



# CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur, Patna – 800 001 (Bihar)

## M.SC. IN CYBER SECURITY & DIGITAL FORENSICS

(M.Sc. CSDF) (2026-2028)

A future-ready programme for the next generation of **Cyber Law**, **Cyber Security** and **Digital Forensics** professionals.



### DURATION

**2 Years**

(4 Semesters)



### TOTAL SEATS

**60**

(Sixty)



### ENTRANCE EXAM

Online (Remote-Proctored) &  
also On-Campus



### CLASSES

On-Campus & also Online with  
Remote Attendance Option



INDUSTRY-ALIGNED  
CURRICULUM



PRACTICAL &  
HANDS-ON LEARNING



EXPERT FACULTY &  
MENTORSHIP



STATE-OF-THE-ART  
INFRASTRUCTURE



STRONG INDUSTRY  
CONNECT

## PART A — PROGRAMME & ADMISSION INFORMATION

### 1. ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

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Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna was established by the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Act No. 24 of 2006) and has UGC's approval under section 2(f) and section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956. **The University is headed by its Chancellor, the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court Hon'ble Justice Sangam Kumar Sahoo, and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Faizan Mustafa.**

The primary objective of the University is to offer multidisciplinary, research based comprehensive legal education to young legal minds and simultaneously instilling in them respect for the rule of law and values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. The University has also been statutorily mandated to contribute to nation building through legal awareness, dissemination of legal knowledge and conducting researches on the legal issues of contemporary relevance and other subjects of public concern.

CNLU maintains **a deep and organic connection with the judiciary, which is reflected not only in its leadership structure but also in its academic and institutional ecosystem.** The University has developed sustained engagement with members of the bench and bar, with several eminent judges contributing as adjunct faculty and mentors. **Members of its teaching faculty also include individuals with prior experience in Criminal Justice system, Judiciary and litigation, ensuring that classroom teaching is enriched with practical, courtroom-oriented insights.**

The University has been associated with **several distinguished jurists of national and international repute. These include Hon'ble Mr. Justice Zak Yacoob, former Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and presently a Judge of the Supreme Court of Fiji; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Markandey Katju, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arijit Pasayat, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India; and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Raghvendra Singh Chauhan, former Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court.**

The governance structure of CNLU further reinforces this judicial connect. The General Council comprises eminent members of the judiciary and legal fraternity, including **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Judge of the Supreme Court of India; Shri R. Venkataramani, Attorney General for India; Hon'ble Mr. Sangam Kumar Sahoo, the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court and Chancellor of CNLU; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nani Tagia, Judge of the Patna High Court; and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Kumar Verma, Judge of the Patna High Court; Shri Manan Kumar Mishra, Chairman of the Bar Council of India; and Shri Ramakant Sharma, Chairman of the Bihar State Bar Council.**

The Executive Council **includes Shri P.K. Shahi, Learned Advocate General of Bihar,** further strengthening the institution's linkages with the State's legal and constitutional framework.

CNLU's alumni have consistently demonstrated exceptional performance in judicial service examinations across multiple states, earning the University a strong reputation for producing

members of the judiciary. This sustained success has led to the University being recognised for its strong contribution to judicial services.

Beyond formal education, the University plays an active role in capacity building and institutional training. It regularly conducts **training programmes for judges, public officials, and administrative officers. Notably, CNLU has collaborated with UNICEF to conduct specialised training programmes for Sub-Divisional Police Officers (SDPOs) and Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) in Bihar.**

Through these initiatives, CNLU has emerged not only as a centre for legal education but also as a key institutional partner in strengthening judicial, administrative, and law enforcement capacities in India.

The University has a lush green campus in the heart of the historical city of Patna, the capital of the state of Bihar which was the first capital of India during the Mauryan empire. Ashoka the Great was the King of Patliputra. It is located within an educational hub along with other great educational institutions leading to creation of an ambiance of intellectual exchanges and mutual learning among students of different disciplines. Located within an easy distance from the Airport and Railway Station, the campus boasts of an impressive array of facilities and amenities such as well-equipped academic and administrative blocks with **newly renovated smart classrooms, a rich library with huge collection of e-resources, state-of-the-art accessibility lab, language lab, café, basketball court, football ground, boys' and girls' hostels and well equipped gymnasium for both male and female students.** The University also provides comfortable accommodation for teaching and non-teaching staff.

