RULES FOR TWO YEAR LL.M PROGRAMME

(FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023)

(Updated 2025)

POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMME

LL.M. Degree Programme

Savitribai Phule Pune University, through Department of Law imparts course leading to award of LL.M. Degree under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). The Course is governed by Rules and Regulations for Credit and Semester System in Post-Graduate Departments of University.

Department of Law of Savitribai Phule Pune University offers LL.M Degree in Five Specialized Branches of Law.

Branch I	**Science and Technology Law**
Branch II	**Business Law**
Branch III	**Constitutional and Administrative Law**
Branch IV	**Criminal Law**
Branch V	**International Law**

Admission

Admissions shall be secured through Common Entrance Examination (CEE) as per the rules laid down by the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune.

Intake and Reservation

The total number of students' intake is **120**. The admissions to LLM programme will be as per the Reservation Policy adopted by the Government of Maharashtra from time to time.

Eligibility

Every Candidate seeking admission to the Master of Laws Course (LL.M) must have passed the LL.B. Degree after completing three years of LL.B. Course or all the five years of the Five-Year Course of this University or its equivalent degree of another statutory University recognised as equivalent to said degree of this University.

Course Duration

The duration of LL.M Programme is of two years. Each academic year is divided into 2 semesters (Odd and Even). The semester pattern is designed with continuous assessment system. A student shall be granted the

term for the course concerned if he/she has put in an attendance of not less than 75% of the lectures and tutorials calculated separately.

LLM COURSE STRUCTURE

Two-year LL.M course shall consist of 70 credits spread over two years and the same shall be divided into four semesters. First year will be divided into 2 semesters which will carry 38 credits *in toto* (I Semester-18 Credits and II Semester-20 Credits). The Second Year will also be divided into 2 semesters and will carry 32 credits *in toto* (I Semester-16 Credits and II-Semester 16 Credits).

NOTE: The Specialization shall be allotted at the time of commencement of the First Semester strictly on the basis of merit as secured in the Online Entrance Exam (OEE) conducted by the University.

SEMESTER	SUBJECTS	CREDITS	NATURE	TOTAL CREDITS
Semester I	Core Paper I	4	Compulsory	18
	Core Paper II	4	Compulsory	
	Specialization Paper	4	Compulsory	
	Specialization Paper	4	Compulsory	
	Research Project	2	Compulsory	
Semester II	Core Paper III	4	Compulsory	20
	Core Paper IV	4	Compulsory	
	Specialization Paper	4	Compulsory	
	Specialization Paper	4	Compulsory	
	Research Project	2	Compulsory	
	Seminar Course	2	Compulsory	
Semester III	Specialization Paper	4	Compulsory	16
	Specialization Paper	4	Compulsory	
	Specialization Paper	4	Soft Paper	
	Soft Paper	2	Soft Paper	
	Seminar Course	2	Compulsory	
Semester IV	Soft Paper	2	Soft Paper	16
	Soft Paper	2	Soft Paper	
	Specialization Paper	4	Compulsory	
	Dissertation	8	Compulsory	
TOTAL CREDITS				**70**

Assessment Structure

1. Each paper of four credits is divided as under-

   50 marks – External Assessment

   50 marks **–** Internal Assessment

2. The Internal Assessment of 50 marks for the First Semester shall consist of the following-

   10 marks – LTP (Longish Term Paper) /Assignments/Research Paper/Extension

   10 marks – Tutorials

   20 marks – Internal written test

10 marks – Viva voce test- to be conducted jointly by the subject teacher concerned and another teacher appointed by the Head of the Department from the Faculty of the Department.

3. Each Paper of Two credits are divided as under-

   25 marks – External Assessment
   25 marks – Internal Assessment

4. The Internal Assessment of 25 marks for the III and IV Semester shall consist of the following-

   10 marks – Tutorials
   10 marks – Internal Written Test
   05 marks – Viva-Voce - To be conducted jointly by the subject teacher concerned and another teacher appointed by the Head of the Department from the Faculty of the Department.

The dissertation shall consist of Six credits for written work and Two credits for viva voce (Total 8 Credits). The Viva voce shall be conducted by the panel of examiners consisting of the Head of Department, Guide and the External examiner which will be appointed by the Head of the Department.

