Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla
(Established by the Act 16 of 2016)

Common Law Admission Test (CLAT 2026)
Information Brochure: 2026-27

ABOUT HPNLU

The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla is established by the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Act (Act 16 of 2016) in the year 2016. The HPNLU campus is about 22 km from Shimla, situated at Ghandal on Shimla-Mandi National Highway (NH-205). The University is duly recognized by the Bar Council of India. The University is duly registered with the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi under Section 2 (f) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and also got recognition under Section 12 (B) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956. The HPNLU Shimla is regular member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi and several other prestigious National and International Institutions/ organizations.

Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena
Vice Chancellor | HPNLU, Shimla

HPNLU ACADEMIC COURSES

The HPNLU offers following Courses:

1. B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Programme (FYIP)
2. B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Programme (FYIP)
3. LL.M. (One-Year Programme)
4. Ph.D.
5. LL.D.

Prof. (Dr.) Alok Kumar
Registrar | HPNLU, Shimla

The HPNLU, Shimla offers
B.A./ B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Programmes, comprising of courses in Law, Management and Social Sciences. In the last four semesters of undergraduate course, students are offered specializations in four streams/groups, viz. Constitutional Law, Business Law, Crime & Criminology, and International Law. Student is free to choose one stream from the above four groups/ streams. Six specialization papers are offered (from each group) during eighth to tenth semester. The successful students are awarded B.A./ B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) degree with specialization. The curriculum is designed in accordance with the Semester System. The pedagogical approach followed by the University is focused on innovative teaching and learning methods. The teaching objectives emphasize development of professional knowledge and skills, in addition to, bestowing upon students critical thinking and analytical abilities. The methodology followed includes case study method, classroom teaching, field visits, and optimum use of ICTs. The course structure of a subject includes assignments, seminars, and project works.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

Under-Graduate Program.

For both Undergraduate Program such as B.A./ B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) (Five Years Integrated Programme) admission shall be made on the basis of Common Law Admission Test i.e. 'CLAT'). Candidate should have passed intermediate examination from any recognized board with minimum 50 % (45 % for S.C/ S.T. students) without compartment.

Post-Graduate Program.

Candidate should have passed his/ her undergraduate programme i.e. 3 years or 5 years LL.B. Degree from any recognized University in India or foreign University recognized as equivalent under Indian Law with minimum 50% (45 % for S.C./ S.T. students) or an equivalent grade point. In determining equivalency, the university is listed with Association of Indian Universities and any other Nodal Agency which is statutorily empowered to determine equivalency, will be considered.

Intake and Reservation

The total number of seats for the B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Programme shall be One Hundred and Twenty (120) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Programme shall be Sixty (60). Division of the seats shall be as under :

B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Programme

Reservation Name	Type Vertical / Horizontal	No. of Seats	Allot from CLAT Yes / No	Specific document required for reservation
Unreserved (UR)	Vertical	**92**	**Yes**	
SC (15%)	Vertical	**18**	**Yes**	Category certificate from competent authority
ST (7.5%)	Vertical	**10**	**Yes**	
EWS (10%)	-	**12 (All India – 09, H.P. – 03)**	**Yes**	EWS certificate from competent authority

Reservation Name	Type Vertical / Horizontal	No. of Seats	Allot from CLAT Yes / No	Specific document required for reservation
PwD (5%)	Horizontal	**06**	**Yes**	Disability certificate from competent authority
HP Bonafide (25% as per HPNLU Act, 2016)	Horizontal	**30 (UR-23, SC-05, ST-02)**	**Yes**	HP Bonafide certificate from competent authority
Ward of Serving/ Retired Defense Personal (WSRD) (5%)	Horizontal	**06**	**Yes**	Serving / Retire certificate from competent authority
J&K Resident (As per UGC/MHRD Notification)	Supernumerary	**02**	**No**	J&K Resident certificate from competent authority
Kashmiri Migrant (As per UGC/MHRD Notification)	Supernumerary	**06**	**No**	Kashmiri Migrant certificate from competent authority

B.B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Programme

Reservation Name	Type Vertical / Horizontal	No. of Seats	Allot from CLAT Yes / No	Specific document required for reservation
Unreserved (UR)	Vertical	**46**	**Yes**	
SC (15%)	Vertical	**09**	**Yes**	Category certificate from competent authority
ST (7.5%)	Vertical	**05**	**Yes**	
EWS (10%)	-	**06 (All India – 05, H.P. – 01)**	**Yes**	EWS certificate from competent authority
PwD (5%)	Horizontal	**03**	**Yes**	Disability certificate from competent authority
HP Bonafide/ Domicile (25%)	Horizontal	**15 (UR-12, SC-02, ST-01)**	**Yes**	HP Bonafide certificate from competent authority
Ward of Serving/ Retired Defense Personal (WSRD) (5%)	Horizontal	**03**	**Yes**	Serving / Retire certificate from competent authority
J&K Resident (As per UGC/MHRD Notification)	Supernumerary	**02**	**No**	J&K Resident certificate from competent authority
Kashmiri Migrant (As per UGC/MHRD Notification)	Supernumerary	**03**	**No**	Kashmiri Migrant certificate from competent authority

