



Monday, 27 May 2024

To:

Mr. Sarajeet Kanungo
Associate Vice President,
University Partnerships,
upGrad

Subject: Confirmation of Compliance with the relevant UGC Guidelines (i.e., the [1-year LL.M. Guidelines](#))

Dear Mr. Sarajeet Kanungo:

I hereby communicate on behalf of O.P. Jindal Global University in reference to the LL.M. (Blended Learning Programme) of O.P. Jindal Global (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University) (JGU).

JGU is a recognised university/higher educational institution by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and is fully empowered to offer all degree programmes. JGU has also received the then highest grade “A” from NAAC, besides being given the status of “Graded Autonomy” by the UGC. On 29 October 2020, JGU signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and was conferred with the status of an ‘Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University’ under the UGC (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 (IoE Regulations). Since then, JGU is governed independently by these regulations as per the MOU with the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

We would like to inform you that LL.M. programmes in Corporate & Financial Law (Blended Learning Programme), Intellectual Property & Technology Law (Blended Learning Programme), and Dispute Resolution (Blended Learning Programme) (LL.M. programmes) of JGU are governed by all relevant UGC guidelines (i.e., the [1-year LL.M. Guidelines](#)) to the letter and should not be confused with a part-time or remote learning programme. The LL.M. programmes are JGU-run programmes and upGrad Education Private Limited (upGrad) facilitates the delivery of the programme through a technological interface. These programmes fall squarely within the UGC LL.M. Guidelines, and some of the features of these guidelines are set out below:

- The LL.M. programmes have been introduced by JGU, under Clause 2 (viii) of the UGC 1-year LL.M. Guidelines;



- The LL.M. programmes are being conducted under the aegis of the Centre for Post-Graduate Legal Studies of JGU (see Clause 2(i) of the UGC 1-year LL.M. Guidelines);
- Admission to the LL.M. programmes has been granted after the completion of an all-India admission test such as the JSAT, CLAT-PG, LSAT-India, etc. (see Clauses 2(iii) and 3.2 of the UGC 1-year LL.M. Guidelines);
- The LL.M. programmes each comprise 24 credits with 3 compulsory courses of 3 credits each (namely, Comparative Public Law, Law & Justice in the Globalizing World, and Legal Research Methodology), 6 specialised courses of 2 credits each, and a dissertation of 3 credits (see generally, Clauses 2 (v) and 7 of the UGC 1-year LL.M. Guidelines);
- The one-year duration of the LL.M. programmes is divided into three trimesters, with a minimum of 30 hours of learning time in each week and 12 weeks for each of the three terms including teaching hours, library work, and research hours (see Clause 6 of the UGC 1-year LL.M. Guidelines); and
- The courses of the LL.M. programmes follow a continuous assessment/evaluation component as well there is as an end-term examination period at the end of every trimester (see Clauses 8 and 9 of the UGC 1-year LL.M. Guidelines).

All the courses taught as part of the LL.M. programmes in the trimester mode are taught by full-time JGU faculty members who have advanced degrees from leading universities around the world such as Harvard University, University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, University of London, New York University, etc. The faculty profiles can be viewed on our website: Faculty | O.P. Jindal Global University (jgu.edu.in). For some courses, JGU faculty members invite industry professionals as guest lectures, to increase the exposure and opportunities for our students. Such guest lecturers' participation is minimal and is subject to the approval of the concerned JGU faculty member and relevant programme director. Many of our graduates are working in the litigation sector, corporate lawyers, LAMP fellows, in-house lawyers, etc., who have benefitted from our teaching pedagogy and have advanced in their respective careers.

The LL.M. programmes provide learners with a specialised focus on ever-evolving markets, global regulatory issues, the socio-economic impact of IP and technology on emerging markets, the full range of dispute settlement laws and procedures, etc. The LL.M. programmes aim to meet the demands of the 21st century as it is imperative that legal professionals stay abreast with the ever-evolving legal profession. These LL.M. programmes bring a holistically designed curriculum, using elements of theoretical knowledge and practical insights with interdisciplinarity at its core. The assessments for each course of the LL.M. programmes have been designed keeping in



mind the need to enhance the professional skill set of the learners. Regulation 11.2 of the IoE Regulations permits JGU to exercise flexibility in course structure, including, but not limited to, offering courses and degrees in newer areas (Regulation 11.2.1) and flexibility in fixing curriculum and syllabus (Regulation 11.2.3).

As the programme is governed by 1-year LL.M. Guidelines, learners are eligible for NET-JRF/Ph.D. The UGC does not follow any system of express approval for degrees and programmes launched by universities. Their approach is that of an automatic route, i.e., it is deemed to be approved insofar as JGU is in compliance with the UGC regulations and guidelines.

In light of the above, JGU is fully compliant with the respective UGC regulations applicable to the LL.M. programmes.

This letter is issued for the purpose of confirmation of compliance with the relevant UGC Guidelines and for any such relevant use as may be required.

Should there be any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at registraroffice@jgu.edu.in.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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