

Hidayatullah National Law University

Note on Covid Helpline

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Hidayatullah National Law University was the first law school to constitute a COVID committee on 11th of March to deal with the then yet to unfold pandemic comprising of faculty, staff and students to manage issues in the campus. Subsequently the students were advised to return to their homes by vacating the hostels by 12th of March. This preemptive decision later was backed by the notification of the Chhattisgarh Government ordering the closure of the educational institutions on 13th March 2020.

The campus currently has the faculty residing there and a limited essential services contract employee of security and housekeeping attending to the work. The staff has resumed their duties on 14th of May with reduced no of working hours and all precaution relating to social distancing, safe travel and health measures. The UGC has given a guideline to reopen the university in physical mode in August 2020 for the existing batches and September 2020 for the students of new admission and is subject to further review based upon the situation. The class hours lost due to lockdown period to be delivered by digital means of uploading lectures. The teachers have been given the guidelines of best practices of such delivery and have to complete their content by 31st of May 2020. After review, the same will be uploaded for the students in suitable platforms by the first week of June 2020.

Meanwhile, there are deliberations with the faculty/academic council and students on completing the final year evaluation of exams in the first phase and thereupon for the remaining four years in the second phase. A detailed notification on this subject will be issued in the first week of June 2020 for the final year batch and for the remaining years batches by the last week of June 2020. The University as per UGC guideline has formed the second committee of COVID help line to deal with the queries, feedback, grievances and information during this lock down and extended vacation period through a dedicated e-mail response system – covidhelpline@hnlulaw.ac.in

In order to streamline and to avoid repetitive responses, the committee has prepared the following Frequently Asked Questions section in the website. This section will be updated periodically and students are encouraged to mail their queries not found in the FAQ. The committee will strive for an early response of the same. It is also to be advised that the mail content from students to be precise and pertinent to the academic and administrative issues of HNLU and should not any way transgress the decorum and decency expected from the stakeholders of an academic institution of excellence and responsible to the society at large. We look forward to connect with you and wishing a safe time ahead for you, your family and friends.

“Each of us is responsible for everything and to every human being.”

– Fyodor Dostoevsky

A. Examinations and Obtaining Certificates

1. What is the status of the End Term Examinations of Various Semesters including Final Year Students?

The faculty are in the final stages of consultation to work out an optimal alternate method other than the physical exam which will be equitable and reflective of the performance of a student. A detailed notification will be issued in first week of June 2020 relating to final year students and the second set of notification will be issued in last week of June 2020 for the remaining years of students.

2. The time line for the supplementary/repeat / examinations for first to final years be conducted?

The detailed two sets of notifications mentioned above will indicate the probable time line for supplementary and repeat exams.

3. Will the mode of supplementary /repeat exams be online or physical?

With the reopening of the University planned tentatively in August of 2020, the option other than physical examination at least for the final year is being deliberated. Such an alternate on supplementary/repeats for final years and other years will be announced by end of June 2020.

4. Will the projects for various years to be submitted? And if so the deadlines for the same?

The representation of SBA and individual students are taken into consideration and the final notification will spell out the modalities in line with the UGC guideline of maintaining standards and accountability of examination system.

5. What will be the roadmap for the exams/projects and dissertation for LL.M students?

The details of the single written paper/pending project submission and the effective way of completing the dissertation & viva are being worked out and will be announced in the first week of June 2020.

6. When will be the Mid Term results of various years of UG be published?

The results of Mid Term examination were delayed due to the sudden lock down as few teachers who travelled out could not come back due to restrictions. We are resolving the issues with the results of final-year midterm have been declared and uploaded on university website. For other years there are efforts to get it announced sometime in June 2020.

7. When will be the schedule of the results of revaluation for UG and PG courses?

The University has been working on completion of the revaluation of the applicants of UG and PG and expected to release by June 2020.