LL.M. (One Year Programme)

Reservation Name	Type Vertical / Horizontal	No. of Seats	Allot from CLAT Yes / No	Specific document required for reservation
Unreserved (UR)	Vertical	**62**	**Yes**	
SC (15%)	Vertical	**12**	**Yes**	Category certificate from competent authority
ST (7.5%)	Vertical	**06**	**Yes**	
EWS (10%)	**-**	**08 (All India-06 HP -02)**	**Yes**	Certificate from competent authority

Reservation Name	Type Vertical / Horizontal	No. of Seats	Allot from CLAT Yes / No	Specific document required for reservation
PwD (5%)	Horizontal	**04**	**Yes**	EWS certificate from competent authority
HP Bonafide/ Domicile (25% as per HPNLU Act, 2016)	Horizontal	**20** (UR-15, SC-03, ST-02)	**Yes**	HP Bonafide from competent authority
Ward of Serving/ Retired Defense Personal (WSRD) (5%)	Horizontal	**04**	**Yes**	Serving / Retire certificate from competent authority
Women (20 %)	Horizontal	**16**	**Yes**	
J&K Resident (As per UGC/MHRD Notification)	Supernumerary	**02**	**No**	J&K Resident certificate from competent authority
Kashmiri Migrant (As per UGC/MHRD Notification)	Supernumerary	**04**	**No**	Kashmiri Migrant certificate from competent authority

Fee (UG and PG Programme)

Fee Structure B.A./B.B.A. LL.B. (FYIP)

Sr. No.	Heading of the Fee	Fee (in ₹)
1	Admission Fee	7,165/-
2	Tuition Fee	1,71,948/-
3	NRI Student	7,50,000/-
4	SAARC Candidates (Excluding Indians)	3,50,000/-
5	Facilities Fee	35,500/-
6	Campus Development Fee	14,329/-
7	Examination Fee	14,329/-
8	Library Fee	7,165/-
9	Moot Court	7,165/-
10	Hostel Charge	35,823/-
11	Refundable Security	20,000/-
	Total Annual Fee	**3,13,424/-**
	*First Year	**3,13,424/-**
	*Second Year	**3,00,572/-**
	*Third Year	**3,15,601/-**
	*Fourth Year	**3,31,381/-**
	*Fifth Year	**3,47,950/-**

Fee Structure LL.M. (One Year Programme)

Sr. No.	Heading of the Fee	Fee (in ₹)
1	Admission Fee	7,905/-
2	Tuition Fee	1,26,480/-
3	Facilities Fee	49,803/-
4	Campus Development Fee	15,810/-
5	Examination Fee	15,810/-
6	Library Fee	7,905/-
7	Hostel Charge	39,525/-
8	Refundable Security	20,000/-
	Total	**2,83,238/-**

About HPNLU Library

The HPNLU Library is a special place in the University Campus with a collection of 14,500 documents, including Books and Periodicals in fields of Law, Economics, Political Science, Management, Sociology, History, Psychology, Philosophy, etc. The library stands as a unique Knowledge Centre that offers access to essential and specialized information resources and services to meet the growing teaching and research activities of the University. The Periodical section includes the previous issues of the Supreme Court Case, All India Reporter, Criminal Law Journal, Harvard Law Review, Judgement Today and Himachal Law Reporter. In addition to these, the library has a subscription to 21 print journals, 14 Magazines and 10 Newspapers for updated knowledge. The Reference Section of the library contains Halsbury's Laws of England & India, Law Reports of the Commonwealth, Oxford Handbooks, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Law Commentaries, etc.

The library operations are automated using **KOHA-Library Management Software**, facilitating efficient cataloguing, circulation, and user services. The Library's Web Online Public Access Catalogue (**WebOPAC**) is publicly accessible, allowing users to search for resources remotely and

locate them within the physical collection. HPNLU Library also contributes its bibliographic records to **IndCat**, the Union Catalogue of Indian Libraries maintained by the INFLIBNET Centre.