The University offers **five year integrated undergraduate B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) & B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) degree programs, three year LL.B. program and one year Master of Laws (LL.M) program. The University also offers research programs such as Ph.D., D. Phil. and LL.D.** The courses seek to enable students to meet requirements of the Corporate Law Firms, Judiciary and Legal Profession including Alternative Dispute Redressal. **CNLU aims to produce not mere moral technicians but extremely competent and socially sensitive professionals who would meaningfully contribute to the building of Viksit Bharat by 2047.** Presently, University is undergoing a quite revolution to drastically improve its academic programmes with several bold and innovative changes having been introduced from 2023-24.

### **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION:**

CNLU is a perfect example of a social justice institution. We firmly believe that law is a potent instrument for driving social transformation. Accordingly, we nurture our students to acquire not just legal proficiency but also ethical values and compassionate and caring leadership dedicated to fostering a fairer and more just and equitable society. Our alumni as soldiers of justice exemplify these values. They are widely appreciated for their integrity, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to advancing social justice.

Our accomplished alumni have secured prestigious scholarships at leading universities of the world. **These include renowned institutions such as School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, University of Cambridge, University of California, Berkeley, and**

**Leiden University in Netherlands, University of Southern California, Stanford University and Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.**

Our university campus features a comprehensive range of facilities meticulously designed to meet the needs of our diverse student body. **We are deeply committed to advancing gender equality and ensuring equitable opportunities, with a particular focus on embracing gender diversity. Our dedication also encompasses championing disability and transgender inclusion, as it is integral to our strategy of promoting equity and accessibility for individuals with disabilities. We prioritize mental health and well-being of our students, actively promoting an inclusive approach to not only teaching and learning but also assessment.**

The institution's **Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)** was established in strict compliance with the **University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015**. This committee plays a vital role in proactively addressing and preventing instances of sexual harassment within the workplace, ensuring a supportive and respectful environment for all.

## **2. ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

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The M.Sc. in Cyber Security & Digital Forensics (M.Sc. CSDF) is a multidisciplinary, practice-oriented and legally grounded postgraduate programme offered by CNLU, Patna. It addresses India's emerging cyber challenges by integrating advanced cybersecurity technologies, cyber crime investigation methodologies, and digital forensic sciences with strong emphasis on Indian legal frameworks, judicial requirements, and law enforcement procedures.

The programme prepares graduates for more than 21 career roles across four distinct career tracks: Industry, Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Policy & Governance Institutions. CNLU's law school foundation uniquely qualifies M.Sc. CSDF graduates for judiciary, law enforcement, and policy roles that pure technology graduates cannot fill. Candidates from all disciplines are welcome to apply.

### 3. PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

| Parameter             | Details                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Type of Degree        | M.Sc. in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics                                                                                                            |
| Programme Code        | M.Sc. CSDF                                                                                                                                               |
| Nature of Course      | Full Time                                                                                                                                                |
| Duration              | Two Years (IV Semesters)                                                                                                                                 |
| Total Seats           | 60 (Sixty)                                                                                                                                               |
| Total Credits         | 80                                                                                                                                                       |
| Medium of Instruction | English                                                                                                                                                  |
| Admission Process     | Part A: Entrance Examination in both Online (Remote-Proctored) & also On-Campus mode (50 Marks)+ Part B: Personal Interview (50 Marks) = Total 100 Marks |
| Degree Features       | 1st Year Exit: Post Graduate (PG) Diploma in CSDF   2nd Year Full Completion: M.Sc. in CSDF                                                              |
| Hostel                | This course is a day-scholar programme; therefore, hostel facilities will not be available.                                                              |

### 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & RESERVATION OF SEATS

#### A. Eligibility

A candidate for admission to the 2-Year Masters programme should have passed an Undergraduate Degree in any discipline / any other equivalent degree with the following Marks or Equivalent Grade:

- Fifty-Five percent (55%) marks in the aggregate of the maximum marks prescribed in the case of candidates belonging to General / BC / EBC / EWS / Especially Abled Persons (SAP) and other categories, and
- Fifty percent (50%) marks in case of candidates belonging to the SC/ST category.

The candidate must have passed/appeared in the final semester/final year examination of the qualifying degree on the date of the entrance test. However, the candidate who appeared in the qualifying examination must submit the final result on the date and at the time of admission.

