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**MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)
(ONE YEAR POST GRADUATION FULL TIME PROGRAMME)**

REGULATIONS 2020

**(For students admitted from the academic year 2021-
2022 onwards)**

**SRM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE
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RULES AND REGULATIONS W.E.F (2021-2022)**

TITLE: MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)

DURATION: One Year Post Graduation full time programme (not less than 12 months)

R.1.0 NOMENCLATURE:

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- i. "Degree" means that academic of a one-year programme designed to achieve the defined attributes. It is referred to as Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree.
- ii. "Programme" means cohesive arrangement of courses, co-curricular and extracurricular activities to accomplish predetermined objectives leading to the awarding of Master of Laws (LL.M in International Trade Law).
- iii. "Course" means a combination of theory, tutorials and practical/clinical courses of a subject studied in a semester.

R.1.1 ADMISSION:

- R.1.1.1 The maximum number of seats in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) (One Year Post Graduation full time programme) for which the admission is to be made shall be fifty at The Centre for Post-Graduation Studies in Law and Research.
- R.1.1.2 The minimum qualification for admission to the post-graduation programme shall be B.L/LL.B (3 years or 5 years course fulltime) or equivalent as prescribed in the latest UGC guidelines.
- R.1.1.3 Notwithstanding the above, admissions are also subject to the rules and regulations of the UGC and other authorities.
- R.1.1.4 The candidate has to fulfil the prescribed medical standards prescribed by the Admission Committee.
- R.1.1.5 The selected candidate will be admitted to the programme only after he/she pays the prescribed fees.
- R.1.1.6 As far as the admission procedure is concerned, the decision of the Admission Committee shall be final.
- R.1.1.7 After the completion of the admission procedure, if any particulars given by the candidate fails to meet the requirements specified at the time of

admission, the Dean, Faculty of Law has the right to revoke the admission and the same will be intimated to the Vice Chancellor.

R.2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW)

Medium of Instruction shall be English.

Courses Offered	Eligibility
Master of Laws (LL.M. in International Trade Law)	B.L/LL.B (3 years or 5 years course fulltime) or equivalent.

R.2.1 Explanation:

The minimum requirement is a Bachelor of Law or any equivalent degree recognized by the UGC and other authorities.

R.2.2 Prohibition to register for two regular courses of study:

No Student shall be allowed to register simultaneously the LL.M program with any other graduate or post graduate or certificate course (Full time/Regular mode) run by the same or any other University or an Institute for academic or professional learning. Provided, the student can pursue any part time certificate course on language, computer science or computer application of an Institute or any course run by a Centre for Distance Learning of a University.

R3.0 DURATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME:

- R.3.1 The programme will be offered on semester basis with a total number of two semesters, not less than twelve months. Each semester shall normally consist of eighteen weeks or 540 hours (30 hours per week).
- R.3.2 The course begins in the month of July for odd semester and ends in the month of December. For even semester the course begins in the month of January and ends in the month of June.
- R.3.3 The candidate has to complete the course of study and qualify for the post-graduation programme within one year (2 consecutive semesters) from the date of admission. The candidate is expected to complete the course successfully within one year and he/she is allowed to complete the course by fulfilling all requirements within three (3) years from the date of admission.
- R.3.4 The curriculum of the programme are designed to acquire a minimum of 37 credits (UGC requirement) for the award of the post-graduation degree.

R.4.0 REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT:

The process of signing up for the course is called registration. Students are enrolled only after the payment of prescribed annual fee. The candidate can only attend the classes after the completion of both registration and enrolment. The renewal of the registration/course enrolment is mandatory for every semester to undergo course work.

R.4.1 Registration of the course will be controlled by the Dean, Faculty of Law.

- a. The first semester registration will be completed within a week after the commencement of classes.
- b. Except the first semester, the registration for all other semesters has to be done in the specified week before the end of the previous semester examinations.
- c. Late registration will be permitted with penalty determined from time to time for a period of two weeks from the last date specified.
- d. The candidate has to secure a minimum of 75% of attendance in every semester. If the candidate secures not less than 65% of attendance, a maximum of 10% may be condoned if his/her absence is for valid reasons. Further if he/she registered the previous semester examination for all the courses is eligible for promotion of his/her higher semester as per the rules of the SRMIST.

R.4.2 The registration sheet shall contain the name of the course, the course code, number of credits and category for each course taken in that semester.

R.4.3 CREDITS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE COURSES BASED ON THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PATTERN:

- a. One credit for each lecture (L) period;
- b. One credit for two or less tutorial(T) periods;
- c. Dissertation shall carry Five credits
- d. Teaching practical or publication of an article in reputed law journal shall carry two credits.

The curriculum of the programme are designed to have a total of 37 Credits for the award of the Post-graduation in Law. The medium of instruction, examination and dissertation will only be in English.

