

# Graduate Programme

# Master of Laws (LLM)

## A. Name of the Programme

Master of Laws (General and Specialized)

## B. Admission

Only successful students of the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Programme of the Department of Law, University of Dhaka shall be eligible to get admitted into the Master of Laws (General and Specialized) Program.

## C. Duration of the Program

The Master of Laws (General and Specialized) Program shall be of one academic year.

## D. Degrees offered

The Masters Programme at the Department of Law shall consist of two streams i.e., (a) general Masters and (b) specialized Masters. The specialized Masters Programme shall be:

- Master of Laws in International Law
- Master of Laws in Human Rights Law
- Master of Laws in Comparative Law
- Master of Laws in Commercial Law
- Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law
- Master of Laws in Gender in Law

## E. Course Requirements

- i. Students shall be required to take any five of the courses offered by the Department.
- ii. Students shall have to submit a research monograph in partial fulfillment for the Masters degree.
- iii. The students must choose the research topic from among the five courses they have chosen.
- iv. Students shall have to appear in the viva-voce examination at the end of the Final Examination.

## **F. List of Courses**

The Master of Laws, be it general or specialized, shall comprise of the following courses. However, the Academic Committee of the Department of Law shall decide as to the courses to be offered in any particular academic session.

- LAW 501: Law of the International Institutions
- LAW 502: International Law of Crimes and Terrorism
- LAW 503: International Environmental Law
- LAW 504: International Law of the Sea
- LAW 505: International Watercourse Law
- LAW 506: International Human Rights Law
- LAW 507: International Humanitarian Law
- LAW 508: International Law on Refugees, Migrants and Stateless Persons
- LAW 509: Human Rights and Development
- LAW 510: Comparative Human Rights Law
- LAW 511: Comparative Legal System
- LAW 512: Comparative Legal Theory
- LAW 513: Comparative Family Law
- LAW 514: Comparative Constitutional Law
- LAW 515: Law of Corporate Finance
- LAW 516: Modern Banking Law
- LAW 517: Intellectual Property Law
- LAW 518: International Commercial Arbitration
- LAW 519: International Business Transactions
- LAW 520: International Trade and the WTO
- LAW 521: Administrative Law
- LAW 522: Principles of Civil Litigation
- LAW 523: Private International Law
- LAW 524: States of Emergency
- LAW 525: Principles of Equity as applied in Bangladesh through Codification
- LAW 526: Gender in General Law
- LAW 527: Gender in Law and Society
- LAW 528: Gender and Family Law
- LAW 529: Feminist Legal Theory
- LAW 530: Advanced Issues in Gender and Law
- LAW 531: Principles and Practices of Alternative Dispute Resolution

### **G. Choice of Courses for the Degree of General Master of Laws**

- i. Students wishing to obtain a general Master of Laws degree shall have to select any five of the courses offered.
- ii. The students shall have to sign a declaration form within 4 weeks from the date of the commencement of the classes indicating the courses chosen and his/her decision to pursue a general Masters degree of law (Declaration form enclosed. Please see Appendix A)

### **H. Choice of Courses for the Degree of Specialized Master of Laws**

- i. Students wishing to obtain a Specialized Masters degree in International Law, Human Rights Law, Comparative Law, Commercial Law and Gender in Law shall have to take a minimum of four courses from the relevant subject groups. The fifth course may be chosen by the students from the rest of the courses offered.
- ii. Students wishing to obtain a Masters degree in International and Comparative Law shall have to choose any five of the courses from the concerned subject group with a minimum of 2 (two) subjects from each list in that group.

The students shall have to sign a declaration form within 4 weeks from the date of the commencement of the courses indicating the courses chosen and his/her decision to pursue a specialized Masters degree of law.

### **I. Subject Groups**

#### **Master of Laws in International Law**

LAW 501: Law of the International Institutions

LAW 502: International Law of Crimes and Terrorism

LAW 503: International Environmental Law

LAW 504: International Law of the Sea

LAW 505: International Watercourses Law

LAW 506: International Human Rights Law

LAW 507: International Humanitarian Law

LAW 508: International Law on Refugees, Migrants and Stateless Persons

#### **Master of Laws in Human Rights Law**

LAW 506: International Human Rights Law

LAW 507: International Humanitarian Law

LAW 508: International Law on Refugees, Migrants and Stateless Persons

LAW 509: Human Rights and Development

LAW 510: Comparative Human Rights Law

### **Master of Laws in Comparative Law**

LAW 510: Comparative Human Rights Law

LAW 511: Comparative Legal System

LAW 512: Comparative Legal Theory

LAW 513: Comparative Family Law

LAW 514: Comparative Constitutional Law

### **Master of Laws in Commercial Law**

LAW 515 Law of Corporate Finance

LAW 516: Modern Banking Law

LAW 517: Intellectual Property Law

LAW 518: International Commercial Arbitration

LAW 519: International Business Transactions

LAW 520: International Trade and the WTO

### **Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law**

In order to qualify for a Master of Laws degree in International and Comparative Law, students shall have to take a minimum of 2 (two) subjects from **List A** and **List B**:

**List A:** LAW 501, LAW 502, LAW 503, LAW 504, LAW 505, LAW 506, LAW 507, LAW 508 and LAW 509.

**List B:** LAW 510, LAW 511, LAW 512, LAW 513 and LAW 514.

### **Master of Laws in Gender and Law**

LAW 526: Gender in General Law

LAW 527: Gender in Law and Society

LAW 528: Gender and Family Law

LAW 529: Feminist Legal Theory

LAW 530: Advanced Issues in Gender and Law

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<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Academic Council of the University of Dhaka on 21.03.2006.

