to Osmania University the age limit shall be as prescribed by the Bar Council of India or any other competent authority.

- 5. No admissions/readmissions/promotions into any semester are to be made after the expiry of four weeks from the date of commencement of instruction for that particular semester of the Course.
- 6. A candidate admitted to the B.A., LL.B. 5 Year Degree Course will forfeit his seat and his admission stands cancelled and he shall not be eligible for readmission if :

He/She does not put in at least 40% of attendance in I Semester

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He /She does not secure promotion to IX Semester of 5th year within a maximum period of nine years starting from the year of admission to Semester I.

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He /She fails to fulfill all the requirements and pass all the examinations for the award of the degree as specified, within ten academic years from the time when he was first admitted to the B.A., LL.B. Five Year Course.

#### II. DURATION OF THE COURSE

- 1. The B.A., LL.B. 5 Years Integrated Degree Course shall consist of 10 Semesters including law and allied subjects from social science and humanities. Each academic year is divided into two semesters. Each semester shall comprise of 16 weeks of instruction.
- 2. The almanac preferably is as given below:

Semester I, III, V, VII, and IX

Duration of instruction16 weeksPreparation holidays2 weeksDuration of Examinations2 weeks

Semester II, IV, VI, VIII and X

Duration of instruction16 weeksPreparation holidays2 weeksDuration of Examinations4 weeks

## III. AWARD OF DEGREE

- 1. On successful completion of the Five Years Degree Course in the Faculty of Law the candidate shall be conferred with the degree B.A., LL.B.
- 2.(i) The B.A., LL.B. Degree in the Faculty of Law will be conferred on a candidate who has pursued a regular course of study for five academic years as prescribed in the scheme of instruction and has passed all the examinations as prescribed in the scheme of examinations.
- (ii) A regular course of study for eligibility to appear at the B.A., LL.B. examination shall mean that the candidate should put in attendance of not less than 75% aggregate in lectures in subject listed in the scheme of instruction. Provided that, in special cases, and for sufficient cause shown the Vice- Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Principal,

may condone the deficiency not exceeding 10% of attendance in aggregate on medical grounds when the application submitted at the time of actual illness is supported by a certificate from an authorized Medical Officer, and approved by the Principal. In case, condonation in attendance on medical grounds is sought the applicant shall pay the prescribed fee.

- (iii) Attendance at NCC/NSS Camps or Inter-Collegiate or Inter-University or Inter-State or National or International Matches or Debates, Moot Courts, Youth Festivals or Educational Excursions if they form the part of the curriculum or such other Inter-University, Inter-College activities, as approved by the University will not be counted as absence. However, the aggregate of such absence should not exceed four weeks in a semester.
- (iv) In any semester of the course, if a candidate fails to secure the minimum required percentage of attendance under the rules, he/she shall not be eligible to appear in the examination of that semester and he/she shall have to seek re-admission to undergo afresh a Regular Course of study of the corresponding semester in a subsequent academic year, in order to become eligible to appear in the examinations.
- (v)Attendance shall be reckoned from the date of commencement of instruction as per the almanac communicated by the College/University.
- (vi)The candidates who are eligible for promotion from one academic year to next academic year shall renew their admission by submitting LL.B. Renewal Application form along with the prescribed fee within be prescribed time.

### IV. SCHEME OF INSTRUCTION AND EXAMINATION

Instruction in various subjects shall be provided by the college as per the scheme of instruction and syllabi prescribed.

The programme of instruction, examinations and vacations shall be notified by the Principal of the College/University.

The medium of instruction and examination shall be English.

The allocation of marks in each subject shall be 80% for University Examination and 20% for Internal Assessment.

The minimum pass marks shall be 40% of the maximum marks of the University Examination and overall 40% of the total (University Examination and Internal Assessment put together) marks in each subject.

The candidates have to attend the internal assessment tests to be conducted during the 9th and 14th week of instruction of each semester.

At the end of each semester, University Examinations shall be held as prescribed in the scheme of examination.

Backlog examinations shall be conducted only at the end of II, IV, VI, VIII and X Semesters.

