



National Law School
of India University

Bengaluru

3-Year LL.B (Hons.) Programme

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Introduction to the Programme

In 1988, NLSIU launched India's first 5-year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) programme. The success of this programme has secured NLSIU's legacy as the institution that radically disrupted legal education in India. Three decades after this bold experiment, the University is set to launch a new interdisciplinary 3-year LL.B (Hons.) programme in 2022 which reimagines legal education for the 21st century.

The 3-year LL.B (Hons.) is a postgraduate professional degree programme that is open to graduates from all disciplines. It is a qualifying degree for admission to legal practice. The programme meets all requirements of the Bar Council of India, and builds on top of that to deliver a rigorous legal education in keeping with NLSIU's unique curricular and pedagogic approach.

The programme is structured around interdisciplinary study of the law combined with experiential learning. The course curriculum and pedagogy are structured to promote interdisciplinary inquiry, in-depth analysis, and practical appreciation of legal problems. The method of teaching involves lectures, discussions, case studies, moot courts, clinical interventions, and academic writing, with the aim to bridge theory and practice. It is designed to produce lawyers who meet the challenges of the 21st century.

The 3-year LL.B (Hons.) is a full-time programme that will admit 60 students in the Academic Year 2022-23. Admission will be on the basis of an all-India National entrance test to be held on April 24, 2022. **The inaugural batch will begin classes on July 1, 2022.**



The NLSIU Way

The LL.B (Hons.) programme will allow students to benefit from NLSIU's decades-long experience in offering a world class legal education and learning environment. The faculty comprises a vibrant group of scholars in the law and social sciences, alongside leading practitioners who offer a range of elective courses.

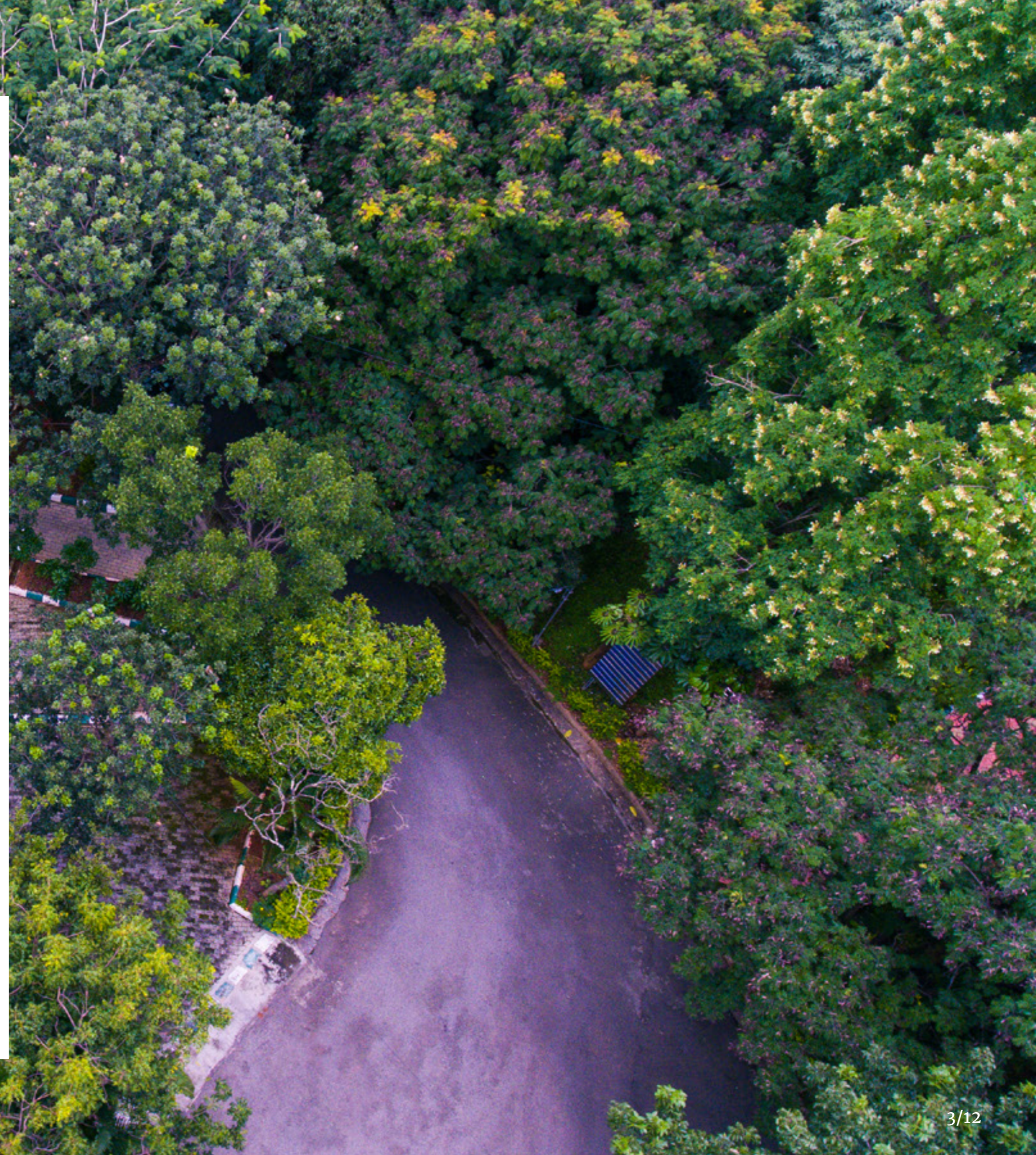
→ [Read more about the faculty here](#)