R.5.0 REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF A SEMESTER:

R.5.1 The candidate must maintain an average of at least 75% attendance in all courses. The candidate with less than 75% attendance is not eligible to

appear for the End-Semester examination. The minimum requirement of 75% of attendance allows the candidate to utilise the remaining 25% on account of illnesses, permitted assignments such as job interviews, accidents, unforeseen emergencies, etc. (all inclusive).

R.5.2 Every teaching faculty handling the class will mark the attendance until the last day of instruction of the semester.

R.5.3 **Condonation of Attendance:** In rare and genuine cases, a committee consisting of the Dean and the Head of the concerned centre/Department will examine the case and recommend for condonation not exceeding 10% of attendance.

R.5.4 The name of the candidate who has not secured 75% of attendance will be displayed on the notice board.

R.5.5 The candidates who fail to comply with the condition as stipulated in **R5.0** shall redo the semester in the next academic year by following the readmission/re-join procedure.

R.6.0 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE:

R.6.1 The complete academic performance (including all theory papers) of the candidate will be evaluated by internal examiners.

R.6.2 The dissertation will be subjected to the evaluation comprising of internal and external evaluators in end semester. The viva-voce board will be constituted by the Dean with one external evaluator with the approval of Controller of Examinations.

R.6.3 In general, the overall performance of the candidate in each course will be evaluated based on In-semester assessment and End-Semester examination.

R.6.4 The End-semester assessment is detailed below:

R.6.4.1 Courses with only theory component:

Assessment tool	Weightage	Remarks
End-Semester Exam	60 Marks	(Question paper for 100 marks with a duration of three hours to be scaled down to 60 marks)
Model Test	20 Marks	(Question paper for 50 marks with a duration of 90 minutes to be scaled down to 20 marks)
Assignment/Seminar/Group discussion/Presentation	10 Marks	i) 5 Marks for submission of assignment/review of Articles/books from reputed law journals as instructed by the course faculty. ii) 5 Marks for presentation of the same in the open class room after furnishing the copies of

Assessment tool	Weightage	Remarks
		the assignment to other students for discussion and deliberation.
Participation in seminar/ Conference / Publication	5 Marks	5 marks for Presentation/ Participation/ Publication of Articles in any other institutions/ organisations or law journals
Participation in classroom /co-curricular & para curricular activities	5 Marks	5 Marks for Participation in classroom/co-curricular & para curricular activities

R.6.4.2 Dissertation

- a) The Dissertation shall be carried out under the supervision of a full-time law faculty.
- b) The dissertation is in a form of assessment which the student undertakes as a part of the LL.M. Course in the final semester. The student is expected to submit a dissertation write up on the chosen topic subject to approval of the supervisor. The dissertation shall comply with all the guidelines of thesis in terms of suggested readings. It shall also be evaluated by internal and external examiners. For the dissertation, the average of the marks secured from the internal and the external evaluators shall be considered for the final results. It shall carry maximum marks of 100, in which the written submission will be for 60 marks and remaining 40 marks will be awarded equally for a presentation of the dissertation and viva voce. The average marks of the two examiners (Internal & External) will be considered for the final marks (100 marks).
- c) The topic of dissertation shall be allotted before the commencement of the Second semester. Finalising the topic and the supervisor shall be duly constituted by the Dean, Faculty of Law.
- d) The dissertation shall be performed according to the guidelines approved by the institution. Necessary guidelines will be framed and issued to the candidates by the committee duly constituted by the Dean, Faculty of Law. The dissertation shall be subjected to plagiarism check and duly signed by the concerned supervisor and the Head of the Centre/Department. The duly signed dissertation shall be submitted to the Head of the Institution.
- e) A minimum of four hardcopies and a soft copy of dissertation shall be submitted before the commencement of end-semester examination.
- f) Any delay in submission shall be referred to the committee duly constituted by the Dean, Faculty of Law for consideration.

Course Nature: Practical					
Assessment Method (Max Marks:100)					
End-semester	Assessment Tools	Dissertation - Submission	Presentation	Viva Voce	Total
	Marks	60	20	20	100
Total Max Marks					100

R.6.4.3 TEACHING /RESEARCH PUBLICATION

One of the prominent purposes of the Post-graduation in Law is to make ideal teachers and researchers. Therefore, in LLM programme teaching skill development is very important. Every student has to undergo a teaching practical at the end of the second semester, or if student publishes any research article in quality publications can be also considered and marks can be awarded without undergoing a teaching practical.

Course Nature: Practical		
Assessment Method (Max Marks:100)		
In-semester	100	Total
		100
Total Max Marks		100

R.7.0 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPEARING IN END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS:

A candidate shall normally be permitted to appear for the End-Semester examination of any semester if he/she fulfils the requirements for the semester completion (vide R.4.0 & R.5.0) and has registered for end-semester examination (odd & even semester) in all courses of that semester.