SUBJECTS OFFERED (CORE & SPECIALIZATION WISE)

CORE SUBJECTS

List of Core Subjects

1. Research Methodology
2. Constitutional Law
3. Law and Social Transformation in India
4. Theories of Law and Justice

SPECIALIZATION OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY LAW

The interface between Law and Science Technology has a long history. The advancements in the area of Science and Technology have contributed towards the development of law and judicial administration system. Law also has played a vital role in regulating the use and misuse of the advancements in the area of Science and Technology. In such a situation it becomes not only an interesting exercise to study this interaction between Science, Technology and Law but also to think and study the social, ethical and legal issues arising out of such developments. In the leading universities of developed countries Science Technology and Law has always remained the most sought-after specialisation. The universities in India need to come forward by recognising this need. The Department of Law, SPPU has always remained a pioneer in this particular branch with its experienced faculties and unparalleled resources.

List of subjects

1. Emerging Technologies and Law - I
2. Health Law
3. Medical Ethics, Law and Human Rights
4. Cyber Law and Practice
5. Intellectual Property Law and Contemporary Trends
6. Data Protection Law and Comparative Jurisprudence
7. Food and Drug Law
8. Emerging Technologies and Law - II
9. Biotechnology Law
10. Law of Electronic Evidence
11. Fintech Law and Digitization of Economy

SPECIALIZATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

The Constitutional and Administrative Law course incorporates a comprehensive curriculum for building legal skills in line with the requirements of the judicial system. It will engage students in research and other activities relating to constitutionality of provisions and ancillary issues. It will address the complexities of the legal system and help aspiring lawyers to acquire the necessary ethical legal excellence. The rigorous and innovative pedagogy will help students understand the intricacies of Constitutional and Administrative Law at different stages and expose them to the practical side of the legal profession. The syllabus is prepared and constantly updated under the guidance of academicians, law firm representatives and industry representatives as per the evolving industry demand. In addition to theoretical knowledge, the program will also provide a platform for better understanding of the practicalities of justice system to further aid students in putting legal theory into practice.

List of Subjects

1. Constitutionalism and Constitutional Interpretation
2. Administrative Law
3. Comparative Constitutional Law
4. Feminist Jurisprudence and Gender Studies
5. Law, Public Policy and Governance
6. Judicial Process
7. Human Rights Law
8. Media Law
9. Education Policy and Law

10. Tribal Development - Law, Policy and Practice
11. Transparency Law

SPECIALIZATION OF BUSINESS LAW

The legal environment in which business is conducted has undergone a massive transformation over the recent decades, with the revolution of corporate legal practice. Corporate transactions have grown remarkably in scope, value and complexity resulting into an intense demand for highly trained and skilled corporate lawyers. Hence, those who have already embarked upon legal career can exploit their potential and sharpen their skills as business lawyers by continuing their legal education with this specialization at Masters Level.

List of Subjects

1. Banking and Finance - Law and Governance
2. E - Commerce and Consumer Protection Law
3. Competition Law and Comparative Jurisprudence
4. Law of Commercial Contracts
5. Corporate Finance
6. International Commercial Arbitration
7. Energy Law
8. Law of Economic Offences
9. Corporate Law and Human Rights
10. Sports Law and Practice
11. Mergers and Acquisitions – Law and Practice

SPECIALIZATION OF CRIMINAL LAW

The field of criminal law continues to evolve in response to rising global concerns over crime, justice, and human rights. With legal systems becoming increasingly sophisticated, there is a growing need for experts who can navigate the complexities of criminal justice. This specialization offers an in-depth understanding of substantive and procedural criminal law, equipping legal professionals with the knowledge and skills to address contemporary challenges. It is ideal for those seeking to advance their careers as prosecutors, defense attorneys, or legal scholars in the domain of criminal justice.

List of Subjects

1. Principles of Criminal Law
2. Criminal Procedure: Rights, Procedures and Remedies

3. Corporate Criminal Liability and White-Collar Crimes
4. Comparative Criminal Law
5. Victimology and Victim Rights in Criminal Justice
6. Criminal Law and Technology
7. International Criminal Law and Human Rights
8. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
9. Principles of Evidence Law
10. Psychology and Criminal Law
11. Sentencing and Penology

SPECIALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

In an increasingly interconnected world, international law plays a vital role in regulating relations between states, international organizations, and individuals. This specialization delves into key areas such as public international law, international humanitarian law, and dispute resolution mechanisms. It prepares legal professionals to engage with global legal challenges, including issues of sovereignty, human rights, and cross-border cooperation. Ideal for those aiming for careers in diplomacy, international institutions, or transnational legal practice, this program enhances both theoretical insight and practical expertise.