### V. RULES OF PROMOTION

Rules of Promotion are as under:

#### S.No. Semester

## Condition to be fulfilled for promotion

- 1. From I to II Should have undergone a regular course of study of Semester-I and registered\* for the Semester -I examinations.
- 2. From II to III a) Should have undergone a regular course of study in each of Semester-I and Semester-II and registered\* for II Semester examinations; and
  - b) The number of backlogs, if any, of Semester I and II taken together shall not exceed 5(five) papers/subjects prescribed for Semester I and II.
- 3. From III to IV-Should have undergone a regular course of study in each of Semester I, II, and III and registered\* for Semester III examinations.
- 4. From IV to V -a)Should have undergone a regular course of study in each of Semester I, II, III and IV and registered\* for Semester –IV examinations; and b) The number of backlogs, if any, of Semester I, II, III and IV taken together shall not exceed 5 (five) papers/ subjects.
- 5. From V to VI -Should have undergone a regular course of study of Semester-I, II, III, IV and V and registered\* for Semester V examinations.
- 6. From VI to VII a) Should have undergone a regular course of study of Semester I,II, III, IV, V and VI and registered\* for VI Semester examination; and b) The number of backlogs if any, of Semester I, II, III, IV, V and VI taken together shall not exceed 5(five) Papers/Subjects.
- 7. From VII to VIII Should have undergone a regular course of study of Semester I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII and Registered\* for Semester VII examination.
- 8. From VIII to IX a) Should have undergone a regular course of study of Semester I, II,III, IV,V,VI VII & VIII and registered\* for VIII Semester examination; and
  - b) The number of backlogs if any, of Semester I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII taken together shall not exceed 5(five) Papers/Subjects.
- 9. From IX to X Should have undergone a regular course of study of Semester I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX and Registered\* for Semester IX examination.
  - \* Registered means Obtaining hall tickets for the said examination

#### VI. AWARD OF DIVISION

Candidates who have passed all the examinations of the B.A., LL.B. Degree Course shall be awarded Divisions in accordance with the total aggregate marks secured by them in all the Semester Examinations taken together.

1. First Division with Distinction : 70% and above.

2. First Division : 60% and above but less than 70% 3. Second Division : 50% and above but less than 60% 4. Pass Division : 40% and above but less than 50%

The minimum pass marks in each paper shall be 40%.

Candidates who have not passed the examination in the first attempt along with the batch in which they were admitted are not eligible for getting Rank Certificates/Gold Medals/Prizes.

### VII. IMPROVEMENT OF DIVISION

## 1. Paper-wise Improvement

When a candidate has passed in one or more papers/subjects in the first attempt in the regular\* examination(s) conducted by the University for his/her batch, paper-wise improvement is permissible only in those papers.

A candidate is permitted to appear for paper-wise improvement only once for a semester examination.

A candidate who wishes to improve his/her performance may be permitted to do so if he/she appears in the immediate next examination conducted by the University. Paper-wise improvement is not permissible for any backlog\*\* completed paper.

#### **NOTE**

- \* Regular examination means an examination conducted at the end of the semester for which the candidates were admitted and had undergone instruction.
- \*\* Backlogs means: (i) the papers/subjects in which the candidate registered for examination but either absented or failed; (ii) papers/subjects for which the candidate has not registered for the examination with his/her batch of students.

A candidate appearing for paper-wise improvement is permitted to have the better of the two awards for the purpose of award of division.

# 2. Improvement in Aggregate

Improvement in aggregate is permitted only after the candidate exhausted the chances of paper-wise improvement as per the following conditions:

a)Aggregate improvement is permissible only when a candidate appears in all papers/subjects but not piece meal of a semester. Further the candidate has to appear for improvement examination as per the scheme of examination and syllabus in vogue at the time of taking his/her examination.

b) When a candidate appears for improvement in any semester/semesters, he/she may be permitted to have the better of the two aggregates i.e., the original or improvement.

c)The candidate is allowed for improvement in aggregate by appearing not more than two times for any semester. Further, aggregate improvement is limited to a period of three years after passing the final semester examination.