To support digital learning and research, the library provides access to an extensive range of electronic resources through the **Refread e-Library platform**, accessible anytime and on any device. These e-resources include leading legal databases such as **HeinOnline**, **SCC Online**, **AIR Online**, **Taxmann**, **Manupatra**, **REEDLAW**, **Lexis Advance**, **Kluwer Arbitration**, **Westlaw Asia**, and **LiveLaw**. General reading and global awareness are supported through **PressReader**, which provides access to over 7,000 international newspapers and magazines. The library also offers tools to promote academic writing and research integrity, such as **Grammarly (**an AI-based writing assistant), **Turnitin Feedback Studio** (plagiarism detection and feedback), and **DrillBit Plagiarism Detection Software** under the INFLIBNET-UGC initiative. In addition to these, the library is also providing access to **30 e-Resource publishers** to its users under the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Plan provided by MoE through the INFLIBNET Centre. The library has also subscribed to the CrossRef Digital Object Identifier (DOI) service to enhance the visibility and reach of the university's published journals.

To strengthen research support, the library has created dedicated profiles for all Research Scholars and Research Supervisors on the **ShodhChakra** platform, developed by the INFLIBNET Centre. This platform facilitates the entire research lifecycle, ranging from topic registration, access to research materials, supervisor feedback, progress tracking, to thesis submission.

Additionally, the Library contributes to **Shodhganga** by uploading awarded theses and to **Shodhgangotri** by depositing approved Ph.D. synopses, ensuring visibility and compliance with UGC mandates. Further, the Library maintains and regularly updates faculty research profiles on the **Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS)**, available at https://hpnlu.irins.org.

The library has also implemented modern infrastructure and assistive technologies to enhance the user experience. It is equipped with a **Hybrid Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)** system to streamline circulation operations such as self-check-in and self-check-out, improve inventory control, and strengthen security. A **Patron Traffic Counter (PTC)** system is installed to facilitate computerized gate entry and exit for both users and staff. To support inclusivity, the library offers assistive technologies such as the **PEARL OpenBook Scanner** with OCR capabilities and the **JAWS Talking Screen Reader**, which converts a standard computer into a talking PC for visually impaired users.

About HPNLU Hostels

Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla ***(HPNLU)*** has separate Boys' and Girls' Hostels (operated through hired buildings). One Girls' Hostel Block is complete and another Hostel Block is in under construction.

There is a central mess facility for all the hostels. Hostel rooms are furnished with beds, study tables, chairs, and almirahs. Proper sanitation and hygiene are maintained in the hostel and in the mess premises. The students are also provided with high-speed wi-fi connectivity. Transportation is provided for the residents of the hostels. For safety and security of hostel inmates, each hostel has adequate security guards.

New Rishika Sanghmitra Girls Hostel (Under Construction)

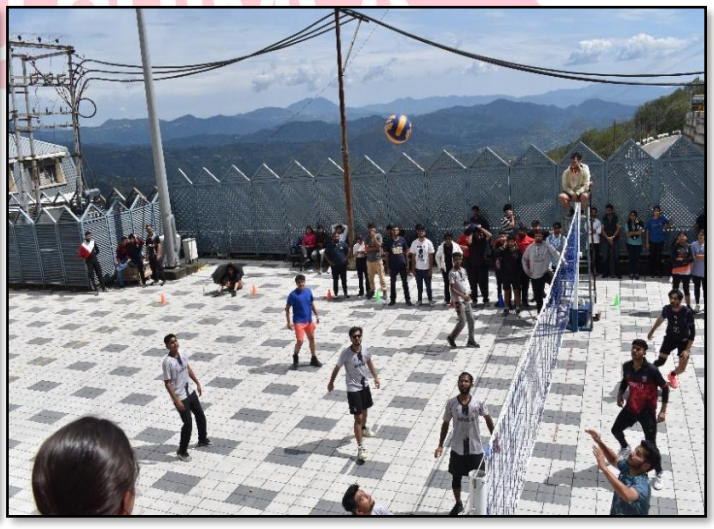
HPNLU Girl's Hostel at HP Judicial Academy

GYMNASIUM, SPORTS ACTIVITY AND RECREATION FACILITY AT HPNLU

The HPNLU campus is equipped with separate gym facilities for male and female students, featuring the latest fitness machines and equipment. These are complemented by proper recreational amenities for resident students. An open badminton court is currently operational, along with indoor sports facilities such as a gymnasium and table tennis. The University also offers various sports facilities, including cricket, football, volleyball, basketball, and a racing track. A full-fledged sports ground and additional outdoor facilities are currently under construction.

HEALTH FACILITY

The University has a Medical Care Centre. Further, the University has ambulance facility in the campus and medical care is provided through Government Hospital, Dhami, which is within 3 km from the University Campus.



A Glimpse of Life at HPNLU

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