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CLAT PG 2027: Syllabus and Exam Pattern

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CLAT PG is the entrance exam for admission to LLM programmes at National Law Universities (NLUs) in India. It is conducted by the **Consortium of National Law Universities**. This note explains the exam pattern and gives a subject-by-subject, topic-by-topic breakdown of the syllabus in simple language.

Note: The official CLAT PG 2027 notification has not been released yet (expected around mid-to-late July 2026).

CLAT PG 2027 Exam Pattern at a Glance

Feature	Details
Conducting Body	Consortium of National Law Universities (NLUs)
Mode of Exam	Offline (Pen and Paper)
Duration	2 hours (120 minutes)
Total Questions	120 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)
Marks per Question	1 mark each (Total: 120 marks)
Negative Marking	0.25 marks for each wrong answer
Question Format	Passage-based objective questions
Language	English
Tentative Exam Date	First week of December 2026

How the Questions Are Framed

- Every question is based on a short passage or extract taken from court judgments, bare acts (statutes), or legal commentary.

- After reading the passage, you answer objective-type questions that test:
  - Understanding of the passage
  - Application of the legal principle to a new fact situation
  - Ability to identify the correct legal rule or exception

CLAT PG 2027 Syllabus – Subject-Wise Breakdown

The syllabus is based on **core LLB subjects**. Below, each subject is broken down into its important sub-topics so you know exactly what to study.

1 Constitutional Law

- Fundamental Rights (Articles 12–35)
- Reasonable Restrictions on Rights
- Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)
- Basic Structure Doctrine
- Constitutional Amendment Process (Article 368)
- Federalism & Centre-State Relations
- Separation of Powers
- Emergency Provisions
- Judicial Review

2 Jurisprudence

- Natural Law Theory
- Legal Positivism
- Historical & Sociological School of Law
- Legal Realism
- Concept of Sovereignty
- Legal Rights & Duties
- Justice vs. Morality Debate
- Key Thinkers: John Austin, H.L.A. Hart, Hans Kelsen, Ronald Dworkin, Roscoe Pound

3️⃣ Administrative Law

- Principles of Natural Justice
- Judicial Review of Administrative Action
- Delegated Legislation
- Writ Jurisdiction (Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Certiorari, Prohibition, Quo Warranto)
- Tribunals & Ombudsman (Lokpal/Lokayukta)

4️⃣ Criminal Law (IPC/BNS & CrPC/BNSS)

- General Exceptions (Chapter IV of IPC)
- Offences Against the Human Body
- Offences Against Property
- Mens Rea and Actus Reus
- Right of Private Defence
- Criminal Conspiracy & Common Intention
- Bail Provisions & Trial Procedure
- Law of Evidence: Relevancy & Confessions
- Burden of Proof

5️⃣ Law of Contract

- Offer & Acceptance
- Consideration
- Capacity to Contract
- Free Consent (Coercion, Undue Influence, Fraud, Misrepresentation, Mistake)
- Void & Voidable Agreements
- Breach of Contract & Remedies
- Specific Relief
- Quasi Contracts

6️⃣ Law of Torts

- Negligence
- Strict Liability
- Absolute Liability
- Defamation
- Vicarious Liability
- Nuisance
- Overlap with Consumer Protection Law

7️⃣ Company Law

- Incorporation of a Company
- Share Capital & Shareholders' Rights
- Directors' Duties & Liabilities
- Corporate Governance
- SEBI Regulatory Framework
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Winding Up

8️⃣ Public International Law

- Sources of International Law (Treaties, Custom, General Principles)
- State Responsibility
- United Nations Charter
- International Court of Justice (ICJ) & International Criminal Court (ICC)
- WTO & International Trade Law
- Recognition of States

9️⃣ Environmental Law

- Environment Protection Act, 1986
- Polluter Pays Principle
- Precautionary Principle

- Sustainable Development
- National Green Tribunal (NGT) Jurisdiction

□□ Family Law

- Marriage, Divorce & Maintenance
- Succession & Inheritance
- Adoption & Guardianship
- Personal Laws (Hindu, Muslim, Christian)

1□ 1□ Property Law

- Transfer of Property Act, 1882
- Sale, Mortgage, Lease, Gift
- Doctrine of Lis Pendens
- Doctrine of Part Performance

1□ 2□ Labour Law

- Industrial Disputes Act
- Trade Unions
- Workmen’s Compensation
- Employment & Termination Rules

1□ 3□ Taxation Law

- Heads of Income
- Deductions & Exemptions
- Direct Tax vs. Indirect Tax
- GST Framework (Basic Concepts)
- Anti-Avoidance Principles

14. Arbitration & Conciliation : Arbitration Act 1996 basics, conciliation, and mediation principles

15. Intellectual Property Rights: Copyright, trademarks, patents, designs, landmark IP cases

Subject-Wise Weightage (Expected Trend)

Subject	Expected Importance
Constitutional Law	□□□□ Very High
Jurisprudence	□□□ High
Administrative Law	□□□ High
Criminal Law	□□ Moderate
Law of Contract	□□ Moderate
Other Subjects (Torts, Company Law, International Law, Environmental Law, Family Law, Property Law, Labour Law, Taxation, IPR, Arbitration and Conciliation Act)	□ Spread across remaining questions