

**SRI MANKULA VINAYAGAR ENGINEERING COLLEGE*****CENTRE OF LEGAL EDUCATION*****FIVE YEARS INTEGRATED B.A. LL.B. PROGRAMME*****ACADEMIC AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS 2022*****1. Introduction:**

Centre of Legal Education, a constituent department of Sri Mankula Vinayagar Engineering College, is established with the aim of providing quality higher education on par with standards comparable to institutions in India. It is our earnest desire to make it a seat of excellence in legal education, consultancy, and research besides pioneering law reforms. SMVEC Centre of Legal Education is to provide a totally diverse experience in learning law, co curricular, extracurricular and varied fields. The liberal ambience of SMVEC is conducive to ignite nascent thoughts and ideals. The Centre is known for its highly competitive admissions.

The Centre of Legal Education offers Five Years Integrated B.A.LL.B. Degree Programme. The Programme curriculum consists of English, Social Sciences and law courses. In the first three years of the Programme, the law students attend courses on English, Political Science, Public Administration and Sociology alongside the courses as prescribed by the Bar Council of India. There are forty six courses altogether of which thirty one courses will be on law and the rest on pre-law courses. Upon completion of the programme as per requirements of these regulations, one qualifies for the bar to practice law in India.

**2. Preliminary**

2.1 These regulations shall be called the Academic and Examination Regulations for Five Years Integrated B.A.LL.B. Degree Programme.

2.2 These regulations shall come into force from the Academic Year 2022-2023.

**3. Admission Eligibility**

3.1 A candidate seeking admission into the Five Years Integrated Degree Programme should have successfully completed the higher secondary examination [10+2] or its equivalent as recognized by the Pondicherry University and the Bar Council of India.

A candidate who has obtained + 2 Higher Secondary Pass Certificate after pursuing studies in distance or correspondence method shall also be considered as eligible for admission into the Five Years Integrated B.A.LL.B. Degree Programme.

NOTE: Those candidates who have obtained the 10+2 through Open University system directly without having any basic qualification for pursuing such studies are not eligible for admission into this programme.

3.2 Further, the candidates belonging to general category applying for admission into this programme should have secured 45% of total marks in the qualifying examination. However, in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, 40% of the total marks in the qualifying examination is enough.

3.3 Age limit for seeking admission into this programme will be as prescribed by the Bar Council of India from time to time.

#### **4. Academic Structure**

##### **4.1. Duration of the Programme**

The duration of this programme shall be five (Academic) years comprising of ten semesters. The academic calendar for each year shall be announced in advance and teaching shall ordinarily be scheduled between July – November and January – May.

##### **4.2. Medium of Instruction**

The medium of instruction and examinations shall be in English only.

#### **5. Prohibition to Register for Two Regular Courses of Study**

No student shall be allowed to register simultaneously for this programme with any other graduate or postgraduate or certificate course run by the same or any other University or Institute for academic or professional learning excepting in the integrated degree programme of this institution.

#### **6. Prohibition against Lateral Entry and Exit**

There shall be no lateral entry on the plea of graduation in any subject or exit by way of awarding a degree splitting this integrated double degree programme at any intermediary stage of integrated double degree programme.

#### **7. Requirements for appearing End - Semester Examination**

7.1 A student is expected to maintain 100 % attendance in all courses as attendance also carries Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) marks. A student will be qualified to appear for the End Semester Examination in a particular course of a semester only if he/she satisfies the below mentioned requirements.

7.1.1 A student is permitted to appear for the End Semester Examination in a course only if he/she maintains a minimum attendance of 70% of the classes held in the course concerned. If any student fails to attend 70% of the classes held in any course, he/ she may be given permission to appear for the End Semester Examination in the course

concerned for the reason given below provided he/she attended at least 65% of the classes held in the course concerned and attended at least 70% of classes held in all the courses taken together - Medical reasons (hospitalization/accident and or illness). He/ she has to pay necessary condonation fee prescribed by the Centre of Legal Education with necessary supporting documents for his/her absence.

7.2 The student shall be considered for exemption from the prescribed attendance requirement for the reasons stated above and if exempted, the student shall be permitted to appear for the End Semester Examination. In all such cases, the students should have submitted the required documents on joining after the absence, to Dean of the Centre.