## J. Evaluation and Grading

1. Evaluation and grading shall be determined on the basis of:

- Tutorial examinations,
- First and second term examinations, and
- Year final examination.

In-course examinations	Tutorial examination	10%
	1 <sup>st</sup> term examinations (60 minutes)	10%
	2 <sup>nd</sup> term examinations (60 minutes )	10%
Year final examination (4 hours duration)		70%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

2. The distribution of marks and credits for evaluation shall be as follows:

Courses	Marks	Credits
Course 1	100	6
Course 2	100	6
Course 3	100	6
Course 4	100	6
Course 5	100	6
Research Monograph and Viva Voce	50 + 50 = 100	6
Total	600	36

## 3. Evaluation Policy

- i. There shall be external and internal examiners for each course in the final examination.
- ii. The course teacher evaluates all the in-course examinations. The course teachers conduct the tutorial examinations while first and second term examinations are conducted by the Department.
- iii. All question papers shall be in English. Students shall have to answer five questions out of eight questions for each course in Final Examination.
- iv. Year final scripts shall be evaluated by two examiners appointed by the respective Examination Committees. If the difference between the internal and the external examiners is more than 20 percent, the script(s) in question shall be examined by a third examiner and the average of the nearest two marks will be taken.
- v. For each course, the average marks awarded by the year final examiners, and the marks awarded by the course teacher for the term and tutorial examinations, shall be totaled and converted into letter-grades following a 4-point grading scale presented below.<sup>1</sup>

- vi. **Attendance Policy:** Only those students who have attended 75% of the general lectures shall be eligible to sit for the final examination. Students who have attended 60%-74% of the general lectures shall be considered as non-collegiate and may be allowed to sit for the final examination provided they pay the prescribed fine. Students who have less than 60% class attendance shall be declared as discollegiate and shall not be permitted to sit for the final examination.
- vii. **Adoption of unfair means in examinations:** Students adopting unfair means in examinations shall be treated according to Dhaka University rules.

#### K. Grading Structure in a 4 Point Grading Scale

Marks	Letter Grade	Grade Points
80 and above	A+	4.00
75 to less than 80	A	3.75
70 to less than 75	A-	3.50
65 to less than 70	B+	3.25
60 to less than 65	B	3.00
55 to less than 60	B-	2.75
50 to less than 55	C+	2.50
45 to less than 50	C	2.25
40 to less than 45	D	2.00
Below 40	F	0.0

#### L. Interpretation of the Grades

1. 'A+', 'A' and 'A-' grades are indicative of overall 'excellent' performance by a student, earning grade points of 4.0, 3.75, and 3.50, respectively.
2. 'B+', 'B' and 'B-' grades are indicative of overall 'very good' performance by a student, earning grade points of 3.25, 3.00, and 2.75, respectively.
3. 'C+', 'C' grades are indicative of overall 'satisfactory' performance by a student, earning grade points of 2.50, and 2.25, respectively.
4. 'D' grade is indicative of minimally acceptable overall 'passing performance' by a student, earning a grade point of 2.00.
5. 'F' grade is indicative of an unacceptable overall 'failing' performance by a student, i.e., failing to earn any credit point.

### M. Computation of Grade Point Average

The Grade Point Average (GPA) shall be computed in the following manner:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum (C \times \text{EGP})}{\text{TCAP}}$$

Where:

GPA Average = Grade Point Average

C = Credits assigned to a particular course

EGP = Earned Grade Points

TCAP = Total Number of Credits Assigned to the Programme

### N. Degree Requirements

1. For the degree of Master of Laws (General and Specialized) a student shall have to secure a minimum of GPA 2.50.
2. S/he must complete the Programme within a maximum of two consecutive academic years including the year of first admission into the program.
3. A student, earning an F grade in any course or Research Monograph and Viva Voce combined, shall not be eligible for Master of Laws (General and Specialized) Degree even if s/he secures a GPA of 2.50 or more.
4. A student shall not be eligible for viva voce examination without submitting the Research Monograph.

### O. Readmission

1. A student earning an 'F' grade may seek readmission with the immediate batch.
2. For readmission, a student shall have to apply within one month after the announcement of the results of the concerned batch.
3. On readmission, grades earned earlier by a student in the class of readmission shall cease to exist and the student has to retake all the course works and examinations.
4. A student shall not be allowed readmission in more than one year during the Master of Laws (General and Specialized) Programme.

### P. Drop out