

FACULTY OF LAW

DIRECTION NO. 115 of 2012

DIRECTION GOVERNING EXAMINATIONS LEADING TO THE 3 YEAR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS(LL.B) [CREDIT BASED SEMESTER SYSTEM]

[Direction issued by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor under Section 14(8) of the M.U.Act, 1994]

WHERE AS THE Maharashtra Universities Act No. XXXV of 1994 (hereinafter referred as an Act) has come into force with effect from 22nd July, 1994 and has been amended from time to time.

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WHERE AS Gondwana University, Gadchiroli has been established vide Government of Maharashtra Notification No. MISC-2010(252/10) UNI – 4 Dated 27th Sep 2011 and commences its academic activities from 2012-13 academic session.

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WHERE AS it is expedient to provide Direction governing Examination leading to the 3 year Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (Credit Based Semester System).

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WHERE AS there is a need to make the 3 years Degree of Bachelor of Law (LL.B) more compatible with the Legal Education Rules 2008 framed by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi.

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WHERE AS the Board of Studies in Law its meeting dated 13-04-2012 and subsequent meeting dated 23-04-2012 introduced and approved the new syllabus of law courses both for 3 years on the basis of “**Credit Based Semester System**” to be implemented from the academic year 2012-13.

AND

WHERE AS the Faculty of Law at its meeting held on 3/05/2012 approved the said syllabus prepared and approved by the Board of Studies in Law.

AND

WHERE AS the Chairperson/ Dean of the Faculty requested the Vice-Chancellor of Gondwana University to approve the new syllabus based on Credit Based Semester System under Section 14(7) of Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994 to meet the exigency.

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WHERE AS the procedure of implementing the new syllabus is urgent and emergent.

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Vijay Ainchwar, Vice-Chancellor, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 14 (8) of the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994 do hereby issue the following Direction:

1. **Title of the Direction:** This direction shall be called "Direction leading to the examination for award of the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (3 year programme) (Credit Based Semester System) in the faculty of Law, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli
2. **Commencement of the Direction:** It shall come into force from the academic year 2012-13.
3. **Duration of the Programme:** The duration of the programme is 3 academic years which spread over 6 semesters with the University Examination at the end of each Semester. Each Academic Year shall be divided into Two semesters. The academic Session for Odd semesters (1st, 3rd and 5th) will commence as far as possible from 1st of July, while for Even Semester (2nd, 4th and 6th) will commence from 1st of January every year.

An examination for each of the semester shall be held twice in a year at such places and on such dates as may be fixed by the University. The fees for the examination shall be prescribed by the University from time to time.

The courses/papers and credits assigned to the each course shall be as given in the Appendix-I.

4. **Definitions of the Terminology :** the following are the definitions of the terminology used in the directions:
 - Average Grade Letter:** refers to the Grade Letter awarded after summing up external and internal marks obtained in each course/paper.
 - Course:** It is equivalent to a paper/subject in a semester. It is a complete unit of learning which will be taught and evaluated within a Semester.
 - Credit :** Credit means the unit by which the course work is measured. It is measured in terms of weekly class hours assigned to a Course.
 - Credit Point (CP):** It is the value obtained by multiplying the Grade Point by the Credit i.e No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Points secured for that course.
 - Credit Transfer:** The credit acquired for the courses in another University would be accepted on reciprocal basis subject to the UGC Norms.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighted across all the semesters. It is obtained by dividing total number of credit points in all the semesters by the total number of credits in all the semesters.

Grade Point : Grade Point is weight allotted to each grade letter depending on the marks awarded in a course/paper

Grade Letter : Grade Letter is an index to indicate the performance of a student in a particular course/ Paper. It is the transformation of actual marks secured by a student in a course/paper.

Programme: It means in this particular context, a three year Programme of study and examination spread over six semesters, the successful completion of which would lead to the award of LL.B 3 year course degree.

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA): SGPA indicates the performance of a student in a given Semester. It is based on the total credit points earned by the student in all the courses and the total number of credits assigned to the courses/papers in a Semester.