Students will also benefit from being part of a university community that is engaged in cutting edge research. Students have the opportunity to work with faculty members as well as NLSIU's various research centres on a range of theoretical and action-oriented research.

→ [Read more about research and publications at NLSIU here](#)

The heart of the University is the Sri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library, which houses an extensive collection of volumes on law and the social sciences. Library resources include subscriptions to leading electronic databases on law and social sciences, as well as the ability to access them remotely from anywhere in the world.

→ [Learn more about the library here](#)





Campus Life

NLSIU is a residential university. Students reside on campus in shared accommodation in the Halls of Residence. The Halls of Residence provide dining facilities, laundry facilities, health and wellness support, as well as social events to improve the quality of resident life. NLSIU campus also has banking services, a creche, a basketball court, a tennis court, an indoor facility for table tennis, a football stadium, a newly renovated gymnasium, and an aerobics and yoga center. Students can also access sporting facilities at the Sports Authority of India campus located at a walking distance from NLSIU.

→ [Read more on campus life here](#)

Academics

Course Structure & Credit Requirements

NLSIU maintains an excellent faculty–student ratio. This provides the opportunity for a high degree of interaction between students and faculty inside and outside the classroom.

At the beginning of each course, the students will be provided a detailed course outline and an ensemble of materials consisting of statutes, case studies, judicial decisions, scholarly writings, policy documents and so on. Students are expected to read the materials assigned for each class and actively participate in classroom discussions.

As part of this programme, students will be offered a range of core courses which are mandatory for all.

Core Courses

Core courses are meant to be introductory courses, and include legal as well as interdisciplinary papers. The focus of the interdisciplinary courses is to offer students a perspective on how to understand the law, and to place the study of law in context. These courses will equip students with tools and methods of other disciplines in the study of the law.

The course curriculum for core courses comprises classroom teaching and a continuing assessment component including assignments, research papers, presentations, class participation, etc.

Elective Courses

To allow students to explore their areas of interest in a systematic and comprehensive manner, NLSIU offers a range of elective courses. In addition to NLSIU’s own faculty, electives are often taught by practitioners and other experts who come in as guest faculty. This allows students to interact with and learn from the very best in diverse areas of law. Credits assigned to an elective will vary by course load and the number of lecture hours.



A list of elective courses that have been offered in previous years is available [here](#)

Academics

SEMESTER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
1	Legal Methods	2
	Introduction to Law and Social Sciences	2
	Law of Torts (including Consumer Protection Act, and MVA)	4
	Contracts – I	4
	Constitutional Law – I	4
2	Introduction to Law and Politics	2
	Introduction to Law and History	2
	Contracts – II	4
	Constitutional Law – II	4
	Jurisprudence	4
3	Introduction to Law and Economics	2
	Introduction to Law and Technology	2
	Family Law – I	4
	Criminal Law – I	4
	Property Law	4
4	Interpretation of Statutes	2
	Law, Poverty & Development	2
	Criminal Law – II (Criminal Procedure Code)	4
	Family Law – II	4
	Electives	4
5	Law of Evidence	4
	Civil Procedure Code – I	4
	Public International Law	4
	Electives	4

SEMESTER	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
6	Drafting, Pleading and Conveyance	4
	Administrative and Regulatory Laws	4
	Corporate Law	4
	Elective	4
7	Taxation Laws	4
	Labour Law – I	4
8	Electives	8
	Clinic 1 – ADR (including Mediation)	4
	Labour Law – II	4
9	Electives	8
	Professional Ethics	4
	Law, Poverty & Development	4
	Electives	8
	Moot Courts and Internship	4

Every student must complete a minimum of 48 credits in an academic year (between core and electives) and a total of 144 credits over the three years. If a student completes extra elective credits in one term, they shall be permitted to offset it in a subsequent term — this is subject to the requirement of completing 48 credits in an academic year, in order to be promoted to the next academic year.