R.8.0 EXAMINATIONS:

- R.8.1.1 Registration for end-semester examination is mandatory for all courses including all arrears (odd & even semester).
- R.8.1.2 The end-semester examination will generally be conducted after fulfilling all teaching and internal assessment requirements of concerned semester. For all theory courses, question paper setting and the evaluation will be done by the internal faculty members who are specialised in the concerned courses. The student has liberty to apply for revaluation.
- R.8.1.3 The maximum marks for main written examination of the theory papers shall be 60 marks. Internal assessment pertaining to the concerned paper is 40 marks as per the breakup of marks mentioned above.

- R.8.1.4 For the dissertation, the average of the marks secured from the internal and the external evaluators shall be considered for the final results.
- R.8.1.5 A candidate should have appeared for the end-semester examination of the prescribed course of study to become eligible for the award of the grade in that course.

R.8.2. REVALUATION:

A Candidate can apply for revaluation of his/her semester examination in a theory of any course, within 10 days from the declaration of results, on payment of a prescribed fee through proper application to the Controller of Examinations through the Head of the Department/Dean of the School. The Controller of Examination will arrange for the revaluation and the results will be intimated to candidate concerned through the Head of the Department/Dean of the School.

R.9.0 QUESTION PAPER PATTERN:

Question Paper Pattern (Theory)

Duration: 3 hours

Max Marks: 100 Marks

Pattern of Question Paper (Theory): The question paper for all theory courses consists of two parts namely, PART-A and PART-B.

PART-A consists of 6 questions out of which 4 questions need to be answered, each question carries 10 marks (40 Marks). ($4 \times 10 = 40$ Marks)

PART-B consists of 6 questions out of which 4 questions need to be answered, each question carries 15 Marks (60 Marks). ($4 \times 15 = 60$ Marks)

Note: Questions have to cover all the units prescribed in the syllabus.
Pattern of the question papers may be altered by the internal board of examiners headed by the Dean, Faculty of Law as and when required.

R.10.0 PASSING REQUIREMENTS (ELIGIBILITY FOR PASSING):

- R.10.1 For a minimum pass, a candidate must secure not less than 50% in end-semester (main written) examination, and also secure not less than 50% out of the prescribed 100 marks.
- R.10.2 Procedure in Event of Failure/Absence to the Examination
- R.10.2.1 Students who have secured 'F' (Fail)/'Ab' (Absent) grade in any course including dissertation and practical can reappear when the End-Semester

examination for that course is conducted during the subsequent semesters. She/he should continue to register and reappear for the examination till he/she secures a pass grade subject to R.11.1.

- R.10.2.2 For a course, the internal marks obtained by the student during first attempt of the normal duration will be considered and it will be combined with the marks obtained in the end semester examination for the award of the appropriate grade.
- R.10.2.3 However if a student obtains 'F' (Fail) / 'Ab' (Absent) grade in a course in the first attempts, from the second attempt onwards full weightage (100%) shall be assigned to the marks scored in the end semester examination and the internal marks obtained during the normal duration of the course will be ignored.
- R.10.2.4 Students who have obtained the grades 'F' (Fail)/'Ab' (Absent) in any course in the **Final Semester of the programme** is eligible to register for the supplementary examination. There will be a supplementary examination within two months from the date of announcement of results of the final semester examination.

R.11.0 COURSE WISE GRADING OF STUDENTS:

R.11.1 Letter Grades and Grade Points (GP)

All assessment of a course will be done on absolute marks basis. However, for the purpose of reporting the performance of a candidate, letter grades, each carrying certain points, will be awarded as recommended by UGC, as follows:

Letter Grade	Grade Points	Normalized Mark Range
Outstanding	10	91-100
A+ (Excellent)	9	81-90
A (Very Good)	8	71-80
B+ (Good)	7	61-70
B (Above Average)	6	56-60
C (Average)	5	50-55
F (Failed)	0	<50 Failure due to insufficient marks in the course
Ab. (Absent)	0	Failure due to non-appearance in the examination

R.11.2 Grade Sheet

The grade sheet issued by the Controller of Examinations to each successful student after the announcement of the results will contain the following:

- a. The credits for each course registered for that semester;
- b. The letter grade obtained in each course;
- c. The total number of credits earned by the student up to the end of that semester in each of the course categories;
- d. Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) of the current semester;
- e. The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of all the courses taken from First semester onwards.

R.11.3 Computation of Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

- (i) The SGPA will be calculated according to the formula

$$SGPA = \frac{\sum_1^n C_i \times (GP)_i}{\sum_1^n C_i}$$

Where C_i = credit for the i^{th} course, $(GP)_i$ = the grade point obtained for the i^{th} course (refer R.11.1), n = total number of courses and the sum is over all the courses taken in that semester, including those in which the student has secured 'F'/Ab' grades.

