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NLIU LL.M. Admission Through CLAT PG : Fees & Cut-Off

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As part of our **LLM Admission Series 2027**, we take a closer look at why the National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, stands among India's top destinations for postgraduate law aspirants seeking strong academic rigour and research-driven legal training. This is a complete guide on the NLIU LL.M. Admission Through CLAT PG: Fees & Cut-Off.

Established in 1997 by the Madhya Pradesh State Legislature, NLIU holds the distinction of being the second National Law School established in the country after NLSIU Bangalore.

Recognized by the UGC and the Bar Council of India, its admissions for the Academic Year 2027-28 are conducted through the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) administered by the Consortium of National Law Universities.

Whether you are shortlisting specializations or calculating your annual budget, here is a complete breakdown from the official NLIU Bhopal CLAT Information Brochure (AY 2027-28).

1. Admission Process & Eligibility Criteria (NLIU LL.M. Through CLAT PG)

Admission to NLIU Bhopal's postgraduate law programme is conducted on the basis of merit through **CLAT-PG**, alongside dedicated supernumerary seats for international applicants.

- **CLAT-PG Route.** Indian nationals must appear for CLAT-PG conducted by the Consortium of National Law Universities and satisfy the prescribed LL.B. eligibility criteria notified by the Consortium and the university.
- **International Candidates.** Five supernumerary seats are earmarked for foreign nationals, who are eligible for direct admission without appearing in the CLAT examination. Further details are available on the NLIU Official Website.

2. Programme Structure, Courses & Specializations (NLIU LL.M. Through CLAT PG)

NLIU's **LL.M.** programme has a minimum duration of **one academic year** (divided into two semesters) and a maximum duration of **three academic years**. Teaching relies heavily on the Socratic method, case studies, problem-based learning, and clinical education.

Areas of Specialization (NLIU LL.M. Through CLAT PG)

Students can opt for one of three specialized streams (offered subject to faculty availability and a minimum enrolment of five students):

1. **Intellectual Property & Business Law**
2. **Constitutional and Administrative Law**
3. **Human Rights and Criminal Law**

Evaluation & Dissertation (NLIU LL.M. Through CLAT PG)

Continuous evaluation forms the backbone of the curriculum. Every subject tests candidates across three parameters: problem-based written examinations, a project-based research paper, and a project presentation with a viva-voce. In the final semester, every LL.M. scholar must submit a mandatory **Dissertation** and clear an open-defence viva-voce examination.

*(Note: Apart from the one-year LL.M., NLIU also offers a **two-year Master of Cyber Law & Information Security (MCLIS) via its own All India Entrance Test, as well as Ph.D. programmes**.)*

Master of Cyber Law & Information Security (MCLIS)

Hosted by NLIU's dedicated **Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre (RGNCLC)**, the MCLIS is an interdisciplinary techno-legal degree blending cybersecurity engineering with cyber regulation.

- **Duration & Structure.** The programme runs for a **minimum of two years (four semesters)** and a maximum of four years, concluding with a mandatory fourth-semester dissertation and open-defence viva-voce.

- **Eligibility.** Unlike the LL.M. (which requires an LL.B.), candidates with a **bachelor's degree in any discipline** with at least **50% aggregate marks** (or equivalent grade) from a recognized university are eligible to apply.
- **Seat Intake.** Recent admission cycles allocate **66 seats for Indian students** (subject to Madhya Pradesh domicile and category reservations) plus **5 supernumerary seats for foreign nationals**.
- **Selection Process.** Admission is conducted via NLIU's own **All India Entrance Test** - a two-hour objective exam of 150 questions (1 mark each, with -0.25 negative marking).
- **Subjects & Recognition.** The curriculum covers cryptography, network and cloud security, digital forensics, AI and emerging tech law, data privacy, and cybercrime penal laws. The batch topper is awarded the **Mr. Rizwan Shaad Memorial Gold Medal**.

