



Centre for Law and Governance

The manifold agendas of public policy and legal reform in India remain impoverished in the absence of substantial research in many areas that impact the everyday life of Indian citizens. Since its inception, the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance has initiated a new interest in examining how practices of governance get stabilised through law and how these practices open law to further contestation. The Centre adopts a multidisciplinary approach to framing research and teaching on the relationship between law and governance.

The study of governance, in its various forms and at different sites, is central to several contemporary issues: the reform of public institutions and public law; the creation and establishment of procedures and rules that lead to greater efficiency, transparency, and accountability; and the challenge of making governance more inclusive and participatory through the strengthening of democracy and civil society.

The Centre's interdisciplinary focus draws on critical social science approaches in its attempt to explore how practices of law and governance are embedded in political, economic, social and historical processes; how practices of law and governance are dispersed over various sites ranging from the government, bureaucracy, judiciary, community and family; the socio-legal processes that deter or provide access to justice; and notions of governmentality, sovereignty and rights in specific politico-jural regimes.

The normative ideals of justice, equity and freedom inflect the Centre's critical interrogations of existing institutions and practices of law and governance. It is in this spirit that, while the Centre's academic programme produces scholarly research in these areas, it also seeks to translate theory into practice by initiating debate, sharing research and providing a platform for dialogue between the academy, government, civil society and international agencies.

In the decade since it came into existence the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance has developed at least three attributes that make it a distinctive part of the intellectual landscape. First, the Centre is explicitly interdisciplinary, as evidenced by the diverse academic trainings of its faculty and its student body as well as in the teaching and research programme it has fostered. Second, the Centre has developed a reputation as a location where academic rigour can be meshed with reflection on policy and advocacy. Third, the Centre has become a focal point for understanding the links between the law and governance in practice.

The ongoing research by the faculty and research students, a working paper series published by CSLG, an active seminar program and annual lectures by distinguished guests mark the other activities of the Centre. CSLG offers an M.Phil./Ph.D. program as well as admission to Ph.D. programme.

PROGRAMMES OF STUDY:

The Centre offers admission to Ph.D. programme and an M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme.

(i) Admission to Ph.D. Programme:

Given its inter-disciplinary orientation, the Centre welcomes applications from scholars with M.Phil. degrees in Law, Political Science, Public Administration, Economics, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Social Work, Development Studies and cognate areas/disciplines. Those who do not have an M.Phil. degree should provide evidence of equivalent published work in the intended area of specialisation. Publications, if any, and a research proposal must accompany the application. The candidate will be questioned on his/her domain knowledge, work experience and/or proposed research project.

The Ph.D. programme is a 4-year/eight-semester programme of study with all students required to undertake credited coursework in the first two semesters of the programme. Students are required to take 3 compulsory courses and 3 optional courses of 3 credits each to earn 18 credits with a minimum CGPA of 6.5 within the first two semesters to continue in the PhD programme.

(ii) M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme in Law and Governance:

The M.Phil. programme is a two -year/ four-semester programme of study from which students may move on to the doctoral programme provided they meet the minimum grade requirements laid down by the University. The M.Phil. programme consists of 3 compulsory courses; 3 optional courses; and a dissertation. Each course carries 3 credits, and the course requirements are to be completed in the first two semesters of the programme. The dissertation carries 10 credits and is to be completed by the end of the fourth semester. The notable features of the M.Phil. Programme are:

- its multi-disciplinary orientation in both course design and teaching plan;
- its substantive academic content;
- its distinctiveness when compared to available courses in other Indian Universities; and
- its coherence as a programme of study with a policy-orientation.

The objectives of the M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme in Law and Governance include the following:

- ❖ To provide an interdisciplinary perspective on the study of law and governance, by introducing the basic concepts, debates and the now extensive literature on governance and legal issues, emanating from the disciplines of political science, economics, public administration/public policy, sociology and jurisprudence.
- To equip students with the skills necessary to undertake research in areas of public policy, including a special focus on the legal implications of these issues, by developing their expertise in these diverse disciplinary areas, and so to enable a more complex and multi-faceted approach to issues of governance, public policy and law.
- To acquaint the qualified practitioner—policy-maker, civil servant, lawyer or NGO worker—with the major issues in this area.

There will be a written examination for admission to the MPhil/PhD programme. Those shortlisted from amongst the qualifying candidates will be invited for an interview. For the interview, candidates must prepare a 1000 word research proposal with a bibliography. The candidate will be questioned on his/her domain knowledge, work experience and/or proposed research project.

M.Phil/Ph.D

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1	Centre for the Law & Governance (CSL&G)	Law & Governance-CLGP (171)	Master's degree in Law, Political Science, Public Administration, Economics, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Social Work, Development Studies and cognate areas/disciplines in the social sciences or humanities with 55% marks.	P.G. holders of AYUSH related subjects are also eligible to apply	Viva-voce	There will be a written test with essay type questions from the fields of Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Economics, and Law. The test will evaluate the candidate's analytical abilities and competence in these disciplines. The areas covered by the test will relate to issues such as the following: the changing role of the state; the relationship between the state, market and civil society; civil service reform and the new public management; regulatory regimes; local governance, both rural and urban; the rule of law and access to justice; the social and economic bases of law; and global governance. The entrance exam question paper would be prepared as per UGC Regulations 2016	For details please check JNU website

Ph.D.

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1	Centre for the Law & Governance (CSL&G)	Law & Governance-CLGH (907)	Only those candidates shall be considered for admission to the Ph. D. Programme who have — (a) obtained 2 years M.Phil degree of a recognized University/Institution (with dissertation/seminar/Viva) or one year M.Phil. with additional one year research experience of a recognized University/Institution, and one publication OR (b) at least two years research/administrative/legal experience after Master's degree in reputed institutions with research publication(s) comparable to M.Phil. standard. In addition, they should have obtained Master's Degree with 55% marks or equivalent FGPA in 10 point scale/comparable standard where the grading is based on system other than 10 point scale. (c) However, the Centre reserves the right to adopt additional criteria for shortlisting of the applications.	For details please check JNU website	Viva - Voce	The entrance exam question paper would be prepared as per UGC Regulations 2016 For detail please check JNU website	For details please check JNU website