

B.A. LL.B.
(Five-Year Integrated Law Course)

Nature of Five-Year Law Course

The Five-Year Integrated Law Course is a professional degree programme recognized by the Bar Council of India. It combines a bachelor's degree with legal education into a single integrated programme after 10+2 (Higher Secondary).

The Course and Duration:

B.A. LL.B. degree course constitutes Bachelor's Degree Course in Law.

The duration of the B.A. LL.B. Course shall be 5 academic years consisting of 10 semesters.

Duration for the Completion of the Programme is N + 2 years where N stands for the Normal or Minimum duration prescribed for the completion of the programme. (i.e. 5+2= 7 years)

B.A. LL.B. Rule 2: Prohibition against lateral entry and exit:

There shall be no lateral entry on the plea of graduation in any subject or exit by way of awarding a degree splitting the integrated double degree course, at any intermediary stage of integrated double degree course. Relevant Rules mandated by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and University Grants Commission (UGC) are applicable.

The term "lateral entry" means an admission given to graduate applicants at the beginning of third year in an integrated five-year program.

The term "lateral exit" means opting out at the end of three years after successfully completing the courses up to the third year, from an integrated five-year program on being awarded a Bachelor's degree.

The course is generally divided into 10 semesters over five academic years and includes both:

- Foundation / allied subjects (Political Science, Sociology, Economics, English, etc.)
- Core law subjects (Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Criminal Law, Jurisprudence, IPR, Labour Law, Environmental Law, etc.)

The programme also includes:

- Moot courts
- Court visits
- Internships
- Legal aid activities
- Drafting and pleading
- Research projects

The Bar Council of India Rules of Legal Education provide that the integrated double degree course like B.A. LL.B. can be completed in five years.

Eligibility for Admission

As per the Bar Council of India Rules of Legal Education:

A student must have:

- Passed 10+2 / Higher Secondary Examination or equivalent from a recognized board or institution.
- Obtained minimum qualifying marks prescribed by BCI.

Minimum Marks-

Category	Minimum Marks
General	45%
OBC	42%
SC/ST	40%

Additional Points

- Students from Arts, Commerce, or Science streams are eligible.
- Qualifications obtained through distance/open schooling are also accepted subject to BCI rules.
- Admission is conducted through MH-CET entrance examinations.

Advantages of Five-Year Law Course

1. Early Entry into Legal Profession

Students can begin legal education immediately after Class 12 without completing a separate graduation degree first.

2. Saves One Academic Year

Instead of:

- 3 years graduation + 3 years LL.B. = 6 years

the integrated programme completes both degrees in:

- 5 years only.

3. Integrated and Professional Approach

Students study humanities, commerce, management, or science along with law, developing interdisciplinary knowledge useful in modern legal practice.

4. Better Career Opportunities

Graduates can pursue careers in:

- Advocacy
- Judiciary

- Corporate law firms
- Legal consultancy
- Companies and banks
- Academics
- Civil services
- NGOs and human rights organizations

5. Practical Training

The course emphasizes:

- Moot courts
- Internships
- Drafting skills
- Client counselling
- Courtroom exposure

This develops advocacy and professional skills from an early stage.

6. Better Preparation for Competitive Exams

Integrated law students receive long-term exposure to:

- Constitutional law
- Current affairs
- Legal reasoning
- Analytical thinking

which helps in:

- Judiciary examinations
- UPSC
- NET/SET
- Higher legal studies (LL.M., Ph.D.)

7. Development of Communication and Research Skills

Students improve:

- Legal drafting
- Public speaking
- Research ability
- Negotiation skills
- Critical thinking

8. Recognized Professional Qualification

The degree approved by the Bar Council of India enables eligible graduates to enroll with State Bar Councils and practice law in India after passing the All India Bar Examination (AIBE).

The Five-Year Integrated Law Course is a comprehensive professional programme designed for students who wish to build a career in law immediately after higher secondary education. It offers interdisciplinary learning, practical legal training, time efficiency, and wide career opportunities while being regulated and recognized by the Bar Council of India.

Structure of the B.A. LL.B. Programme – as per Shivaji University Kolhapur

Semester I (Five Years)

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-101	Political Science- I
DSC-102	Political Science- II (Public Administration)
DSC-103	English-I (Grammar and Usage)

Semester II (Five Years)

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-201	Political Science- III (Organisation & Administration of the State Government)
DSC-202	Economics-I (General Principles)
DSC-203	History-I (General History)
DSC-204	Sociology-I (General Principles)

Semester III (Five Years)

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-301	Pol. Science- IV
DSC-302	Sociology-II (Special Sociology)
DSC-303	Economics-II
DSC-304	History-II (Legal History)

Semester IV (Five Years)

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-401	Political Science- V (Foundation of Political Obligations)
DSC-402	Political Science- VI (International Relations)
DSC-403	English-II

Sem. V of 5 yrs

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-501	Law of Contract (General Principles of Contract and Specific Relief Act)
DSC-502	Constitutional Law -I
DSC-503	Law of Torts and Consumer Protection Act
DSC-504	BNS (IPC)
DSC-505	Family Law-I
AECC-506	Legal Research

Sem. VI of 5 yrs

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-601	Special Contract
DSC-602	Constitutional Law – II
DSC-603	Family Law - II
DSC-604	Environmental Law
DSC-605	Professional Ethics
AECC-606	Public Interest Lawyering

Sem. VII of 5 yrs

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-701	Jurisprudence
DSC-702	Property Law
DSC-703	Company Law
DSC-704	Public International Law
DSC-705	Criminology
AECC-706	Fundamentals of Cyber Law

Sem. VIII of 5 yrs

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-801	Interpretation of Statutes
DSC-802	International Human Rights
DSC-803	Administrative Law
DSC-804	Banking and Insurance
DSC-805	Alternative Disputes Resolution (ADR)
AECC-806	Law and Entrepreneur Skills

Sem. IX of 5 yrs

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-901	Civil Procedure Code & Limitation Act
DSC-902	BSA (Evidence)
DSC-903	Labour Law-I (Industrial Laws)
DSC-904	Land Laws
DSC-905	Drafting, Pleading and Conveyancing
AECC-906	Advocacy Skills

Sem. X of 5 yrs

Course Code	Subjects
DSC-1001	BNSS (CRPC)
DSC-1002	Intellectual Property
DSC-1003	Labour Law –II (Social Securities Laws)
DSC-1004	Principles of Taxation
DSC-1005	Moot Court, Pre- Trial Preparation & Participation in Trial Proceedings
AECC-1006	Criminal Law Investigation & Forensic Science

For necessary details visit the website of Shivaji University, Kolhapur – Online Syllabus

<https://www.unishivaji.ac.in/bos/humanitieslist.asp?start=21>