7.3 If any student is suspended for any reason during the semester, the days of suspension of the student on disciplinary grounds will be considered as days of absence for calculating the percentage of attendance.

#### 7.4 Movement to Next Higher Semester of Integrated Degree Programme

7.4.1 A student can move to the next higher semester of his/her Integrated Degree Programme provided only if he/she fulfills the minimum attendance requirement for appearing in the End Semester Examination.

7.4.2 A student who has failed to fulfill the aforesaid requirements will not be permitted to move to the next higher semester and shall be re-admitted into the Programme in the next academic year in the same semester after fulfilling all the procedures and the payment of prescribed fee.

7.4.3 A student who is re-admitted into the Programme after the temporary break shall be governed only by the regulations, programme structure and syllabi in force at the time of re-admission into the Programme.

### 8. Scheme of the Examination

8.1 There shall be End Semester Examination at the end of each semester. Each course is carrying 100 marks and it is divided into 75 for written examination and 25 for Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) marks. The minimum pass marks is 45 out of 100.

8.2 In clinical courses where evaluation is based only on Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA), the minimum pass marks is 45 out of 100.

### 9. Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) Marks

9.1 CIA marks in each course (excluding clinical courses) shall be distributed as follows.

- (i) Attendance – 5 marks which is distributed as under:
  - (a) 3 marks for 76% to 80%
  - (b) 4 marks for 81% to 90%
  - (c) 5 marks for 91% to 100%

(ii) Written Test - 10 marks (2 test each 5 marks)

(iii) Project submission and presentation / Viva voce-10 marks.

9.2. Any grievance relating to CIA marks shall be looked into by a Committee consisting of faculties of Centre of Legal Education.

## **10. Question Paper Pattern for Written Examination**

The pattern of question paper for written examination shall be the pattern adopted by the Pondicherry University from time to time.

## **11. Requirements for Passing the Examination**

11.1 A student is declared to have successfully passed a course (other than a clinical course) if he/she has secured as under:

- (a) A minimum of 30 marks out of 75 marks in the written examination.
- (b) A minimum of 15 marks out of 25 marks in CIA and a minimum of 45% of total marks of 100 on combining both (a)&(b).

11.2 A student is declared to have successfully passed the clinical course (Professional Ethics and Professional Accounting System) where the same is consisting of both written examination and CIA, if he/she has secured as under:

- (a) A minimum of 23 marks out of 50 marks in the written examination.
- (b) A minimum of 23 marks out of 50 marks in CIA and a minimum of 45% of total marks of 100 on combining both (a) &(b).

11.3 A student is declared to have successfully passed a clinical course where the course is based only on CIA, if he/she has secured a minimum of 45% of total marks of 100 earmarked for the course.

## **12. Revaluation**

Revaluation of answer scripts will be permitted as per the Pondicherry University Regulations.

## **13. Redressal Mechanism**

All academic related issues shall be examined by a Committee consisting of faculties of the Centre of Legal Education.

## **14. Eligibility for Award of Degree**

A student shall be declared to be eligible for the award of B.A.LL.B. Degree upon successful completion of all the prescribed courses of his/her programme in all ten semesters.

NOTE: Maximum duration of the Programme and number of attempts: It is the duration of the programme (i.e.5 years) and 4 years thereafter totally 9 years from the academic year in which a student is admitted into the first year of this programme.

### **15. Classification of Degree**

Students who pass the whole examination shall be ranked in the order of proficiency as determined by the total marks obtained by each of them as under:

Students securing 60% and above of the total marks in the aggregate shall be placed in the First Class. Those securing 50% and above but less than 60% of the total marks in the aggregate shall be placed in the Second class. All other students who pass the whole examination shall be placed in the Third class.

### **16. Termination from the Programme**

A student shall be terminated from the programme in the following cases:

- i. Involved in ragging and not obeying disciplinary rules structured by the Centre of Legal Education, Sri Manakula Vinayagar Engineering College.
- ii. Not completing the programme within prescribed period: Students shall have to complete B.A. LL.B. Integrated Degree Programme within the maximum period of 9 years from the date of admission into the first year of this Programme.

