

# Gujarat National Law University Academic Directive GNLU/AD/46/15

Friday, 16 October 2015

# Subject: GNLU Inter-NLU Student Exchange Program

## 1.0. Purposes

- 1.1. To promote enhanced academic, training and research interactions for excellent learning, to increase elements of diversity in various learning programs and to appreciate the teaching, research and extension and training programs of national law universities of India, and to contribute to the overall holistic personal and professional development of students.
- 1.2. The program will initially be limited for the national law universities (NLU). The Inter-NLU exchange program supplements GNLU initiative to provide platform for learning, research, moot and extension to students enrolled at the various NLUs across the country.

# 2.0. Student Exchange

- 2.1. GNLU offers 2 places per national law university under two main types of student exchange activities;
  - a. Undertaking a semester / academic year education at GNLU;
  - b. Undertaking a short-term education, such as participation in certificate, diploma and credit courses at GNLU.
- 2.2. Subject to the understanding agreed upon between the GNLU and the parent NLU, the attendance records and academic credits earned in any of the above activities may be claimed by an eligible student for assessment and credit purposes at their respective NLU.
- 2.3. While the academic credit and attendance records can be requested to claim fully for seminar papers, bearing the same or similar title, the same can be only claimed for internal evaluation of core paper and student has an obligation to appear and clear the end-semester examination of the core or optional paper of their respective parent NLU. No exemption of whatsoever is granted from clearing the end-semester examination of the core paper either at GNLU or parent NLU.

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- 2.4. Once the choice is made by the student and information approved by the GNLU, no change shall be made by the student in claiming academic credit or attendance records. For example, if a student, prior to coming to GNLU seeks exemption from appearance in internal evaluation and wishes to have marks/grade credited for a particular paper and obtains approval from the parent NLU, he/she can avail the same for the approved paper only.
- 2.5. If a student pursues a full-semester or year at GNLU, he/she can request exemption to parent NLU from attending classes and internal evaluation in all papers offered in that particular semester or a future semester in subject papers closest to what he/she has undertaken at GNLU.
- 2.6. Only a course consisting of minimum 50 hours classes or more will be considered for any attendance or mark credit.

# 3.0. Scholarship in terms of financial assistance

- 3.1. Inter-NLU exchange students shall be exempt from paying GNLU tuition fees.
- 3.2. Students willing to participate in GNLU certificate / diploma and other training programs can avail subsidized fees applicable for GNLU students. Inter-NLU exchange students shall pay normal boarding and lodging charges that are applicable to GNLU students.
- 3.3 Interested students shall contact the GNLU Committee for application and will follow up timeline and procedures.

# 4.0. Participation in certificate courses, co-curricular programs and activities

- 4.1. Keeping in view the holistic, overall development of students, GNLU promotes participation of students in various co-curricular programs and activities held by NLUs. The co-curricular activities include participation in moot competitions, debate competitions, essay competitions, publication of research paper, specific skills training activity, academic support program and assistance to civil society institutions in providing legal services.
- 4.2. Depending upon the approval of funding in respective academic financial year, the respective GNLU Committee may consider waiving fully or partially registration fees, boarding and lodging charges for NLU students. The ceiling of maximum two places for normal student exchange program

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does not apply in co-curricular activities. Respective Committees shall announce the amounts allocated to each of the co-curricular activities prior to beginning of the new academic year and the Committee shall decide upon the reimbursement criteria, selection process on an annual basis for NLU students.

4.3. Student having any backlog of paper or disciplinary issue in the past or pending inquiry are ineligible from availing participation, any assistance or exemption under this Directive. Preference shall be given to academic achievements of the candidates. It is obligation on part of the student(s) to meet and make solemn declaration to this requirement. In case, if any past or pending discipline incident comes to the knowledge of the University, the University may initiate withdrawal or cancellation of participation, any assistance or exemption and require undertaking necessary remedial measures, as suggested by the GNLU in consultation with the parent NLU.

# 5.0. Roles and Responsibilities

Student: To submit request and required documents in a timely manner and fulfil all requirements as provided in this Directive.

- 6.0. Student Awards, Scholarship and Exchange Committee: To conduct in the beginning of each semester and once in a month interaction with students on various student exchange activities. The Committee shall submit its recommendation to the Director for approval and authorization. The decision of the Committee, as approved by the Director, shall be final. For co-curricular activities, the concerned committee convener and committees shall be responsible for initiating, implementing and monitoring the participation and all matters concerning thereto.
- 6.1. Office of the Director: To allocate amounts among various programs and activities in consultation with the faculty/staff conveners and advise Registrar to issue information circular to this effect, consider and approve requests in a timely manner and provide information on the implementation of the Directive to the statutory bodies.



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#### 7.0. Implementation Process

- 7.1. Students willing to participate in inter-NLU student exchange program shall submit application form to GNLU latest by 30 April or 30 October preceding the subsequent academic year, i.e. 30 April 2015 for monsoon semester 2015 and 30 October 2015 for winter semester beginning in January 2016 and 30 April 2015 for academic year 2015-16.
- 7.2. Inter-NLU Student Exchange Committee will process the application and advise the concerned NLU and student(s) about the outcome of his/her application within 3 weeks of the closing of the application timeline, normally before end of May and November.
- 7.3. Student(s) shall ascertain the papers offered by the GNLU in the respective semester/academic year prior to submission of his/her application. GNLU reserves rights to make any change in optional or seminar paper.
- 7.4. Upon notification of admission for participation under inter-NLU student exchange program, the candidate shall pay boarding and lodging charges within the time-limit prescribed by the Committee. Failure to pay the charges will automatically result into cancellation of admission for participation. Depending upon the availability of time, academic, logistics and such other factors as the Committee may determine, GNLU may or may not offer a place to another candidate from the same university. Once admitted for participation and acceptance of boarding and lodging charge, none of these charges will be paid back, if the participating student decides to leave the GNLU, for whatsoever reason(s).
- 7.5. GNLU will allocate room(s) to participating students as per the criteria decided by the University on an annual basis.

## 8.0. Implementation of the Directive

- 8.1. GNLU Inter-NLU Student Exchange and Participation in Co-Curricular Activities Request and Evaluation Form is an integral part of this Directive.
- 8.2. In case of any difficulty or issues arising out of the application or implementation of this Directive, the decision of the concerned Committee as approved by the Director, on part of the GNLU, shall be final and binding.



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- 8.3. Participating students shall all the time abide by the relevant academic, residential, discipline GNLU regulations and instructions as promulgated by the GNLU.
- 8.4. For further queries and information, please contact:

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#### 9.0. Effective Date

The Directive shall come into effect from academic year 2015-16.

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