## B. Reservation of Seats

The reservation will be provided as per the Bihar (In Admission in Educational Institutions) Reservation Act, 2003 (No. 16 of 2003) with amendments:

| Sl. | Category                                                  | %           | Seats     |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1   | (i) Unreserved (General) Category                         | 40%         | 24        |
|     | (ii) Economically Weaker Section (EWS) *                  | 10%         | 06        |
| 2   | Scheduled Castes (SC) of Bihar **                         | 16%         | 09        |
| 3   | Scheduled Tribes (ST) of Bihar **                         | 01%         | 01        |
| 4   | Extremely Backward Classes – EBC (Annexure-I) of Bihar ** | 18%         | 11        |
| 5   | Backward Classes – BC (Annexure-II) of Bihar **           | 12%         | 07        |
| 6   | Women of Backward Classes (WBC) of Bihar ***              | 03%         | 02        |
|     | <b>TOTAL</b>                                              | <b>100%</b> | <b>60</b> |

**All above mentioned reservations are vertical reservations in nature.**

**Note: 5% Horizontal reservation shall be applicable for PWD.**

*\* The candidates outside of the State of Bihar shall not claim the benefits of reservation under EWS as per the Bihar Reservation in Vacancies in Posts and in Services and in Admission in the Educational Institutions (For Economically Weaker Sections) Act, 2019. If a candidate from EWS is not available, to the extent of the reservation percentage, the vacant seats under this category shall be filled by candidates of the Unreserved (General) Category only.*

*\*\* The candidates outside of the State of Bihar are ineligible to claim the benefits of reservation under these categories. The relevant certificate should be issued by the competent authority of the Bihar Government for (1) Extremely Backward Classes (Annexure-I), (2) Backward Classes (Annexure-II), (3) Scheduled Caste (SC) and (4) Scheduled Tribes (ST).*

*Candidates of Bihar seeking admission under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category for CNLU, Patna, shall mention in the application form itself whether they belong to the BC or EBC categories of Bihar. Failure to mention the specific category BC/EBC will not entitle them to Reservation benefits, as there is no such category as Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the Bihar Reservation Act, 2003.*

\*\*\* *About Women of Backward Classes (WBC): All women candidates of Reserved Categories (Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, Extremely Backward Classes & Backward Classes) of Bihar who will be applicants of the M.Sc. CSDF Programme are hereby requested to fill up their application forms in their own categories. At the time of admission, after filling up all the above-mentioned reserved categories seats as per their percentage, reserved seats (02) for WBC (Women of Backward Classes) will be made available to the reserved categories women as per their final merit list among the reserved categories of women of Backward Classes.*

## 5. ADMISSION PROCESS & IMPORTANT DATES

Admission to the M.Sc. CSDF programme shall be through an Entrance Examination conducted in both Online (remote-proctored) and also On-Campus mode (Part A – 50 Marks) followed by Personal Interview (Part B – 50 Marks), with a total of 100 Marks. Part A comprises 50 Multiple Choice Questions of one mark each. The entrance examination is designed to assess candidates' foundational awareness across computer literacy, cyber awareness, legal aptitude, and analytical reasoning. The examination is kept at an accessible level to encourage applications from graduates of all disciplines.

| Event                        | Date                                         |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Notification Date            | 14 April 2026                                |
| Last Date for Application    | 28 June 2026                                 |
| Date of Entrance Examination | 4 July 2026 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM) — Saturday |
| Personal Interview           | 4 & 5 July 2026 (1:30 PM onwards)            |
| Declaration of Results       | 9 July 2026                                  |
| Last Date for Fee Payment    | 18 July 2026 (payment opens 10 July 2026)    |
| Document Verification        | 20 July 2026                                 |
| Commencement of Classes      | 21 July 2026                                 |

## 6. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION PATTERN

| Parameter           | Details                                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Mode of Examination | Both Online (remote-proctored) and On-Campus mode  |
| Type of Questions   | Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) with four options |
| Total Questions     | 50                                                 |
| Maximum Marks       | 50 (Part A: Entrance Examination)                  |
| Duration            | 60 Minutes (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)                  |

|                                              |                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Marking Scheme</b>                        | +1 for each correct answer; No negative marking; 0 for unattempted                        |
| <b>Part B: Personal Interview</b>            | 50 Marks                                                                                  |
| <b>Interview Schedule</b>                    | 4th & 5th July 2026 (1:30 PM onwards)                                                     |
| <b>Total Maximum Marks (Part A + Part B)</b> | 100                                                                                       |
| <b>Medium</b>                                | English                                                                                   |
| <b>Eligibility</b>                           | Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from a recognised university (55% General; 50% SC/ST) |
| <b>Application Fee</b>                       | Rs. 4,000/- (Non-refundable)                                                              |

## 7. SECTION-WISE QUESTION DISTRIBUTION

The entrance examination consists of four sections. The balanced design ensures assessment of general aptitude, basic technical awareness, and interdisciplinary readiness – keeping the examination accessible for graduates from all streams.

