LLB

Legum Baccalaureus or LLB is a Bachelor of Law degree that is offered to aspirants by many renowned colleges in India. However, candidates can pursue this law course only if they possess a graduation degree. LLB course offered at all law colleges of India is regulated and closely supervised by the Bar Council of India (BCI).

The three-year <u>law</u> course is structured in such a way that the curriculum is divided into six semesters. Candidates are awarded an LLB degree only when they complete all the semesters of this three-year course.

As part of an LLB course offered at most popular law colleges in India, candidates need to take part in regular theory classes, moot courts, internships as well as tutorial work.

Popular Law Specializations

| Company Law | Business Law |
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| Corporate Law | Criminal Law |

LLB Eligibility Criteria

Candidates who want to pursue the LLB course should fulfil certain requirements in order to be eligible. Below are the eligibility criteria for LLB courses as mentioned by BCI:

 Candidates need to be graduates i.e. they should have passed a bachelor degree of threeyears or four-years duration in any subject/ discipline in order to pursue an LLB course.

Apart from this, some colleges also fix a minimum percentage requirement that candidates need to fulfil in order to secure admission in LLB course offered by them. The (minimum) percentage requirement for General category candidates ranges from 45% to 55% and that for SC/ST category candidates it ranges between 35% to 45%.

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Top LLB Entrance Exams

Although some colleges offer admission to candidates on the basis of merit, however, the majority of the popular law colleges/ universities in India offer admission to aspirants on the basis of either national-level law entrance exams or on the basis of an entrance exam conducted by them. Some popular law entrance exams that candidates can consider giving in order to secure admission in LLB course are listed below:

| DU LLB Entrance Exam | Allahabad University LAT Exam |
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| Maharashtra Common Entrance Test for Law | Panjab University LLB Entrance Exam |
| Telangana State Law Common Entrance Test | Law School Admission Test India |
| Andhra Pradesh Law Common Entrance Test | BHU Undergraduate Entrance Test |

LLB Skillset

LLB is a popular course offered as part of the law stream. Law as a career choice is extremely demanding and requires aspirants to be thorough with their subject and be willing to work long hours. Thus, candidates wanting to join this field need to possess the below mentioned skill set.

| Fluency and clarity of speech | Confidence |
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| Objectivity | Interest in Research |
| Intellect | Integrity |
| Convincing power | Ability to assimilate as well as analyse facts |
| Ability to argue on a topic | Interest in detail |
| Persuasiveness | Good judgement of situation/people |
| Mental and physical stamina | Good presentation skills |

LLB Subjects and Syllabus

The syllabus taught as part of an LLB course varies from college to college. Some common topics that are taught in an LLB course are listed below:

| Labour Law | Family Law |
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| Criminal Law | Professional Ethics |
| Law of Torts & Consumer Protection Act | Constitutional Law |
| Law of Evidence | Arbitration, Conciliation & Alternative |
| Human Rights & International Law | Environmental Law |
| Property Law | Jurisprudence |
| Legal Aids | Law of Contract |
| Civil Procedure Code | Interpretation of Statutes |
| Legal Writing | Administrative Law |
| Code of Criminal Procedure | Company Law |
| Land Laws (including ceiling and other local laws) | Investment & Securities Law/ Law of Taxation/ Cooperative Law/ Banking Law including the Negotiable Instruments Act |
| Optional Papers- Contract/ Trust/ Women & Law/ Criminology/ International Economics Law | Comparative Law/ Law of Insurance/ Conflict of Laws/ Intellectual Property Law |

LLB Jobs and Career Opportunities

There are a plethora of job opportunities available to candidates after they complete an LLB degree. Candidates are informed that if they want to practice law in India then they need to clear All India Bar Exam (AIBE) that is conducted by BCI. On clearing, AIBE exam lawyers are awarded a 'Certificate of Practice' which is mandatory for practicing the profession as an advocate in India.

Some popular job profiles that candidates can pursue after securing an LLB degree are as mentioned below:

- Lawyer: In this job profile, one needs to advise and represent clients in civil as well as
 criminal cases. Lawyers present cases in the court of law and take part in all proceedings and
 hearings.
- **Legal Advisor:** Candidates opting to work in such a job profile are also lawyers who specialise in a specific field of law. Legal advisors are usually hired by governments as well as large organisations/ companies. The main task of a legal advisor is to protect their clients from any legal implication or consequence.

- Advocate: In such a job profile one needs to do a lot of research work to gather factual data as well as physical evidence to support their claim. Apart from this, other responsibilities allocated to advocates include scrutinising and drafting contracts.
- **Solicitor:** In such a job profile an individual usually specialises in a specific area of law like tax, litigation, family or property. Solicitors offer legal advice to private as well as commercial clients.
- **Teacher or Lecturer:** After completing an LLB degree candidates can also teach law at the college or university level.

LLB Top Recruiters

The top legal firms that are known to hire law graduates are listed below:

- 1. Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff & Co.
- 2. AZB & Partners
- 3. Khaitan & CO
- 4. J Sagar Associates
- 5. Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- 6. Trilegal
- 7. S&R Associates
- 8. Economic Laws Practice
- 9. Desai & Diwanji
- 10. Talwar Thakore & Associates