Student Internships

The internship programme exposes students to the practice of law. Internships may be undertaken in lawyers' chambers, courts, administrative offices, quasi-judicial establishments, prosecution departments, police and correctional institutions, commercial corporate establishments, government law offices, legal aid centres, legislative secretariat, think-tanks, research institutions, non-governmental organisations etc. These internships teach professional skills, essential aspects of professional ethics and social responsibility issues, and management of challenging situations in practical and professional life. They allow students to explore diverse substantive areas of law and different sites of legal practice. Internships equip students to decide on future career trajectories. These often translate into job opportunities. Students need to compulsorily undertake an internship each year of the programme, during the term break between the second and third trimester.

Student Exchange Programmes

NLSIU has entered into MoUs with select law schools abroad to provide students with international exposure. Students in the 3-year LL.B (Hons.) programme will be able to participate in this extensive student exchange programme. Selection for student exchange programmes is based on students' academic performance as well as any specific requirements of the host university. Students selected for an exchange programme need not pay any tuition fees at the host university. However, they pay for the cost of their travel, accommodation, medical insurance, and other living expenses.



Admission

Admission Procedure

Admission will be through a national level entrance examination process. The examination process will consist of a written and an interview component. The written test (called the National Law School Admission Test or NLSAT) will be for 150 marks, of which 75 marks will be for objective type MCQs, and 65 marks will be for subjective questions. The interview will be for 10 marks.

NLSAT

NLSAT will be for a duration of 150 minutes. The test will consist of two parts: Part A or the objective questions/MCQs, and Part B or the subjective questions.

PART A

Applicants will be tested on the following in Part A of the test

- » English comprehension (25 marks)
- » Current Affairs (25 marks)

Critical Reasoning (including logical reasoning and legal aptitude) (25 marks)

PART B

The syllabus for Part B of the test is as follows

- » Legal Aptitude/Reasoning (50 marks)
- » Current Affairs (15 marks)

Legal aptitude will consist of problem-based questions to which short answers will be sought. Prior knowledge of law is not expected. This section will have 10 questions of 5 marks each.

Current affairs shall consist of one essay of no more than 500 words. Students shall be required to answer one of three options. Applicants will be tested on their knowledge of the issue, the ability to make cogent written arguments and write a well-structured essay. Knowledge of the law is not expected.

→ [Sample questions are available here](#)

Interview

In the interview, applicants will be assessed on basic articulation skills, original thinking, reasoning ability, and passion for the law and public service.

All candidates appearing for the admission test will be administered a single question paper that contains the Part A and Part B questions. Based on performance in Part A, students will be selected in the ratio of 1:5 (5 candidates per seat available in the programme) for further evaluation of Part B answers. Marks secured in Part A will be used only for the purpose of selecting candidates who qualify for the next phase of the admission process. Thereafter, based on the score secured in Part B of the paper, candidates will be invited for an interview (in the ratio of 1:2.5 per seat available in the programme). The final rank list will be prepared on the basis of the consolidated score of Part B and the interview. At each stage, the applicable policy for reservations will be followed.

Eligibility

Any person holding a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognised national or international university is eligible to apply to the programme. Applicants in the general category should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 45% of total marks. Applicants in the SC/ST category should have graduated with an aggregate of not less than 40% of total marks.

Students in the final year of their Bachelor's degree are also eligible to apply. However, their final offer of admission will be contingent upon successful completion of their Bachelor's degree with the minimum aggregate marks specified above.

Due to the prevailing pandemic conditions, many universities may not conduct their final examinations before completion of the admission process to the LL.B programme. To address this situation, admitted students who are in the final year of their Bachelor's degree and have not obtained their final results, will have till December 31, 2022 to provide proof of eligibility for admission. That is, they can commence the course in July 2022, but their admission shall remain provisional till they provide proof of eligibility, or till December 31, 2022, whichever is earlier. Provisionally admitted students will have to complete all other requirements including payment of fees and regular attendance in classes.

Intake and Reservation

60 students shall be admitted to the 3-year LL.B (Hons.) programme in the Academic Year 2022-2023. The reservation policy shall be as follows

Scheduled Caste	15%
Scheduled Tribe	7.5%
Other Backward Classes	27%
Economically Weaker Sections	10%

The following horizontal reservations will also apply

Karnataka Students	25%
Women	30%
Persons with Disabilities	5%





Careers

The LL.B (Hons.) programme offers a professional degree, allowing students to practice as lawyers. NLSIU graduates have gone on to become judges, leading lawyers, and academics in top universities in India and abroad. Many of them work in public service including in civil service, international organisations, and NGOs. Corporate law firms and corporate houses recruit directly from the campus. Graduates have also used their law degree as a foundation for careers beyond the law. Students at NLSIU run their own on-campus recruitment process.