| Section | Subject Area                                               | Questions | Marks     | Weight      |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| A       | Computer Fundamentals & Digital Literacy                   | 15        | 15        | 30%         |
| B       | Cyber Law & Legal Awareness                                | 15        | 15        | 30%         |
| C       | Logical Reasoning & Quantitative Aptitude                  | 10        | 10        | 20%         |
| D       | General Knowledge, Current Affairs & English Comprehension | 10        | 10        | 20%         |
|         | <b>TOTAL</b>                                               | <b>50</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>100%</b> |

## 8. DURATION OF THE COURSE AND SEMESTER SYSTEM

- The duration of the course is Two Academic Years.
- Each Academic Year consists of Two Semesters, and each semester shall consist of a minimum of ninety (90) working days.
- The Academic Semesters are ordinarily from July – December and January – June, with winter break and summer vacations. However, for the Academic Year 2026–2028, the Academic Semester starts from July 2026.

## 9. CLASS SCHEDULE

This is a full-time programme, with classes held every week:

- Thursday and Friday: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

*Classes are conducted On-Campus & also Online, with a live Remote Attendance Option for students who are unable to attend on campus on a given day. All sessions are also recorded and made available on our Learning Management System (LMS), ensuring that you can stay on track and maintain continuity even if you miss a class.*

## 10. SCHEME OF STUDY

The schedule of first-year part I shall comprise Two Semesters, Semester I and Semester II. After completion of each semester, students will be required to undergo an internship program, based on which the students have to submit a project report.

### First Year Curriculum

| Code                 | Subject                                                                             | Marks | Credits   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| <b>SEMESTER – I</b>  |                                                                                     |       |           |
| 1.1.1                | Introduction to Cyber Laws                                                          | 100   | 4         |
| 1.1.2                | Basics of Computer Hardware and Networking                                          | 100   | 4         |
| 1.1.3                | Introduction to Cyber Security and Policy                                           | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 1.1.4                | Introduction to AI Frameworks and Platforms                                         | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 1.1.5                | Understanding Digital and Social Media Technologies                                 | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| <b>SEMESTER – II</b> |                                                                                     |       |           |
| 1.2.6                | Introduction to Forensics Sciences                                                  | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 1.2.7                | Digital Evidence Retrievals and Analysis Systems (DERAS) – A Techno-Legal Dimension | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 1.2.8                | Introduction to Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)                                    | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 1.2.9                | Cyber Security Audit and Compliances                                                | 100   | 4         |
| 1.2.10               | Introduction to Malware Analysis                                                    | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |

*T = Theory    L = Lab Sessions*

### Second Year Curriculum

| Code                  | Subject                                        | Marks | Credits   |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| <b>SEMESTER – III</b> |                                                |       |           |
| 2.1.1                 | Cyber Security and AI                          | 100   | 4         |
| 2.1.2                 | BlockChain and Digital Assets                  | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 2.1.3                 | Network Security and Forensics                 | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 2.1.4                 | Data Protection Laws and GDPR                  | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 2.1.5                 | IOT Security and Forensics                     | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |
| <b>SEMESTER – IV</b>  |                                                |       |           |
| 2.2.6                 | Security Operations Center and SIE M Platforms | 100   | 4 (2T+2L) |

|        |                                                 |     |           |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| 2.2.7  | Cyber Threat Intelligence and Incident Response | 100 | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 2.2.8  | Cloud Security and Forensics                    | 100 | 4 (2T+2L) |
| 2.2.9  | Advanced Critical Infrastructure Security       | 100 | 4         |
| 2.2.10 | Project                                         | 100 | 4         |

*T = Theory L = Lab Sessions | Total Credits: 80 | Maximum Programme Duration: 5 Years*

## 11. TEACHING METHODS

The teaching methods at the postgraduate level aim at the promotion of an interdisciplinary approach and practical appreciation of problems. In addition to the lecture method, seminars, tutorials, assignments, clinical experience, fieldwork, legal research, and legal writing will be used. In courses that need cooperative teaching, several Faculties and experts will be involved to maximise the learning potential of the students. Clinical Legal Education will be given due place, and academic credit will be given to the students who participate in it. Lab sessions and live cyber crimes investigation and digital forensics simulation projects form an integral part of the pedagogy.

