

Advanced Executive Diploma Programme

LL.M. (Pro) in Intellectual Property Administration and Legislations

Objective and Learning Outcomes

- To **develop technical and domain expertise** in evaluating and examining IP applications with a focus on quality.
- To **develop legal aptitude** towards the application of relevant laws, rules, and guidelines in distinct areas of IP examination.
- To **develop administrative competence**, by training IP Officials in drafting orders and other forms of written communications.
- To **develop skill sets** required to conduct proceedings, read and interpret documents, manage documentation, data, and other aspects of IPO administration.



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Mode, Timeline, Intake, and Delivery of the Course

- **Hybrid:** Online with Contact Classes as an Open and Distance Learning Programme
- **Timeline:** One Year (Two Semesters)
- **Course Flow:** 16 Weeks per semester (Online) | One week per semester (6 working days) physically on NLUD Campus/IPO Dwarka Office
- **Intake:** IPO Officials 25-30 only (Since it is conducted in hybrid mode, hands-on training can be provided to limited numbers only)
- **Delivered by:** National Law University Delhi (NLUD), Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition (CIIPC) and IPR Chair constituted by DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
- **Format:** The LL.M. (Pro) follows NLUD's current LL.M. (Pro) engagements for officials of the Indian Administrative Service (I.A.S.) with Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie with necessary additions.

BATCH-WISE TIMELINE

First batch: May 20th 2024 to 28th February 2025

Second batch: August 16th 2024 to June 15th 2025 (Academic year)*

*Second batch onwards, the course will be offered once a year based on the academic year system only (i.e. August–July)

Pedagogy



Weekly availability of course material as a **flipped classroom** on LMS



TAs will track candidates' **weekly course progression** and continuous assessment



Course content based on **relevant best practices** of other IP Offices



Simulation exercises and case-studies with a focus on **peer-learning**



Live lectures and **hands-on training by experts** for practical training



Course is intensive, rigorous and aimed at **advanced learning**

Course Credits and Requirements

1 Year

Minimum/maximum course duration

40 Credits

Course requirement

2-5 Credits

Individual subject credit

10 Hours

Mandatory asynchronous readings required per week for each credit, with all other readings considered optional.

2 Weeks

(6 days + 6 days) of active live lectures/contact synchronous classes will be conducted physically on campus in a semester, which will require authorized absence from the office. All other asynchronous learning is self-paced.

Course Components



E-text (1250-1500 words per topic) will be available on NLUD's Learning Management System (LMS)



Additional Asynchronous Learning: (Recorded Videos/animations/lectures/panel discussions, etc.), Discussion Forum, and review of essential readings. The readings shall be classified as Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Readings and will be available on LMS.



Live lectures by experts and an additional component of hands-on learning have been added to the course only for IPO officials for one week per semester before the grading.



Grading and Evaluation: 30% weightage has been allocated to Internal Assessment (MCQs) and the remaining 70% weightage has been allocated to End-Term Examination.

Entry, Quality Control, Certification, and Other Highlights

The Course is open to officials from the **Office of CGPDTM** with *any graduate degree*.

- The **Advanced Diploma [LL.M. Professional]** will be **awarded** by NLU Delhi.
- The **Entrance examination** (for IPO officials) will be conducted online by NLU Delhi (refer to the Academic Calendar below) if the applications received are more than 30 in a given cycle/academic year.
- NLUD will create a **preliminary selection list based on the entrance exam** and share it with the Office of CGPDTM. The Office of CGPDTM will share the final list by awarding 60% weightage to the entrance test scores secured by the candidate in the entrance examination and the remaining 40% on their work performance at the IPO. The **final list of selected candidates** shall be shared by the Office of the CGPDTM as per the dates mentioned in the academic calendar below.
- **Minimum Attendance** of 75% is **mandatory** during the contact classes.
- IPO officials will need to score a **minimum of 50% to qualify for the course** for the award of the LL.M. (Pro) Advanced Diploma and a **minimum of 60% to claim reimbursement of the course fees** from the Office of CGPDTM.
- **Every paper shall contain 100 Marks**, out of which 30% shall be for **Continuous Assessment** (Internals) and the remaining 70% shall be for the **End-Term examination** conducted physically on campus of NLUD.
- If a candidate falls below the 50% minimum marks criteria in any subject, they will be provided an opportunity for a **paper-specific reassessment of the end-term examination** subject to the payment of a designated reassessment fee. There shall be no reassessment of the continuous assessments.
- The 6+6 days (two weeks) of contact classes will also account for a **pen-and-paper examination**. If the **minimum attendance** requirement of 75% during the contact classes for every paper is not maintained, such candidates shall not be allowed to take the end-term or repeat

examination.

- If the candidate is absent on account of an **approved medical leave** by their office on specific dates during the contact classes/ end-term examination, such candidates may also request for an end-term examination reassessment on payment of a designated reassessment fee.
- The **quality of the course** shall be ensured through the appointment of a review committee of experts appointed by NLU Delhi. The course content shall be reviewed from time to time.
- All **extant rules of NLU Delhi** in ensuring conduct of the course, examination and grading, including the rules concerning use of any Unfair Means (UFM) shall apply to this programme.

Information on Entrance Examination

- **Syllabus:** Any question from the basic level of L2Pro India
- **Pattern:** 30 MCQs in 30 Minutes.
- There shall be negative marking of 0.25 for every incorrect answer.
- In case of two or more equal scores, the relative years of work experience in the IP Office will be counted.
- Basic Level of L2Pro India Course Sign Up Here: l2proindia.com (Registration is Free)
- Scan for registration:



Fees and Financials

NLUD will offer the course at a fee of

**Rs. 30,000
per candidate**

This fee is inclusive of admission fees, tuition fees, contact classes, library fees, and examination/evaluation fees.