- (ii) For the cumulative grade point average (CGPA) following formula is used:

$$CGPA = \frac{\sum_1^r S_i \times (SGPA)_i}{\sum_1^r S_i}$$

where S_i = Sum of credits in i^{th} semester, $(SGPA)_i$ = Semester Grade Point Average earned in i^{th} semester and r = number of semesters and the sum is over all the semesters under consideration.

- (iii) The SGPA and CGPA shall be rounded off to 2 decimal points and reported in the transcripts.

R.12.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE:

A candidate shall be declared to be eligible for the award of the Master of Laws (LL.M.) if,

- a. He/She has successfully completed the course requirements and has passed all the prescribed examinations in all the **two** semesters within a maximum

period of **three** years reckoned from the date of the admission to the first semester.

- b. No disciplinary action is pending against the candidate.

R.13.0 CLASSIFICATION OF THE DEGREE AWARDED:

Class/Distinction will be awarded to the candidates after they successfully complete the One year Post-Graduation Law programme as per the norms given below:

Category	CGPA	Class
Candidates who successfully complete the programme within the time duration of 2 semesters	≥ 5 & < 5.5	Third Class
	≥ 5.5 & < 6	Second Class
	≥ 6 & < 8	First Class
	≥ 8 (with F or Ab in any Semester but obtained pass grade O to C subsequently)	First Class
	≥ 8 (without F or Ab in any Semester but obtained pass grade O to C subsequently)	First Class with Distinction
Students who cannot complete the program in 2 semesters but complete it successfully within the time duration of 3 semesters.	≥ 5 & < 5.5	Third Class
	≥ 5.5 & < 6	Second Class
	≥ 6	First Class
Students who cannot complete the program in 3 semesters but complete it successfully within the time duration of 6 semesters.	≥ 5 & < 5.5	Third Class
	≥ 5.5	Second Class

R.14.0 TEMPORARY BREAK OF STUDY FROM A PROGRAMME:

- R14.1 A candidate is not usually permitted for a temporary break during the programme. However, if a candidate intends to temporarily discontinue the programme in the middle of the course for valid reasons (Such as accident or hospitalization due to prolonged ill health) for a maximum period of two semesters or the aggregate of individual discontinuation not exceeding two semesters, he/she shall apply to the Head of the Institution in advance but not later than the last 6 days of registering for the end semester examinations of the year in question. Such applications should be routed through the Head of the centre and the Head of the institution stating the reason for break of study.
- R14.2 The Candidate who intends to re-join the programme after the break shall submit re-join application in the next academic year through the Dean and the Head of the institution.
- R14.3 The Candidate who re-joins after the break shall be governed by the rules and regulations in force at the time of re-joining.
- R14.4 The duration specified for passing all the courses for the purpose of classification vide R.13.0 shall not be increased by the period of such break of study permitted.
- R14.5 The total period for completion of the programme should be reckoned from the commencement of the first semester to which the candidate was admitted and shall not exceed the maximum period specified in R.3.0 & R.12.0 irrespective of the period of break of study in order that he/she may be eligible for the award of the degree (vide R.12.0).
- R14.6 If any candidate is detained for want of requisite attendance, progress and good conduct, the period spent in that semester shall not be considered as permitted 'break of study' and this clause is also not applicable for the detention cases.

R.15.0 DISCIPLINE:

- R.15.1 Every student is required to maintain discipline and decorum both inside and outside the SRMIST campus and not indulge in any activities that will tend to bring down the prestige of the institution.
- R.15.2 Any act of indiscipline of a student is first to be considered by the Discipline and Welfare Committee of the Faculty of Law for necessary action. If the issue demands more serious consideration, the act of indiscipline will be reported to the Dean, and he will refer it to the Discipline and Welfare Committee of the institution, constituted by the Vice Chancellor.

R15.3 The Committee will enquire into the charges and recommend suitable action if the charges are substantiated. The Dean, Faculty of Law will take appropriate action on the recommendation of the Discipline and Welfare Committee.

R15.4 The Dean, Faculty of Law may suspend a student pending inquiry depending upon the prima facie evidence.

R15.5 Appeal: The student may appeal to the Vice Chancellor whose decision will be final and binding.

R.16.0 POWER TO REMOVE DIFFICULTY (PTRD) CLAUSE:

In case of enforcing situations/any situation arising due to inconsistency of provisions the Dean shall take decisions in consultation with the Vice chancellor (through BOS/ACM/BOM) which shall be final.

R.17.0 REVISION OF REGULATION AND CURRICULUM:

The Academic Council of the SRMIST reserves the right to revise or change or amend the regulations, the scheme of examinations, curriculum and the syllabus as and when required.