## 12. FACULTY

### CORE FACULTY

- i. **Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa**, Vice-Chancellor, CNLU
- ii. **Prof. (Dr.) S. P. Singh**, Registrar & Chair Professor, Panchayti Raj, CNLU
- iii. **Prof. (Dr.) Subhash Chandra Roy**, IPR Chair & Professor of Law, CNLU
- iv. **Prof. (Dr.) Pratyush Kumar**, Professor of Law, CNLU
- v. **Prof. B. Md. Irfan**, Director, Cyber Security & Digital Forensics Centre, CNLU
- vi. **Dr. Manoranjan Kumar**, Assistant Professor (Criminal Law), CNLU
- vii. **Dr. Fr. Peter Ladis F**, Assistant Professor (Criminal Law), CNLU
- viii. **Dr. Kumar Gaurav**, Assistant Professor (Cyber Law & Data Protection Law), CNLU
- ix. **Dr. Sadaf Fahim**, Assistant Professor (AI & Law), CNLU
- x. **Mr. Brahmesh Jayaswal**, Assistant Professor (Data Protection, IP & Technology Laws), CNLU

### EXPERT FACULTY

- i. **Mr. A. Sai. Manohar**, Additional Director General (ADG) - Cyber Cell, Madhya Pradesh.
- ii. **Mr. M. S. Dhillon**, DIG, EOU (Economic Offences Unit) and Nodal Officer, Bihar.
- iii. **Dr. Anju Rathi Rana**, ILS Member Secretary, Law Commission of India.
- iv. **Mr. Vineeth Kumar**, Founder & President- Cyber Peace Foundation
- v. **Mr. Banku Bihari Sarkar**, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF
- vi. **Adv. N S Nappinai**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Founder of Cyber Saathi

- vii. **Mr. Dharmesh Kumar**, Assistant Director, Directorate of Prosecution, Bihar
- viii. **Mr. U. Ram Mohan**, SP, Cyber Crimes Unit, Andhra Pradesh CID & Cyber Forensic Specialist
- ix. **Dr. Rajesh Kumar**, Certified Cyber Forensic Examiner & I4C Expert, Digital Investigation lab, Cyber Crime and Security Unit, Bihar, Patna
- x. **Mr. Sanjay Kumar**, Director, Software Technology Parks of India
- xi. **Mr. Sanjeev Parkar**, Senior Director, Price Waterhouse Coopers
- xii. **Dr. Sriram Birudavolu**, CEO - Cyber Security Centre of Excellence DSCI, NASSCOM, India

### 13. ANNUAL FEE STRUCTURE

The following fee is applicable for the M.Sc. CSDF programme for the Academic Session 2026–27.

| Sl. | Particular                          | Amount (₹)      |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1   | Tuition Fee                         | 1,80,400*       |
| 2   | Admission Processing Fee (One Time) | 4,000           |
| 3   | Development Charges                 | 10,000          |
| 4   | Library Fee                         | 8,000           |
| 5   | Virtual Lab Fee                     | 30,000          |
| 6   | Industry Visit Fee                  | 5,000           |
| 7   | Internet Fee                        | 3,000           |
| 8   | Outsourced Charges                  | 16,000          |
| 9   | Electricity Fee                     | 4,000           |
| 10  | Library Deposit (Refundable)        | 5,000           |
| 11  | Written Examination Fee             | 7,000           |
| 12  | Dissertation Fee                    | 4,000           |
| 13  | Alumni Fee (One Time)               | 1,000           |
| 14  | Convocation Fee (One Time)          | 4,000           |
|     | <b>Total Fee</b>                    | <b>2,81,400</b> |

*\* Tuition fee will be increased by 5% every year.*

*Re-admission fee: Rs. 4,000/-.*

*Repeat examination fee: Rs. 700/- per paper.*

**This course is a day-scholar programme; therefore, hostel facilities will not be available.**

## 14. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

An Examination Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor will supervise/monitor the evaluation process. The examination shall be entirely internal. The Faculty that offers the course shall frame the question paper, and it will be moderated by a Moderation Committee.

### A. Scheme of Evaluation

| Component                 | Marks      | Remarks                     |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Attendance                | 5          | Regularity                  |
| Project Work              | 20         | 16 Written + 4 Presentation |
| Surprise Test             | 10         | After 1 month; No repeat    |
| Mid-Semester Examination  | 15         | No repeat                   |
| End-Semester Examination  | 50         | Comprehensive               |
| <b>TOTAL (Per Course)</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>Min. 50% to pass</b>     |

The assignment on a problem shall be allotted by the faculty concerned at the beginning of the Semester. The project assignment is intended to develop skills of inquiry, analysis, interpretation, legal writing and critiquing.

