

## Pathways to Legal, Social Sciences, and Public Policy Education in India

Founded in 1987, National Law School of India University (NLSIU) is India's first national law university and is consistently ranked the country's leading institution for legal education. It is a residential university and has a history of admitting international students, with alumni from multiple regions of the world. This global presence enriches classroom discussions and fosters sustained international engagement.

NLSIU's international alumni have gone on to hold distinguished positions worldwide. Graduates from Nepal include justices of the Supreme Court of Nepal, while alumni from Bhutan serve as senior advocates and legal advisors shaping the nation's legal framework. NLSIU graduates also contribute to global governance and development, with alumni serving in institutions such as the World Bank and the United Nations. Many others have contributed to legal reform, human rights advocacy, and governance across South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, and beyond, and have pursued advanced degrees at leading global universities. This network offers current students meaningful mentorship and professional connections across borders.

International students are admitted to NLSIU through an online National Law School Admission Test (NLSAT), which will be held on 26 April 2026. The NLSAT is designed to assess aptitude for higher education in law and public policy, emphasising critical reading, analytical reasoning, and written expression rather than syllabus-based preparation. We encourage applications from international and overseas Indian students, and are committed to supporting them academically and institutionally.

Academic programmes open to international applicants include:

- **BA-LLB (Hons.):** A five-year undergraduate degree integrating law with the social sciences and humanities.
- **BA (Hons):** A three-year undergraduate degree in History, Economics, Politics, or Sociology and Anthropology, with an optional fourth-year research track.
- **LLB (Hons.):** A three-year postgraduate law degree for students who already hold an undergraduate qualification.
- **LLM:** A one-year postgraduate programme with specialised tracks in law, regulation, and governance.
- **Master of Public Policy (MPP):** A professional programme focused on policy analysis, design, and implementation.
- **PhD programmes** in law and allied disciplines.

Details about international admissions to our programmes can be found on NLSIU [Admissions Page](#). Candidates can register at [NLSAT international Admissions 2026](#).