Details and application updates are hosted on the NLIU MCLIS Admissions Page.

3. Seat Intake & Reservation Matrix (AY 2027-28) (NLIU LL.M. Through CLAT PG)

The total intake for the regular LL.M. programme at NLIU Bhopal is **120 seats** (plus 5 supernumerary seats for foreign nationals). Vertical reservations are distributed as follows:

Category	Reservation Percentage	Number of Seats
Unreserved (General)	50%	**60**
Scheduled Tribe (ST)	20%	**24**
Scheduled Caste (SC)	16%	**19**
Other Backward Classes (OBC-NCL)	14%	**17**
Total Regular Intake	**100%**	**120**

(Note: OBC reservation applies strictly to non-creamy layer candidates producing a valid certificate from a competent authority.)

Horizontal Reservations

- **Madhya Pradesh Domicile. 50% of the seats** in each respective category are horizontally reserved for candidates holding a domicile certificate of the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Women Candidates. 36 seats** are horizontally reserved for women.
- **Persons with Disabilities (PWD). 6 seats** are horizontally reserved for PWD candidates.

4. Fee Structure & Scholarships (NLIU LL.M. Through CLAT PG)

According to the tentative fee schedule for AY 2027-28, the annual fees for the LL.M. programme (applicable uniformly across General, OBC, SC, ST, and PWD categories) break down as follows:

Fee Head	Amount (in ₹)
I. Admission Fees (One-Time)	₹12,100
II. Annual Tuition Fee	₹1,55,000
III. Examination & Facilities Fee *(Reading Material, IT, Exam, Library, Sports, Extra-Curricular, Campus Dev., SBA & Student Welfare)*	₹61,100
IV. Annual Hostel & Mess Charges* *(Application: ₹500; Room Rent: ₹33,100; Mess: ₹47,600; Amenities: ₹9,100)*	₹90,300
V. Refundable Deposits (One-Time) *(Caution Money, Library & Hostel Deposits of ₹5,000 each)*	₹15,000
Total Tentative Annual Cost (With Hostel)	**₹3,33,500**

**Hostel charges are levied as listed above or on an actual basis, whichever is higher. Fees are subject to revision by the university.*

Scholarships & Fee Reimbursements

- **Merit-cum-Means Scholarships.** NLIU awards two full tuition fee waivers-one in memory of **Late Justice J. S. Verma** and another in the name of the University-to students securing the highest marks in CLAT, subject to parental income limits prescribed by the university.
- **Government Reimbursements.** Candidates belonging to SC, ST, and OBC categories of Madhya Pradesh are eligible for fee reimbursements from the Government of India or the

Government of Madhya Pradesh.

5. Campus Life, Research & Career Prospects (NLIU LL.M. Through CLAT PG)

Set along Kerwa Dam Road in Bhopal, NLIU's Wi-Fi-enabled campus combines modern academic spaces with active research hubs:

- **Library ("Gyan Mandir").** A centrally air-conditioned library offering extensive print collections alongside digital databases like SCC Online, Manupatra, LexisNexis, HeinOnline, JSTOR, and AIR.
- **15 Centres of Excellence & 11 Publications.** Postgraduate scholars can engage with specialized research centres-including the Rajiv Gandhi National Cyber Law Centre and the Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Research-and contribute to flagship journals such as the *NLIU Law Review* and *Indian Arbitration Law Review*.
- **Global Exposure.** Through MoUs with six international universities (including McGill, Leiden, and Lucerne) and an exchange tie-up with CASRIP at Washington University, Seattle, students gain strong international academic exposure.
- **Placements & Career Pathways.** NLIU graduates regularly secure roles at top Tier-1 domestic law firms (such as Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, AZB & Partners, Khaitan & Co., and Trilegal), international firms (including Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy, and Linklaters), corporate houses, PSUs, judicial clerkships at the Supreme Court, and academia.

For further details or admission notifications, visit the NLIU Bhopal Official Website or check updates on the Consortium of NLUs Portal