NOTE: Candidates who appear for improvement of performances under category (b) and (c) above are not eligible for the award of Distinction/Prizes/Medals/Merit Certificates etc.

### VIII. GENERAL RULES OF EXAMINATIONS

Application for permission to appear at every examination shall be made by the candidate on the prescribed form, accompanied by three passport size full face photographs (not profile) along with the necessary certificates, and the prescribed fee. The application should be submitted to the concerned Principal on or before the date fixed for this purpose. The Principal after verifying the eligibility of the candidate, forward the application to the Examination Branch.

When a candidate's application is found in order, the Controller of Examinations shall send the attested Hall Ticket with photograph of the candidate affixed to it to the Principal of the College who will issue Hall Ticket to the candidate only if he is satisfied with all the conditions to be complied with by the candidate regarding the eligibility criteria. The Hall ticket thus issued to the candidate shall have to be produced by the candidate before he/she can be admitted to the premises where the examination is held.

A candidate after having been declared successful in all semester examinations of the course, shall be given a certificate setting forth the year of examination, the subjects in which he/she was examined and the Division secured.

No candidate shall be allowed to pursue more than one degree course simultaneously.

### IX. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Whenever a course or scheme of instruction changed in a particular year, two more examinations immediately following thereafter shall be conducted according to the old syllabus/regulations. Candidates not appearing at the examinations or failing in them shall take the examination subsequently according to the changed syllabus/regulations.

# X. SUBJECTS FOR STUDY IN EACH SEMESTER

## I Semester

- 1. English-I
- 2. History
- 3. Political Science-I
- 4. Legal Language and Legal Writing
- 5. History of Courts, Legislatures and Legal Profession in India

### II Semester

- 1. English-II
- 2. Political Science-II
- 3. Psychology
- 4. Law of Torts
- 5. Consumer Protection Law

## **III Semester**

- 1. Sociology-I
- 2. Political Science-III
- 3. Economics-I
- 4. Law of Contract-I
- 5. Family Law-I

### **IV Semester**

- 1. Sociology -II
- 2. Economics-II
- 3. Environmental Studies
- 4. Law of Contract II
- 5. Family Law- II

## **V** Semester

- 1. Criminal Law-I
- 2. Constitutional Law-I
- 3. Corporate Law-I
- 4. Environmental Law
- 5. Law of Evidence

## VI Semester

- 1. Criminal Law-II
- 2. Constitutional Law-II
- 3. Corporate Law-II
- 4. Jurisprudence
- 5. Law of Property

## VII Semester

- 1. Labour Law-I
- 2. Public International Law
- 3. Administrative Law
- 4. Law of Insurance
- 5. Intellectual Property Law

# **VIII Semester**

- 1. Labour Law-II
- 2. Interpretation of Statutes
- 3. Private International Law
- 4. Land Laws
- 5. Citizenship and Emigration Law

### **IX Semester**

- 1. Civil Procedure Code and Law of Limitation
- 2. Criminal Procedure Code, Law of Juvenile Justice and Probation of Offenders
- 3. Law of Banking and Negotiable Instruments
- 4. Alternate Dispute Resolution
- 5. Professional Ethics and Professional Accounting System

#### X Semester

- 1. Law of Taxation
- 2. Information Technology Law
- 3. Optional (The candidate should take any one of the following subjects)
  - (a) Law Relating to Women
  - (b) Human Rights Law
- 4. Drafting, Pleadings and Convincing
- 5. Moot Courts, Observation of Trial, Pre-trial Preparations and Internship

## XI. AWARD OF PRIZES, DISTINCTIONS AND MEDALS

In order to be eligible for the award of Distinction, Prizes and Medals based upon merit list of First Class candidates at the University Examination, candidates shall be eligible for such awards only if they pass in all the papers at the end of each semester in the first attempt along with the regular candidates of their batch. No candidate shall be eligible for the award of merit certificate, distinction, prizes and medals if he/she passes or improves his/her performance in more than one attempt at any examination.

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**Note:-** Candidate who appear for Improvement of performances under the above two categories are not eligible for the award of Distinction/Prizes/Medals/Merit Certificates etc.