

CENTRE FOR AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE LAWS (CADL), NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - 2021-2022

1. Could you tell us briefly about the University and the Centre for Aerospace and Defence Laws (CADL)?

About NALSAR and CADL: NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, has been a government institution of national eminence in the field of legal education and research and a residential University established in the year 1998 under the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research University Act (Act 34 of 1998). NALSAR University of Law is an approved institution of high importance duly recognized by the Bar Council of India & University Grants Commission. Truth be told, it has been graded as Category-I University by the UGC under Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018. NALSAR has been accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade (A++ as per new grading system) with 3.60 CGPA out of 4.00 which is the highest score among all the National Law Schools and other Law Colleges in the country.

NALSAR has been consistently ranked and endorsed as number one Law University in India and has always endeavoured to promote quality research in contemporary legal issues. One of the contemporary but neglected areas in Indian legal realms has always been Air and Space laws. In order to fill in this gap and to promote further studies and research in this field, the University established the Centre for Air and Space Law (CASL) in the year 2005. Since then, NALSAR-CASL has evolved unarguably as a world class leader in promoting the study of and training in the specialized fields of Air and Space Laws. Moreover, the Centre was upgraded as Centre for Aerospace and Defence Laws (CADL) and has now been offering courses in the area of Security & Defence Laws as well as Maritime Laws.

2. Are courses being offered through Directorate of Distance Education (DDE) at NALSAR recognized?

Of course, NALSAR University has been graded as Category-I University by the UGC and in keeping with the clause 4.10 of the UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018, University can offer programmes through ODL mode. The Courses have also been duly recognized by the United Nations (UN) under "Education Opportunities in Space Law: A Directory" as notified by the Secretariat of the United Nations on March 23, 2017 in document "A/AC.105 /C.2/2017/CRP.10".

3. What contents will be provided in the two years M.A. and one year Advanced Diploma Courses? How are these courses structured and conducted?

Please be informed that, the duration is two years for the M.A. Programme and one year for the Advanced Diploma Programmes. The courses **M.A. & Advanced Diploma in Aviation Law and Air Transport Management** do provide introduction to law and also management initially. Later, on the core legal side, the course shall cover subjects like International and Domestic Air Laws; Aviation Safety, Security and Liability Law; Aviation Contracts & Tenders and Aviation Corporate Laws besides Air Transport Economics and Statistics. In management, subjects like Airport Management; Airline Management, Aviation Marketing etc. are covered. In the final semester of M.A. programme, the students will have to submit a Dissertation on topic so selected by them.

As for the M.A. (**Security and Defence Laws**), it begins with an introduction to law, international security diplomacy and Conflict Resolutions, Defence Technology and Defence Laws, International Institutions and Global Security, Defence Management and strategic studies. The course also touches upon the contemporary and Legal subjects like defence Contracts & Tenders, Defence Procurement Policies, Defence Laws and Policies in India, regional security and Global Governance, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism, Aerospace and Maritime Security, Cyber Space and Cyber Security etc. In the final semester, the students will have to submit a Dissertation on a topic so selected by them.

As far as the curriculum of the **M.A. (Space and Telecommunication Laws)** programme is concerned, it includes the General Principles of Law, International Space Law, telecommunication Laws having International and national perspective , Technology and its relation to Space and Telecommunications, IPR Issues in Space and Telecommunication technology, commercialization and issues concerning the Cyberspace and security threats, laws relating to remote sensing and geospatial data and also contemporary issues in space and telecommunication sector. In the final semester, the students will have to submit a Dissertation on a topic so selected by them.

The course on **Advanced Diploma in Maritime Laws** begin with an introduction of law and maritime law. Thereafter, the course deals with the specific subjects like International Maritime Laws, Maritime Security & Safety; Maritime Laws of India, International trade and Marine Transport Services and Maritime Disputes Resolution.

The curriculum of **Advanced Diploma in GIS & Remote Sensing Laws** do include General Principles of Law, Remote Sensing Technology and Law, GIS Technology & Law, Coastal Mapping & Coastal Zone Management, Satellite Technology, Remote Sensing, GIS & IPR Issues, and Remote Sensing and GIS Applications in Resource Management.

For detailed syllabus of each programme, do kindly visit the relevant programme page on the website www.nalsarpro.org or www.dde.nalsar.ac.in or www.cadl.nalsar.ac.in

In so far as Personal Contact Sessions are concerned, they will be conducted by the University once every semester and the candidates may attend them physically or online. The candidates shall be required to do projects / case studies / assignments in each subject for which online guidance will be provided. Candidates will be provided with the Self Learning Material and support through email and web using remote accessibility of e-resources such as Manupatra, Heinonline, JSTOR, SCC Online etc.