8. How to obtain Certificates (Provisional Degree/Marksheet/TC /Migration) from the university?

Kindly drop an email to the exam@hnl.ac.in to respond and resolve your request.

B. Queries on Recovery of Materials /Vacating Hostel

9. Can we come over or send a representative to collect some materials or vacate the hostel?

Already the university has addressed the issue and a detailed notice with certain rules has been notified on the university website. **See under Student Corner in the website for "Notice: Note regarding procedure for recovering of vacating materials in Boy's and Girl's Hostels. Uploaded on Dt.- 26.05.2020**

C. Related to Payment of Fees

10. Given the pandemic situation what will be the timeline of semester fee / method of remittance / staggered payment and related issues?

This to be addressed in consultation with the University bodies and will be announced by early July 2020.

11. How can I deposit my upcoming semester fee?

There will be a specific notice and guideline on this shortly and students to deposit the amount only after such announcement.

12. Can I deposit my January-June semester fee without fine in the physical reopening of the university?

The pending semester payments have to be sent at the earliest by prevailing mode of payments. The registrar can be mailed on any other issue relating to payments.

D. Related to Physical Reopening of the University

13. When will be the physical reopening of the university take place?

It will be announced as per the guidelines of Government of India/ State Government/ MHRD and UGC. As of now UGC advisory is that of August 2020 for continuing batches and September 2020 for the fresh batches of both UG and PG.

14. What will be the safety measures in class rooms and hostels during physical reopening?

It will be announced based on the SOPs of Government of India/ State Government/ MHRD and UGC.

15. Whether university is planning to conduct online classes for upcoming semester(s).

The UGC guidelines, advisory of consortium and HNLU stakeholders' access to digital transaction are key elements to formulate the response for alternate methods of physical conduct of classes. The current situation being fluid such alternates to be formulated nearer to the probable date of reopening.

E. Related to Internships and RCC

16. Will internship be allowed during semester schedule when we reopen?

The University has to follow BCI guidelines which states that internship cannot be undertaken during the academic session and HNLU has to adhere to the directions of the regulatory body. A decision taking into account the loss of internship in the last months to permit during academic session requires deliberation and exemption from BCI.

17. How to connect on recruitment and internship issues?

You can communicate to the RCC Convener/Coordinator of 2019-20 who handle the portfolio till succession of new committee.

18. Will the University help in getting placements for this year?

All possible support will be provided by the Faculty Coordinator and the administration.

19. Will there be a placement officer for the next academic year?

The University will explore the possibility of hiring a staff or a consultant based on availability of a suitable candidate.

F. Related to CLAT 2020

20. What will be the probable date for CLAT, 2020

Refer to the CLAT site of www.clat2020.ac.in and also for reposting of the notifications in our website.

G. Related to Letter of Reference/Any permission

21. How can I get a Letter of Reference for further studies abroad/ seeking job or for other purposes?

One can request to the office of the Registrar/ Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for any such letters of reference.

H. Related to Library/Online Resources/Webinar/Single Credit Courses

22. Will there be more online resources in Library?

The University is working to increase the budget of online resources with access. Students are welcome to write suggestions to the convener of the library committee.

I. Miscellaneous Queries

23. Will the sports facilities upgraded in the new academic year?

The New Basket Ball Court near the Boys Hostel has been completed and the contractor will be completing the second new basketball court at the girl's hostel before July 2020. The Engineering section is taking stock of the Gym equipment's and shall complete the procurements before reopening. A synthetic running track is also being explored around the football ground.

24. Will the infrastructure like kitchen/ repairs of hostels/ white washing be done before reopening?

The revamp of the kitchen has been awarded and to be completed before reopening. The proposal to air condition the dining halls is under study. The plan for GD rooms in the admin block / renovating the interiors of moot court halls and effective utilization of the new block of class rooms have been planned and tenders will be floated shortly. The color washing of the hostels is also planned and will be carried out in phased manner in this academic year. Other development work of landscaping the campus, relaying the roads are deliberated upon.