### B. Revaluation

- Students who wish to apply for revaluation of answer scripts of the End Semester Examination are required to make an application to the Controller of Examinations, within the notified date, after the declaration of results. For revaluation, Rs. 1,000/- per course has to be deposited within the prescribed time limit.
- The result/marks obtained in revaluation shall be final. In no case the request for revaluation shall be entertained after the expiry of the notified period.

## 15. GRADING SYSTEM

The performance of the students would be evaluated on a ten-point scale with corresponding grade values as mentioned below:

| Percentage of Marks | Grade                           | CGPA/GPA |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 90 and above        | O++ (Exceptionally Outstanding) | 10       |
| 85 – 89             | O+                              | 9        |
| 80 – 84             | O (Outstanding)                 | 8.5      |
| 75 – 79             | D (Distinction)                 | 8        |
| 70 – 74             | A++                             | 7.5      |
| 65 – 69             | A+                              | 7        |
| 60 – 64             | A                               | 6.5      |
| 55 – 59             | B+                              | 6        |
| 50 – 54             | B                               | 5.5      |
| Below 50            | F (Fail)                        | 0        |

A candidate to successfully pass a Course has to obtain a minimum of 50% marks or a B Grade in every Course. Minimum CGPA for Degree Award: 5.5 out of 10.00. Total Credits: 80 (40 each year).

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is arrived at by dividing the sum of the products of Grade Values and the Course Credits in each Course by the total number of Credits in all the Courses.

## 16. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

No student shall be permitted to take the End Semester Examination in a given Course unless he/she has, to the satisfaction of the faculty concerned, fulfilled the Course requirements and has secured not less than 75% of attendance in the class and related coursework assignment in the said Course.

### Attendance Marks Distribution (out of 5)

| Attendance %                | Marks |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 67% – 75% (Medical grounds) | 0     |
| 75% – 79%                   | 1     |
| 80% – 84%                   | 2     |
| 85% – 89%                   | 3     |
| 90% – 94%                   | 4     |
| 95% – 100%                  | 5     |

**Shortage of Attendance – Remedial Provisions**

- Students detained for want of attendance in 2 or fewer papers: lateral entry after paying Rs. 10,000/- per subject + attend remedial classes (minimum 50% attendance in subject required).
- Students detained in more than 2 papers: admitted as lateral entry after paying the Tuition Fee of that Semester + Re-admission Fee.
- Students with less than 50% attendance in any subject: pay Semester Tuition Fee + Re-admission Fee before eligibility for remedial classes.
- Remedial classes shall be held in the second half and shall be engaged by the respective faculty.

**17. PROMOTION SCHEME**

No candidate shall be promoted to the next higher class unless he/she has completed all the courses in a given year. However, a candidate who has failed in not more than two courses in a year may be promoted to the next higher class. Under such circumstances, the candidate has to re-register for the courses failed separately. A sum of Rs. 1,000/- will be collected as the Re-registration Fee. The following detailed rules shall be followed by the Examination Committee:

1. A student, who has failed in more than two courses of odd Semester, i.e. 1st, 3rd Semester even after the Repeat End Semester Examination for the concerned odd Semester, will in no case be promoted to the next higher classes.
2. A student, who has failed in more than two courses in a given year, shall be promoted to the next higher Semester in anticipation of his/her clearing the said courses in the Repeat End Semester Examination for the even Semester of the given year. The total courses he/she has failed should remain two or less than two after the Repeat End Semester Examination.
3. He/She will be promoted to the next higher class, subject to the condition that he/she clears the requisite number of Courses, failing which, he/she shall be detained in the said class, viz. the class in which he/she failed.
4. Till the aforesaid Repeat End Semester Examination is conducted, he/she will be conditionally promoted to the next higher level. His/her admission will be entirely conditional.
5. In no case a student will be promoted to the Second Year without passing all the courses of the First Year.
6. A Student who is detained in a given year will have to re-register for the Courses failed separately and appear for the Surprise Test, Mid Semester, End Semester, and Project works afresh. However, marks for the attendance will be carried forward. The student has to apply for a fresh Project, and the concerned Faculty will allocate a new project topic.
7. Those promoted students who fail to clear any subject of the M.Sc. CSDF programme of the previous Semester, even after appearing in the Repeat End Semester Examination of their respective even/odd Semester, shall have to appear in the Surprise Test, Mid and End Semester Examinations of that particular Backlog Course in the subsequent even/odd Semester as the case may be. They shall also submit a fresh Project on a new topic assigned

by the respective Faculty. However, the attendance marks of his/her regular Semester in that particular Course shall be retained for the purpose of preparing his/her result.

