

Syllabus of Master of Laws (LL.M-2 Years)

1. Introduction

LL.M. Programs include a list of all courses offered for both LL.M. (Preliminary) and LL.M. (final) degrees. They are placed in two groups: compulsory and optional. Optional courses consist of two clusters: Civil Law and International Law. The option to choose from optional courses applies only to the LL.M (Final) students. However, for students studying for the LL.M. (Preliminary) degree will have no optional courses available to them.

2. Length of the Program:

The duration of the LL.M. program will be *one year* for the candidates who have completed a 4-year LL.B. (Honors) degree from any reputed university or institute recognized by the Government of Bangladesh. But those who have completed a 2 year LL.B. degree under the National University Bangladesh (i.e. an LL.B. pass degree) will, however be required to complete *a one year* LL.M. Preliminary for admission into the LL.M.(Final) program.

3. Lecture Hour per Course

The procedure of credit hour semester system will be practiced in the academic programmes of the university having involvement of (14) weeks of instruction in each semester and courses may have different credit hours having involvement of 14 instruction hours under each specific credit hour.

In this context, there shall have a 3 credit hours course having 14 instruction hours
1 course = 3 Credit Hours x 14 instruction hours = 42 hours.

4. Degree Requirements

To obtain the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.)- 2 Years, a student will have to complete minimum 72 Credit Hours with a minimum CGPA of 2.00. If any student fails in any course he/she will get the opportunity to improve the grade by retaking the same in the subsequent trimester like all other students.

5. Courses offered

LL.M. (Preliminary): COMPULSORY COURSES

1. Legal History of South Asia
2. Comparative Legal Traditions
3. Advanced Language Skills
4. International Law
5. International Trade Law: Focus on WTO
6. Interpretation of Statutes
7. Constitutional Law of Bangladesh: Selected Issues
8. Law of Civil Procedure
9. Penal Laws of Bangladesh
10. Commercial Law
11. Law of Criminal Procedure
12. Law of Evidence

LL.M. (Final): COMPULSORY COURSES

1. Advanced legal theory
2. South Asian legal history
3. Principles of civil litigation
4. Principles of interpretation
5. Introduction to research methodology
6. Dissertation (6 credits)

LL.M. (Final): OPTIONAL COURSES

Group I: Civil laws

1. Comparative constitutional laws of South Asia
2. Juvenile offences and protection
3. Law and gender
4. Criminal justice and due process
5. Law of natural resources
6. Medical jurisprudence
7. Companies and securities law
8. Law and Anthropology
9. Principles of equity

Group II: International laws

1. International refugee law
2. Law of international organizations
3. International environmental law
4. Law of World Trade Organization
5. Private international law
6. Law of telecommunications
7. Air and aviation law
8. Intellectual property law
9. Law of human rights
10. Law of the Sea

LL.M. (Preliminary): COURSE SEQUENCE

Trimester I

| Course Code | Name of Course | Credits |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 101 | South Asian Legal History | 3 |
| 102 | Comparative Legal Traditions | 3 |
| 103 | Advanced Language Skills | 3 |
| 104 | Topics in International Law | 3 |
| | Total courses 4 | Total credits 12 |

Trimester II

| Course Code | Name of Course | Credits |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 205 | Law of the World Trade Organization | 3 |
| 206 | Interpretation of Statutes | 3 |
| 207 | Constitutional Law of Bangladesh: Selected Issues | 3 |
| 208 | Law of Civil Procedure | 3 |
| | Total courses 4 | Total credits 12 |

Trimester III

| Course Code | Course Name | Credits |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 309 | Penal Laws of Bangladesh | 3 |
| 310 | Commercial Law | 3 |
| 311 | Law of Criminal Procedure | 3 |
| 312 | Law of Evidence | 3 |
| | Total courses 4 | Total credits 12 |
| | Grand total 12 courses | Grand total 36 credits |

LL.M. (Final)

Course Sequence

The LL.M. (Final) program will consist of 36 credits. It would be a combination of five (5) compulsory courses and five (5) optional courses. In addition to these ten (10) courses, LL.M. (Final) students will be required to *either* write a supervised dissertation of at least 15,000 words on a specific topic approved by the Academic Committee of the Department (worth 6 credits), *or* take *two* (2) more optional courses. A student may not take more than three (3) optional courses from any single cluster. The model is given below:

Trimester I

In the first trimester LL.M. (integrated) students will be required to take *two* (2) compulsory courses and will choose *two* (2) optional courses.

| Course Code | Course Name | Compulsory | Optional | Credits |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 413 | Advanced legal theory | <i>Compulsory: 1</i> | | 3 |
| 414 | South Asian legal history | <i>Compulsory: 2</i> | | 3 |
| 415-440 | | | <i>Optional: 1</i> | 3 |
| 415-440 | | | <i>Optional: 2</i> | 3 |
| | | | | <i>Total credits 12</i> |

Trimester II

In the second trimester LL.M. (Final) students will be required to take *one* (1) compulsory course (viz. 541 Comparative constitutional laws of South Asia) and *three* (3) optional courses from the cluster of courses 415-440.

| Course Code | Name of Course | Compulsory | Optional | Credits |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 419 | Principles of civil litigation | <i>Compulsory: 3</i> | | 3 |
| 415-440 | | | <i>Optional: 3</i> | 3 |
| 415-440 | | | <i>Optional: 4</i> | 3 |
| 415-440 | | | <i>Optional: 5</i> | 3 |
| | | | <i>Total credits</i> | <i>12</i> |

Trimester III

In this trimester students will take *two* (2) compulsory courses as well as write a dissertation (equivalent to two optional courses) on a topic of his/her own choice under the supervision of a faculty member in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the LL.M. (Final) degree.

| Course Code | Name of Course | Compulsory | Optional | Credits |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 641 | Principles of interpretation | 4 | | 3 |
| 642 | Introduction to research methodology | 5 | | 3 |
| 643 | Dissertation | 6-7 | | 6 |
| <i>Total credits</i> | | | | <i>12</i> |
| <i>Total courses</i> | | <i>7</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>12</i> |