- 5. Eligibility Criteria for Admission:** (a) Admission to the programme shall be made on basis of merit by the respective college admission committee and in accordance with the rules and instructions provided from time to time in this regard by the Bar Council of India. The reservation policy and rules of the Government of Maharashtra governing admission to higher educational institutions issued from time to time shall also be followed.
- (b) An applicant who has graduated in any discipline of knowledge from a university established by an Act of Parliament or by a state legislature or from an equivalent national institution recognized as a deemed to be University or from a foreign university recognized as equivalent to the status of an Indian University by an authority competent to declare equivalence, may apply for a LL.B three year law degree Programme.
- (c) Students who secures minimum 45% of the total marks in the qualifying examination are eligible for admission into the programme. As per the Bar Council of India, New Delhi directions vide letter No. BCI:D:1379:2002(LE:Affln.), dated 2-8-2002, the 44.5% can be rounded of to 45%.
- (d) For S.C & S.T students, Minimum 40% of the total marks in their qualifying examination i.e. graduation, is required for admission into the LL.B 3 year Programme.

- 6. Medium of Instruction:** The medium of instruction and Examination shall be in English. Question papers for the examination shall be set in English. However, the candidates will have an option to write their answers either in English, Hindi or Marathi.

7. **Attendance:** No student shall be permitted to appear for the Semester Examination unless he/she has put in not less than 75% attendance of the classes held in any course/paper concerned including tutorials, moot court exercises, practical training etc. conducted in respect of that paper/course.

8. **Rules of Promotion:** Rules of Promotion are as under:

Semester	Condition to be fulfilled for promotion
From I to II	Should have appeared for atleast one theory paper in Semester-I
From II to III	Should have passed minimum 40% papers in Semester-I and minimum 40% papers in Semester II
From III to IV	Should have appeared for atleast one theory paper in Semester-III
From IV to V	Should have passed all papers of Semester I and Semester II
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	Should have passed minimum 40% papers in Semester-III and minimum 40% papers in Semester IV
From V to VI	Should have appeared for atleast one theory paper in Semester-V

9. **Instruction, Training and Teaching Work Load:** Each Semester shall comprise of not less than 15 weeks with not less than 30 class-hours per week including tutorials, moot room exercises and seminars provided that there shall be at least 24 lecture hours per week.
- a) A Class-hours shall consist of 48 minutes duration.
 - b) The number of classes for theory and practical courses/papers per week must be equal to number of credits shown against the paper as indicated in the course structure or as indicated in the Appendix-I.

c) Distribution of 20 marks for internal assessment, wherever there is a provision for internal assessment shall be as follows:

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| i) | First Internal Examination (Descriptive) | = 5marks |
| ii) | Second Internal Examination (on-line/offline)
with multiple choice questions | =5marks |
| iii) | Seminars/Group Discussion | = 5marks |
| iv) | Assignments/Viva-voce Examination | =5 marks |

(d) Each registered student shall have completed minimum of 12 weeks of internship during the entire period of legal studies under NGO, Trial and Appellate Advocates, Judiciary, Legal Regulatory authorities, Legislatures and Parliament, other Legal Functionaries, Market Institutions, Law Firms, Companies and Local Self Government.

(e) The internship in any Semester cannot be for a continuous period of more than Four Weeks and the internship programme will commence from 3rd semester onwards. Each student shall keep internship diary in the form stipulated by the University and the same shall be evaluated by the Guide in Internship and also a Core Faculty member of the staff each time. The total marks shall be assessed in the Final Semester of the course in the 4th Clinical paper as stipulated in the Appendix -II.

10. Evaluation System on the basis of Credit & Grade Pattern: Based on his/her continuous evaluation, the academic performance of a student during a semester shall be graded on a Seven-point scale. The grade awarded to a student shall depend on his/her performance in external and internal examinations.

(a) The academic performance of a student during a semester and at the end of the programme, shall be evaluated on the basis of:

(i) Grade Point (GP) obtained in each subject

(ii) Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA),

(iii) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

(b) Marks for Extra Curricular Components (E.C.C) are to be awarded in recognition of achievements in Sports/Cultural/N.S.S/NCC as per the rules and instructions of the University provided in this regard from time to time. These marks shall be added to improve the CGPA at the end of final semester i.e VI Semester by multiplying the total marks obtained in E.C. C with 0.01.