8. Those students who have failed in not more than two courses in a given year will be promoted to the next higher class. Under such circumstances, the candidates have to re-register for the Courses failed separately, for which they will have to pay a sum of Rs. 1,000/- per Course.
9. A student admitted to the M.Sc. CSDF programme shall have to pass all the prescribed and optional courses totalling 80 credits within the maximum period of Five Years from and including the year of admission in order to be eligible for the award of the Degree.
10. A candidate who has secured less than 50% marks in the Project may, however, rewrite the Project and submit the same for evaluation during the Repeat End Semester Examination of the concerned even/odd Semester. The student will have to pay a sum of Rs. 500/- per Project as a re-submission fee.
11. Those who fail to submit the Project on time shall have to submit the Project after depositing the re-submission fee of Rs. 500/- during the Repeat End Semester Examination of the concerned even/odd Semester.

## 18. REPEAT END SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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Repeat End Semester Examination will be held for each Semester as per the Rules. The student shall appear in the Repeat Examination on payment of Rs. 500/- per paper as the Examination fee. The Repeat End Semester Examination will be held immediately after the commencement of the next Semester. The Repeat End Semester Examination shall be conducted only once (excluding the main examination), and the grade secured at the End Semester Repeat Examination shall carry the letter ® at the top.

## 19. AWARD OF DEGREE

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A student will be eligible for the award of M.Sc. CSDF Degree and Diploma in CSDF only when he/she has successfully completed all the requisite credits for the course and obtained a CGPA of 5.5 out of 10.00.

## 20. EXAMINATION CONDUCT – UNFAIR MEANS & MALPRACTICES

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### A. Unfair Means and Malpractices include the following:

1. Possession of incriminating material, including cell phones or any electronic gadgets.
2. Writing on any part of the body/furniture/walls.
3. Plagiarising projects, i.e. copying of a complete project/seminar paper or a substantial portion of a project/seminar paper or using impermissible means during Mid Semester, End Semester and Repeat End Semester Examinations.
4. Seeking or extending help in any form (Verbal/non-verbal) in the examination hall and outside during the examination.

5. Any boycott of the examination.
6. Discussing, talking and showing gestures in the examination hall in any form.
7. Disclosure of identity in the answer sheet in any form.
8. Any threat/use of abusive language in the examination or in the answer sheets.
9. Refusal to surrender unfair means material or attempt to destroy.
10. Refusing to obey instructions of the Controller / Invigilator / Flying Squad.
11. Smuggling an answer book / additional answer book into or out of the Examination Hall.
12. Inserting/substituting or removing any page from the answer book / additional answer book.
13. Impersonation in the exam, including interchange of Roll Numbers and/or Answer Sheets.
14. Canvassing for the marks. Personally or by any other means.
15. Any other similar malpractice.

### **B. Action to be Taken upon Detection**

The use of unfair means shall be reported to the Controller of Examinations in writing by the Invigilator/Flying Squad, detailing out means adopted by the student during the examination. The Unfair Means Committee will be constituted on the same day under the Chairmanship of the Controller of Examinations, and any two Members of the Examination Committee to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee will decide the unfair means case(s) without any delay. The student shall be given an opportunity, oral and written, to present his/her case before the Unfair Means Committee.

### **C. Punishment for Using Unfair Means and Malpractices**

- i. Confiscation of the Cell Phone or any electronic gadgets.
- ii. Disqualification from the paper/subject in which he/she was found using unfair means.
- iii. Disqualification from all subsequent paper(s) of the particular examination in which he/she was found using unfair means.
- iv. Disqualification from all the subjects of that academic semester.
- v. Removal of the name of the student from the rolls of the University.
- vi. Imposition of a fine of Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand) minimum.

## **21. EXAMINATION & CERTIFICATION FEES**

### **A. Grade Sheet**

Each student will be furnished with a Grade Sheet indicating the marks and grade obtained in each course at the end of the Semester.

### **B. Repeat Examination & Project Fees**

- Repeat Examination Fee: Rs. 700/- per paper

- Repeat Submission of Projects: Rs. 500/- per paper

### **C. General Rules**

No student shall be allowed to be absent from taking any examination on the completion of the Course except for reasons for which prior written permission has been obtained from the Vice-Chancellor on a written request giving the reasons.