4. What is the Eligibility Criteria and who can pursue these Courses?

Graduates in any discipline are eligible to apply for the 2-Year M.A. and the Advanced Diploma programmes. Candidates appearing for the final year examination of Graduation / Engineering are also eligible to apply.

For Advanced Diploma programmes, even the candidates who completed three years of their 5-year integrated LLB Degree programme in Law are also eligible to apply. The candidates are required to check the Admission Notification or the Programme page on the website for further details. In addition to this, candidates with 3-year Degree/Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (AME) are also eligible to apply for the Aviation Law programmes.

Lateral entry Admission & Exit provision:

In view of the National Education Policy, 2020, a provision has been made for Lateral Admission in the Second Year MA Programme in Aviation Law & Air Transport Management for the candidates enrolled for the One Year Advanced Diploma in Aviation Law & Air Transport Management.

Further 'EXIT' option is available for the candidates who are enrolled for M.A. (Aviation Law & Air Transport Management). If candidates opt to EXIT after completion of the FIRST YEAR, he / she will be awarded Advanced Diploma Certificate in the said specialisation. For details and complete information, please do check the concerned M.A. Programme page on the website.

5. Does completion of the Masters Programme meet eligibility for further studies?

Yes. It is a Two-Year recognized and rigorous Masters Programme. In addition to the examination, students also do undertake projects and one comprehensive dissertation. One can pursue further studies as well. However, it depends on the eligibility rules prescribed by the concerned Institution.

6. I am a full time regular employee. Am I eligible to pursue these courses?

Yes. These courses are offered through blended mode of Onsite-Online mechanism using Open Distance Learning mode. There will be Personal Contact Sessions for duration of 5 – 7 days in a semester which are live streamed and archived for later accessibility for the

enrolled students. For rest of the time, guidance will be provided through emails / website. Students can also take these courses while pursuing their regular studies.

7. How to apply for these Courses?

The Online Application Form is available on the website www.nalsarpro.org or www.dde.nalsar.ac.in

8. What is the application deadline and what is the selection process?

The last date to apply for the academic year 2021 – 2022 is August 16, 2021. Direct Admission subject to fulfilment of the eligibility criteria for the said course. Kindly check the Admission Notification of the Directorate of Distance Education on the website www.nalsarpro.org or www.dde.nalsar.ac.in or www.cadl.nalsar.ac.in

9. What is the fee structure for these courses?

S.No.	Programme	Course Fee
1.	2-Year M.A. (Aviation Law & Air Transport Management)	Rs.40,000/- p.a. (SC/ST/PWD Category-38,000/- p.a.) (Defence personnel – Rs.35,000/- p.a.) For Advanced Diploma Candidates for Second Year M.A. (Lateral Entry): Rs. 50,000/- (SC/ST/PWD Category-47,500/-) (Defence personnel – Rs.45,000/-)
2.	2-Year M.A. (Security & Defence Laws)	Rs.40,000/- p.a. (SC/ST/PWD Category-38,000/- p.a.) (Defence personnel – Rs.35,000/- p.a.)
3.	2-Year M.A. (Space & Telecommunication Laws)	Rs.40,000/- p.a. (SC/ST/PWD Category-38,000/- p.a.)
4.	One Year Advanced Diploma in Aviation Law & Air Transport Management	Rs.30,000/- (SC/ST/PWD Category-28,500/-) (Defence personnel – Rs.25,000/-)
5.	One Year Advanced Diploma in GIS & Remote Sensing Laws	Rs.30,000/- (SC/ST/PWD Category-28,500/-)
6.	One Year Advanced Diploma in Maritime Laws	Rs.30,000/- (SC/ST/PWD Category-28,500/-) (Defence personnel – Rs.25,000/-)

- If a candidate belongs to SC / ST / PWD Category and also Defence Personnel, then the candidate should pay the fee applicable for Defence Personnel.

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10. Can the Course fee be paid in Instalments?

As a policy measure, the University does not permit instalments. In a few deserving cases of financial difficulties, requests may be made to the Director, DDE and such requests shall be considered on a case-to-case basis and the University reserves the right to decide on measures.

11. What is the schedule for the personal contact sessions/Online classes and where do we attend them?

For the M.A. Programmes, Personal Contact Programmes shall be conducted tentatively for seven days in a semester at Hyderabad by the subject experts concerned.

In case of Advanced Diploma Programmes, Personal Contact Programmes will be conducted tentatively for five days in a semester at Hyderabad by the subject experts concerned.

For the exact number of days of Personal Contact Programme, kindly do check the Programme page on the website.