Fees

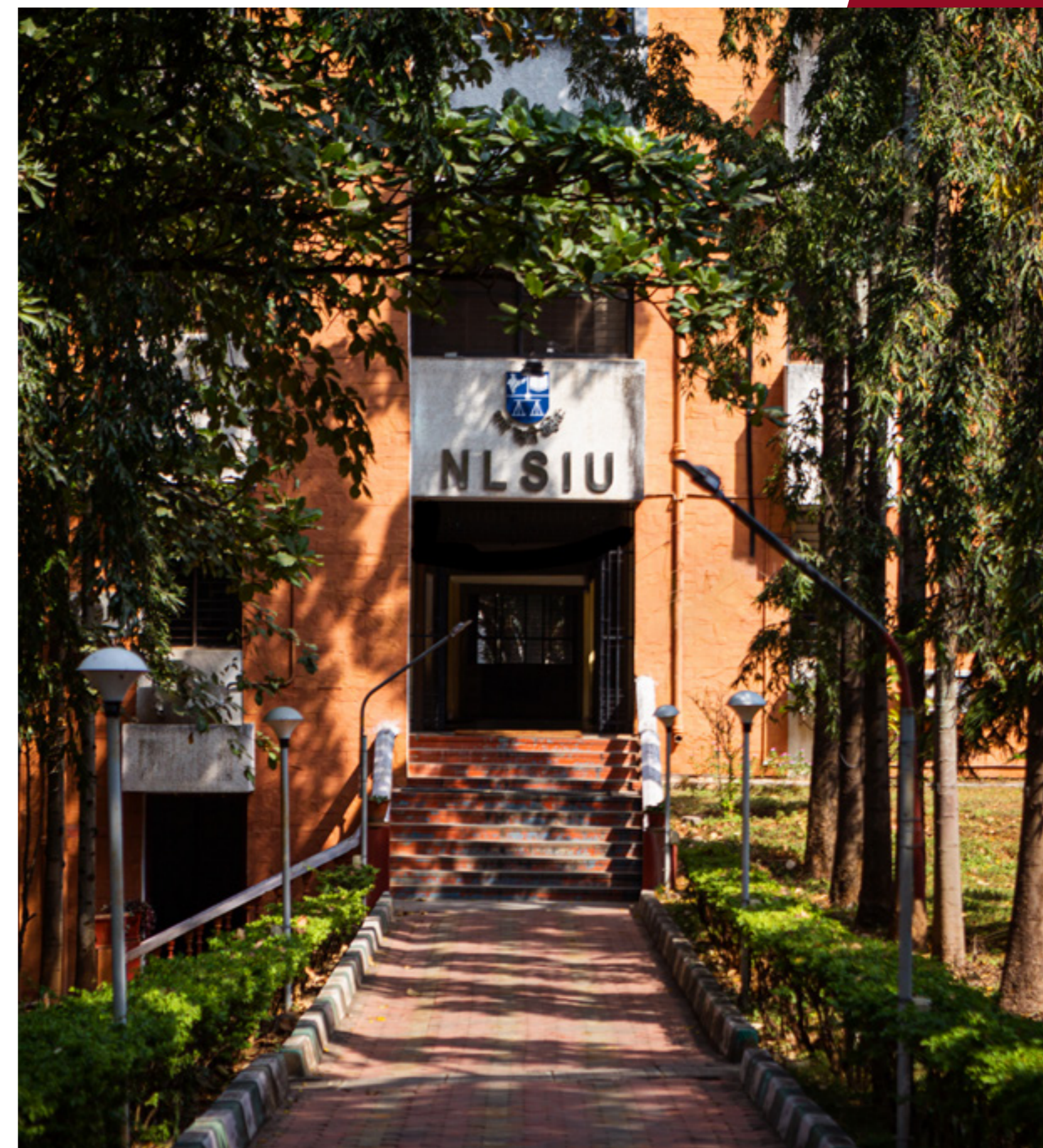
Admission Fee (one-time payment)	Rs. 8,270.00
Tuition and Facilities Fee	Rs. 2,01,445.00
Hostel Residential Charges	Rs. 29,320.00
Mess Charges	Rs. 34,860.00
Refundable Deposits (one-time payment for General category)	Rs. 14,960.00
Refundable Deposits (one-time payment for SC/ST category)	Rs. 11,550.00
Total Fee (including refundable deposits)	
General Category	Rs. 2,88,855.00 per annum
SC/ST Category	Rs. 2,85,445.00 per annum

Note: The fees/charges are provisional and subject to confirmation & revision as per the decision of the University authorities.

Financial Aid

NLSIU is committed to ensuring that students from diverse social, linguistic and economic backgrounds from across India benefit from its rigorous and transformative education. The admission process does not take into account the financial background of the applicant. Further, the University is committed to supporting every student admitted to an academic programme to continue their studies irrespective of financial constraints. NLSIU's financial aid policy is geared towards achieving these objectives.

→ [Read about financial aid and scholarships here](#)



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