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Guidelines for LL.M. Dissertation and Interdisciplinary Project Work

LL.M. (Semester IV)

(Business Law & Criminal Law and Criminal Administration)

All LL.M. Semester IV students (Business Law & Criminal Law and Criminal Administration) are hereby informed to strictly follow the guidelines mentioned below for submission of Dissertation and Interdisciplinary Project Work:

1. Dissertation

1.1 Total Marks: 100

- a) Dissertation: 80 Marks
- b) Viva Voce: 20 Marks

1.2 Format Guidelines

1.2.1 Total Length: Minimum 100 to 150 pages (main body) + pre-body (index, acknowledgements, etc.) + post-body (bibliography, annexures, etc.)

1.2.2 Margins:

- a) Left: 2 inches (for binding)
- b) Right: 1 inch
- c) Top: 1 inch
- d) Bottom: 1 inch

1.2.3 Paper Size: All submissions shall be on A4-size Bond paper.

1.2.4 Printing: Back-to-back printing allowed

1.2.5 Font & Spacing:

- a) Font: Times New Roman
- b) Font Size: Headings: 16, Sub-headings: 14 and Body Text: 12
- c) Line Spacing: 1.5

1.2.6 Page Numbering: Bottom right corner

1.2.7 Binding: Hard black cover





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1.2.8 Cover Page Embossing (Golden Letters):

- Title of Dissertation
- Name of the Student and Roll No.
- Specialisation/Group (e.g., Business Law)
- Name of Guide
- College Logo
- College Name
- Academic Year of Submission (e.g., 2025–26)

1.3 Guide

- All students shall be assigned a guide for the Dissertation.
- Formal approval of the guide shall be mandatory before the submission of the Dissertation.

1.4 Footnotes and Citation

All footnotes and citations in the LL.M. Dissertation and Interdisciplinary Project shall strictly conform to the rules prescribed in *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (22nd Edition, 2025 or latest edition)*

1.5 Plagiarism / Similarity

- All submissions shall be subject to plagiarism and AI-generated content checks.
- It shall be mandatory to attach the plagiarism report at the time of submission.
- Any work found to contain unacknowledged copying, improper citation, or unethical use of AI-generated content without disclosure shall be treated as plagiarised.
- The similarity index shall not exceed 15%, as per the plagiarism report.
- Any submission exceeding the prescribed limit shall be liable for resubmission or rejection.

1.5 Number of Copies: Students are required to submit a minimum of two hard-bound copies of the dissertation and a soft copy on a pen drive.





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2. Interdisciplinary Project

2.1 Total Marks: 100

- a) Project Report: 50 Marks
- b) Viva Voce: 50 Marks

2.2 Submission Guidelines

- a) Binding: Project work shall be submitted with a spiral binding. Hard binding is not required.
- b) Minimum Length: 75 pages
- c) Format: Same as Dissertation Format.

2.3 Number of Copies: Students are required to submit a minimum of two spiral bond copies of the interdisciplinary project and a soft copy on a pen drive.





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General Instructions

1. Students shall consult their respective guides regularly, in accordance with the guide's availability, throughout the course of their research work.
2. A plagiarism report shall be mandatorily attached to both the Dissertation and the Interdisciplinary Project.
3. The Dissertation and Interdisciplinary Project must be the original work of the student. Any form of plagiarism, fabrication, or use of unauthorised AI-generated content without proper disclosure shall attract strict academic action.
4. The topic of the Dissertation/Project must be approved in advance by the assigned guide.
5. Students must adhere strictly to the prescribed submission deadlines.
6. Each submission shall include a signed declaration by the student stating that the work is original and has not been submitted elsewhere for any academic purpose.
7. A certificate from the guide confirming that the work has been completed under their supervision must be included.
8. Students must appear for the viva voce examination. Failure to do so may result in the Dissertation/Project being considered incomplete.
9. The Dissertation/Project shall be written in clear, formal academic English, free from grammatical and typographical errors.
10. All tables, charts, and figures must be properly numbered, titled, and duly acknowledged where required.
11. All sources referred to must be properly cited and included in the bibliography, strictly following the prescribed citation style.
12. Research involving human participants, surveys, or interviews must adhere to ethical standards, including informed consent where applicable.

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