12. Is there any attendance requirement?

Attendance at the PCP is compulsory for the M.A. Programmes and the candidate should have at least 75% attendance in the PCP to appear for the end semester examination.

Attendance at the PCP is not compulsory in case of Advanced Diploma Programmes, but candidates are advised to attend the classes as the same are important to understand the rubrics of the subject and successfully complete the course.

The candidates may be given an option to attend the Personal Contact Programme (Classes) either physically or online. The recorded videos of the classes will also be uploaded on the website.

The University will intimate the exact dates of the classes and the examinations from time to time to the candidates by email in advance.

However, the exams will be held on campus, i.e. NALSAR University of Law, Justice City, Hyderabad.

13. What is the pattern of evaluation and schedule for the examinations?

Evaluation for courses includes projects / assignments / case studies and a written examination. Each paper is evaluated for 100 marks out of which 30 marks are for projects / assignments / case studies and 70 marks for the end term written examination. In case of

M.A. Programme, students have to submit a Dissertation in the IV Semester on a selected topic, which carries 150 marks for written submission and 50 marks for viva-voce.

14. How will the quality of the syllabus and readings be ensured and continually updated to fit the changing needs and requirements?

Having recognized the dynamic nature of courses being offered and the need to constantly evaluate and update them, NALSAR University has constituted a high-powered Committee consisting of Judges, Experts from Aviation, Space, Defence, Marine Industries, Senior Professors of Law and Management etc. The syllabus of all the programmes so offered is reviewed by the experts. Therefore, we have begun with the fundamental belief that students of these courses can learn better only if they are provided with up-to-date information and hence, we intend to undertake periodic revision of our reading material. Lastly, apart from the reading material, we also do provide updated information to our students through website and email on regular basis.

15. Will the accommodation be provided by the University, during on-campus sessions?

Accommodation can be arranged at NALSAR Campus, Hyderabad on request and on payment basis. Limited accommodation is available, hence, it will be on sharing and on a first come first served basis.

16. What employment opportunities will the students have after the completion of these courses? Whether NALSAR will provide job guarantee or job assistance?

Please be informed that Aerospace and defence sectors being truly international in nature do not confine themselves to Indian borders. Students pursuing these courses shall be able to enter the global market and boost their career profiles. Students can expect employment as Managers (Airline Managers, Safety and Security Managers, Operations Managers, International Relations Manager (Handling, Bilateral and Traffic Rights), Legal and Financial Consultants. Job opportunities are also available in Government Organizations such as the DGCA, AAI and various defence, Space and Maritime Organizations including Private entities in the subject area.

NALSAR being a Government Institution cannot guarantee you a job, we will provide you with assistance and guidance to students who are looking for jobs after completing the course by encouraging smooth interaction between students and prospective employers.

17. How will these programmes help various stakeholders in Aerospace and Defence industries in India?

Indian Aerospace and Defence sectors have been the fastest growing industries in the world. These programmes will be beneficial for the serving members of the Aerospace and defence industries, policy makers and stakeholders who are working in the government departments, public sector undertakings, negotiators and diplomats who represent the country in the negotiations for various defence procurements, Aerospace Engineers/Students pursuing Aerospace Engineering, Law Graduates desiring specialization in aerospace and defence Laws, M.B.A students and Graduates undergoing various aerospace, defence and strategic studies related Programmes.

Also, there is a high demand for law professionals with expertise in aerospace and defence laws. With the help of these programmes, the candidates can be well prepared for roles in international institutions, government departments (ministries of foreign affairs, defence, justice, home affairs and development), non-governmental organisations, law firms and also in private sectors (aerospace and defence companies).

18. Who are our students?

We have students with a wide spectrum of professional backgrounds who are coming from Indian Armed Forces, Aviation Management, Airports Authority of India, Indian Space Research Organization, International Airports Pvt. Ltd., private airline companies like Emirates, IndiGo, Qatar Airways, etc., Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Security Private Limited Companies, Ministry of Law and Justice, advocates, academicians, fresh graduates etc.

19. As due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the aviation industry has suffered a lot for the past one and a half year. Do you think, it can again make a consolidated comeback in times to come?

Yes. This is a fact that Covid-19 catastrophe has hit the aviation sector in the world to a great extent but this phase can be transitory and surely this phase shall be taken over by a resurrection in the growth of aviation sector world-wide, though it may take time.

In the year 2019, in India the growth in this sector was found to be greater than 20%. Such figure may be jumped over in times to come. It is the right time that the aviation enthusiasts could spend meaningful time thereby getting themselves equipped with the requisite knowledge and expertise in the field of aviation studies in particular.