### **17. Arrear Course Registration**

In the first attempt of writing the End Semester Examination of a course if a student fails, he/she can retain the existing Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) marks and proceed to write the arrear exams / End semester examinations as and when the examinations are conducted.

### **18. Photo Identification Card and Uniform**

18.1. Every admitted student shall be issued photo identification (ID) card which must be worn by the students when he/she is in the college campus / college bus.

18.2. All the students shall wear uniform as prescribed by the Centre of Legal Education in the college campus / college bus.

### **19. Malpractice in Examinations**

If any student indulges in malpractices while writing his/her examination, he/she shall be punished as per the recommendations of the Complaint Redressal Committee (CRC) constituted by the Controller of Examination with the approval of Dean of the Centre. The CRC shall inquire and decide the punishment for the unfair means as specified in the Examination Manual.

## 20. Discipline and Conduct

20.1 Any act of misconduct committed by a student inside or outside the campus shall be an act of violation of discipline of the Centre of Legal Education. Violations of the discipline shall include:

- (a). Interference to teaching, examination, administrative work, curricular or extra-curricular activities and any act likely to cause disruption.
- (b). Damaging or defacing the property inside or outside the college campus.
- (c). Engaging in any attempt at wrongful confinement of teachers, employees and students of the college.
- (d). Use of abusive and derogatory slogans or intimidators' language or incitement of hatred and violence.
- (e). Ragging in any form is a criminal offence and is punishable as per the provisions of law.
- (f). Eve teasing or disrespectful behavior to a student is a criminal offence and punishable as per the provisions of law.
- (g). An assault upon or intimidation of, or insulting behavior towards a teacher, officer, employee or student or any other person.
- (h). Getting enrolled in more than one programme /course of study simultaneously.
- (i). Committing forgery, tampering the documents or records, identity cards, furnishing false certificate or false information.
- (j). Organizing instant agitation/meetings without prior permission in the campus.
- (k). Viewing/downloading obscene information/data, images and executable files, sending obscene mails/messages via Facebook / twitter / other social sites using college servers/personal electronic gadgets in the college premises.
- (l). Sharing the login and password and other details of IT facilities provided to other outside students.
- (m). Refusing to submit the identity card when demanded by any teacher / college authority.
- (n). Consuming or possessing alcoholic drinks, dangerous drugs or other intoxicants in the college campus.
- (o). Possessing or using any weapons and fire arms in the college campus.

(p). Encroachment of hostel, accommodating guests or other persons in hostels without permission.

(q). Malpractice in examination

(r). Indulging in anti-national activities contrary to the provisions of Acts and laws enforced by Government.

(s). Project submitted by any student is not his original work.

(t). Any other act which may be considered by the Dean of the Centre or the Disciplinary Committee of the Centre to be an act of violation of discipline.

20.2 Student(s) involved in any of the acts referred above in (a) to (s) of Clause 20.1 shall be issued notice and be asked to be present before the Complaint Redressal Committee (CRC) on the specified day, time and venue with his/her parents /guardian. The student shall give written reply / oral explanation to the charges leveled against him/her for consideration. If the implicated student(s) fails to appear before the Committee, then decision shall be taken based on available evidence/ documents and the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.

20.3 Any act of indiscipline of a student reported to the Dean of the Centre shall be referred to Redressal and Disciplinary Committee of the Centre. The Committee shall enquire into the charges and recommend suitable punishment if the charges are substantiated. The penalties / punishment / actions may include:

(a). Written warning and information to the parents / guardian.

(b). Imposition of fine

(c). Suspension from the Centre / Hostel / Mess / Library or availing of any other facility.

(d). Suspension or cancellation of scholarship/fellowship / studentship or any financial assistance from any source.

(e). Recovery of loss caused to college property.

(f). Debarring from participation in sports / NSS / student club activities/other related activities.

(g). Disqualifying from holding any representative position in the Class / Centre/ Hostel Mess / Sports / Clubs and in similar other bodies.

(h). Disqualifying from appearing in placement and receiving any awards.

(i). Expulsion from the Hostel / Mess / Library / Club / Centre of Legal Education for a specified period by forfeiting fees.

(j). Debarring from appearing for an End Semester Examination.

### **21. Revision of Regulations and curriculum**

The Regulation of the Centre may be revised, amended or modified from time to time by the appropriate bodies.