List of Subjects

1. Public International Law
2. Private International Law
3. International Economic Law and Diplomacy
4. International Humanitarian Law
5. International Air & Space Law
6. International Maritime Law
7. International Environment, Energy and Climate Change Law
8. International Intellectual Property Rights Law
9. International Human Rights Law
10. International Immigration Law
11. International Arbitration Law

SEMESTER WISE DISTRIBUTION OF SUBJECTS

SEMESTER	CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS		NATURE	TOTAL CREDITS
			Theory	Practical		
Semester I	ML 101	Research Methodology	3	1	Compulsory	18
	ML 102	Constitutional Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 103	Emerging Technologies and Law - I	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 104	Health Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 105	Banking and Finance - Law and Governance	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 106	E - Commerce and Consumer Protection Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 107	Constitutionalism and Constitutional Interpretation	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 108	Administrative Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 109	Research Project	1	1	Compulsory	
	ML 110	Principles of Criminal Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 111	Criminal Procedure: Rights, Procedures and Remedies	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 112	Public International Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 113	Private International Law	3	1	Compulsory	
Semester II	ML 201	Law and Social Transformation in India	3	1	Compulsory	20
	ML 202	Theories of Law and Justice	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 203	Medical Ethics Law and Human Rights	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 204	Cyber Law and Practice	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 205	Competition Law and Comparative Jurisprudence	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 206	Law of Commercial Contracts	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 207	Comparative Constitutional Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 208	Feminist Jurisprudence and Gender Studies	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 209	Research Project	1	1	Compulsory	
	ML 210	Seminar Course	1	1	Compulsory	
	ML 211	Corporate Criminal Liability and White-Collar Crimes	3	1	Compulsory	

SEMESTER	CODE	SUBJECTS	CREDITS		NATURE	TOTAL CREDITS
			Theory	Practical		
Semester II	ML 212	Comparative Criminal Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 213	International Economic Law and Diplomacy	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 214	International Humanitarian Law	3	1	Compulsory	
Semester III	ML 301	Intellectual Property Law and Contemporary Trends	3	1	Compulsory	16
	ML 302	Data Protection Law and Comparative Jurisprudence	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 303	Food and Drug Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 304	Emerging Technologies and Law - II	1	1	Soft Paper	
	ML 305	Corporate Finance	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 306	International Commercial Arbitration	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 307	Energy Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 308	Law of Economic Offences	1	1	Soft Paper	
	ML 309	Law, Public Policy and Governance	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 310	Judicial Process	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 311	Human Rights Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 312	Media Law	1	1	Soft Paper	
	ML 313	Seminar Course	1	1	Compulsory	
	ML 314	Victimology and Victim Rights in Criminal Justice	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 315	Criminal Law and Technology	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 316	International Criminal Law and Human Rights	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 317	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	3	1	Soft	
	ML 318	International Air & Space Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 319	International Maritime Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 320	International Environment, Energy and Climate Change Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 321	International Intellectual Property Rights Law	3	1	Soft	
SEMESTER	**CODE**	**SUBJECTS**	**CREDITS**	**NATURE**	**TOTAL CREDITS**	
	ML 401	Biotechnology Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 402	Law of Electronic Evidence	1	1	Soft Paper	
	ML 403	Fintech Law and Digitization of Economy	1	1	Soft Paper	
	ML 404	Corporate Law and Human Rights	3	1	Compulsory	

Semester IV	ML 405	Sports Law and Practice	1	1	Soft Paper	16
	ML 406	Mergers and Acquisitions - Law and Practice	1	1	Soft Paper	
	ML 407	Education Policy and Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 408	Tribal Development - Law, Policy and Practice	1	1	Soft Paper	
	ML 409	Transparency Law	1	1	Soft Paper	
	ML 410	Dissertation*	6	2	Compulsory	
	ML 411	Principles of Evidence Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 412	Psychology and Criminal Law	1	1	Soft	
	ML 413	Sentencing and Penology	1	1	Soft	
	ML 414	International Human Rights Law	3	1	Compulsory	
	ML 415	International Immigration Law	1	1	Soft	
	ML 416	International Arbitration Law	1	1	Soft	
TOTAL CREDITS (For 2 years)						70

*** Note: The Dissertation work shall commence at the beginning of the 3rd semester. However, it shall be concluded and evaluated at the end of 4th semester.**