For Example: A student gets a total of 12 marks in E.C.C and his C.G.P.A is 6.52. Then his total E.C.C marks i.e 12 shall be multiplied by 0.01 ($12 \times 0.01 = 0.12$) and the result shall be added to C.G.P.A ($6.52 + 0.12$). His final C.G.P.A will be 6.64.

- (c) At the end of each semester examination, a student shall be awarded a Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA). A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) shall be awarded to each student at the end of Final Semester of the Programme. The details regarding method of calculating SGPA & CGPA is explained in detail in para 11.
- (d) Students shall complete the Programme of LL.B 3 years course within 6 consecutive years since his admission into First Semester

11. Awards of Grade Letter, Grade Points, Credit Points, SGPA, CGPA:

(a) Award of Grade Letter and Grade Points:

Each course/paper shall be valued in Seven Grades. The letter grades and their equivalent grade points are listed below. The Marks list shows only Grade Letter & not marks in each paper.

Range of % of Marks	Grade Letter	Grade Point
85 to 100	O - Outstanding	10
70 to <85	A+ -Excellent	9
60 to <70	A -Very Good	8
55 to < 60	B+ -Good	7
50 to < 55	B -Average	6
45 to < 50	C -Pass	5
Less than 45	F -Fail	0

- (a) Calculation of Credit Points:** -Credit Points for the course = No. of Credits assigned for the course x Grade Point secured for that course.
- (b) Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA):**- SGPA indicates the performance of a student in a given Semester. SGPA is based on the **total credit points earned by the student in all the courses** and **the total number of credits assigned to the courses/papers in a Semester**. SGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points. (e.g - 6.578 rounded to 6.58 & 6.574 will be rounded to 6.57)

$$\text{SGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points in the Semester}}{\text{Total Number of Credits for the Semester}}$$

Provided that SGPA is computed only if the candidate passes in all the courses (gets a minimum 'C' Grade in all Courses).

(c) Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) : CGPA refers to the Cumulative Grade Point Average weighted across all the semesters.

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Total Credit Points Obtained in all Semesters}}{\text{Total Credits of all Semesters}}$$

(d) Provided that CGPA is calculated only when the candidate passes in all the courses of all the semesters. CGPA shall be rounded off to two decimal points. (e.g - 6.578 rounded to 6.58 & 6.574 will be rounded to 6.57)

12. Standard of Passing the Semester Examinations: In order to qualify a particular examination, a candidate shall have to secure atleast 45% of marks in each and every theory and Practical/Clinical paper in each end semester examination and minimum of 45% of marks in internal assessment of each of the papers in which there is a provision for internal assessment. See for details Appendix-I

13 All the examinees of University Examination including failures of examinations, shall be bound to study the Syllabus prescribed for a particular paper/subject/course as revised from time to time.

14. Award of the Degree: A student will be eligible for the award of LL.B (3 yrs) Degree only when he has successfully completed all the prescribed 32 courses with a total of 192 credits and obtained a minimum CGPA of 5.00 out of 10.00 and after payment of prescribed fee for receive a degree signed by the Vice-chancellor. **The result of the successful candidates shall be classified as follows:**

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| i. First Division with Distinction: | CGPA from 8.00 and above |
| ii. First Division: | CGPA from 6.67 to 7.99 |
| iii. Second Division : | CGPA from 5.56 to 6.66 |
| iv. Pass Division : | CGPA from 5.00 to 5.55 |

15. Conversion of CGPA into Percentage of Marks: The formula used in this direction to calculate percentage of marks from CGPA is

$$\text{Percentage} = 9 \times \text{CGPA.}$$

16. Award of Medals and Merit Certificates: Candidates who appear and pass the examination in all the papers of each and every semester at first appearance only are eligible for the award of Medals/ Prizes/Rank Certificates etc. The marks allotted for Extra Curricular Components shall be taken into account for deciding the inter se Merit as well as the award of medals and prizes.

Gadchiroli
Dated: 27.6.2012

Sd/-
Dr. Vijay Ainchwar
Vice-Chancellor