- To encourage officials to take the entrance test in large numbers, there shall be no fees charged for appearing in the online entrance examination.
- A minimum of 25 candidates and a maximum of 30 candidates in each batch cycle will be ensured by the office of CGPD TM as part of the programme for a minimum of three years and a maximum of five years.
- End-Term Re-Registration fee- Rs. 2500/- per paper irrespective of the nature of the credits or type of paper (CP/EP).
- NLUD will not cover the expenses of boarding or lodging or arrange accommodation during the physical classroom training weeks (i.e. one week per semester).
- However, NLUD canteen/tuck shop may be used by the Officials during the tea/coffee/ lunch breaks. (Expenses to be borne by officials themselves.)
- The fees shall be reviewed before the end of five years.
- NLU Delhi reserves the right to use the content created for this programme to launch an online diploma programme in IP Administration and Legislations targeted towards future aspirants seeking career opportunities at the Office of CGPD TM. However, it shall only be an Advanced Online Diploma Programme and shall not be considered as LL.M. (Pro) specially designed for candidates from IPO. Such candidates for online diploma will not be provided with on-campus contact classes or have any interface/ overlap/interaction with candidates from IPO at any point of time during the course.

Course Structure

*CP -Compulsory Paper

*EP -Elective Paper

*The candidates are required to choose any two EP of their choice in a given semester.

SEMESTER – I (20 CREDITS)

Course Number	Title of the Course	Credits	Course Number	Title of the Course*	Credits
CP 101	Introduction to Law and Indian Legal System: The Legislature, Judiciary and the Executive	2	EP 101	Advanced Trade Marks Law -I	5
CP 102	General Principles of Intellectual Property Rights	4	EP 102	Advanced GI Law -I	5
CP 103	General Principles of Administrative Law	4	EP 103	Advanced Patent Law -I	5
			EP 104	Advanced Copyright Law -I	5
			EP 105	Advanced Plant Variety Protection and Farmers Rights -I	5
			EP 106	Advanced Semiconductor and Chip Protection Law -I	5
			EP 107	Advanced Industrial Designs Law -I	5
Total		10	Total		10

SEMESTER – II (20 CREDITS)

Course Number	Title of the Course	Credits	Course Number	Title of the Course*	Credits
CP 201	General Principles of International Intellectual Property Law	4	EP 201	Advanced Trade Marks Law –II (Practical)	5
CP 202	Administrative Law Practice: Drafting Reports and Official Communications	4	EP 202	Advanced Patent Law –II (Practical)	5
CP 203	Conducting Practical Proceedings, Use of Technology, and Office Administration	2	EP 203	International and Comparative Trademark Regime including the Madrid Agreement and Protocol	5
			EP 204	International and Comparative GI Regime including the Lisbon Treaty for GIs (Geneva Act)	5
			EP 205	International and Comparative Patent Regime including the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)	5
			EP 206	Advanced Copyright & Industrial Designs -II including the Hague Agreements (IDs)	5
			EP 207	International and Comparative Regime PPVFRA and Semiconductor and Chip Protection Law including UPOV-PPVFRA/Semiconductor Examination	5
Total		10	Total		10

ANNUAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR*

TASK	DATE
Notification of the Advanced Diploma and Opening of Online Application Form by NLU Delhi	18th January, 2024
Last Date of Online Applications	05 th February, 2024
Date of Online Entrance Examination conducted by NLU Delhi for IPO Officials (if applications received are more than 30)	22nd March, 2024
Communication of Result of the Entrance Examination to the Office of CGPDTM	27 th March, 2024
Final List of Selected Candidates to be shared by Office of CGPDTM with NLU Delhi	12 th April, 2024
Start Date of Course and Orientation (Hybrid)	26th April, 2024
SEMESTER-I	
Week 1	20 th May, 2024
Week 2	27 th May, 2024
Week 3	3 rd June, 2024
Week 4	10 th June, 2024
Week 5	17 th June, 2024
Week 6	24 th June, 2024
Week 7	01 st July, 2024
Week 8	08 th July 2024
Week 9	15 th July, 2024
Week 10	22 nd July, 2024
Week 11	29 th July 2024
Week 12	05 th August, 2024
Week 13	12 th August, 2024
Week 14	19 th August, 2024
Week 15	26 th August, 2024
Week 16	Study Break
Contact Classes on NLUD Campus	9th – 14th September, 2024
Internals and End-Term Examination (Physically Held at NLU Delhi)	9th – 14th September, 2024
Declaration of Semester – I Result	30 th September, 2024

SEMESTER – II	
Week 1	07 th October, 2024
Week 2	14 th October, 2024
Week 3	21 st October, 2024
Week 4	28 th October 2024
Week 5	04 th November, 2024
Week 6	11 th November, 2024
Week 7	18 th November, 2024
Week 8	25 th November, 2024
Week 9	02 nd December, 2024
Week 10	9 th December, 2024
Week 11	16 th December, 2024
Week 12	23 rd December, 2024
Week 13	30 th December, 2024
Week 14	06 th January, 2025
Week 15	13 th January, 2025
Week 16	Study Break
Contact Classes on NLUD Campus	27th January, 2025 – 1st February, 2025
Internals and End-Term Examination (Physically Held at NLU Delhi)	27th January, 2025 – 1st February, 2025
Declaration of Semester –II Result	15 th February, 2025
Declaration of Final Result and Awarding of Advanced Diploma Certificate (will be sent to the address provided during admissions)	28 th February, 2025

*The above calendar applies to the first Batch May, 2024–February, 2025

*For all university-prescribed holidays, please refer here: nludelhi.ac.in/stu-academic-calender.aspx

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