### **D. Fee for Backlog and Detained Students – Rs. 2,600/- Per Paper**

- Registration Fee: Rs. 1,000/-
- Surprise Test: Rs. 300/-
- Mid Semester Examination: Rs. 300/-
- End Semester Examination: Rs. 500/-
- Project Submission Fee: Rs. 500/-

### **E. Fee for Certificates – Rs. 800/-**

- Provisional Certificate: Rs. 200/-
- Character Certificate: Rs. 200/-
- Migration Certificate: Rs. 200/-
- Transfer Certificate: Rs. 200/-

### **F. Fee for Duplicate Certificates – Rs. 2,000/-**

- Provisional Certificate: Rs. 500/-
- Character Certificate: Rs. 500/-
- Migration Certificate: Rs. 500/-
- Transfer Certificate: Rs. 500/-

### **G. Duplicate Grade Sheet**

- Duplicate Grade Sheet for I Semester to IV Semester Students: Rs. 100/- per copy
- Duplicate Grade Sheet per Semester for Passout Students: Rs. 250/- per copy
- For any other duplicate Certificate: Rs. 500/- per copy

### **H. Duplicate Certificates**

All the Duplicate Certificate/s will be issued only on submission of an Affidavit sworn before the Magistrate of First Class.

### **I. Shortage of Attendance – 2 or fewer papers**

- Shortage Attendance Fee per paper: Rs. 10,000/-
- Re-Examination Fee per paper: Rs. 2,600/-
- Late Fine of Rs. 50/- per day per paper till the notified date

### **J. Shortage of Attendance – more than 2 papers**

- Re-admission Fee: 4,000/-
- Semester Fee: As Applicable
- Re-Examination Fee per paper: Rs. 2,600/-
- Late Fine of Rs. 50/- per day per paper till the notified date

## 22. REFUND POLICY

If any admitted student in the M.Sc. CSDF programme intends to withdraw from the course, the following five-tier system for the refund of fee remitted by the students, as per UGC Notification on Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates issued in October 2018, shall apply:

| Percentage of Refund of Fees | Point of time when the notice of withdrawal of admission is received by CNLU, Patna  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 100%                         | 15 days or more before the formally notified last date of admission                  |
| 90%                          | Less than 15 days before the formally notified last date of admission                |
| 80%                          | 15 days or less after the formally notified last date of admission                   |
| 50%                          | More than 15 days but 30 days or less after formally notified last date of admission |
| 00%                          | More than 30 days after the last date of admission                                   |

**Note: Refundable deposits shall be refunded in full.**

## 23. ANTI-RAGGING POLICY & CODE OF CONDUCT

Ragging and sexual harassment in any form is banned and is a punishable offence and will entail immediate expulsion from the University. Use of any uncivilized or abusive or filthy language against a fellow student, teachers, non-teaching staff, outsourced personnel etc. and causing nuisance (including playing loud music, bursting fire crackers) will invite strict disciplinary action.

The University has already constituted an Anti-ragging Squad and Anti-ragging Committee. The faculty would be doing their best to mould the career of every student in a manner that the University can justifiably be proud of. In this effort, constant and continuing support of the parents is also solicited. Parents should accompany their wards at the time of joining of the University, so as to interact with the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Faculty.

### Anti-Ragging Affidavits

All admitted candidates shall be required to submit the following Anti-Ragging Affidavits, which are mandatory as per UGC Regulations:

- (a) Affidavit by the Candidate regarding Anti-Ragging – through online affidavit available at [https://www.antiragging.in/affidavit\\_university\\_form.php](https://www.antiragging.in/affidavit_university_form.php) or a notarized affidavit on a Rs. 100/- (One Hundred) Non-Judicial Stamp Paper.
- (b) Affidavit by the Parents regarding Anti-Ragging – through online affidavit available at [https://www.antiragging.in/affidavit\\_university\\_form.php](https://www.antiragging.in/affidavit_university_form.php) or a notarized affidavit on a Rs. 100/- (One Hundred) Non-Judicial Stamp Paper.

**Prohibition of Intoxicants**

The University is a non-smoking zone and consumption and possession of intoxicating liquors and psychotropic substances is punishable offence and is strictly prohibited (Reference: The Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016). Violation of any of these rules would be viewed as an act of indiscipline and may entail severe action which may lead to expulsion from the University.

**General Discipline**

The University upholds integrity, character, discipline and academic excellence to which every student must contribute. Students shall observe and adhere to the rules and regulations of the University. Your joining of the University shall be deemed as voluntary consent to all the above conditions and other rules and regulations that the University may make from time to time.

**24. GENERAL CAMPUS GUIDELINES**

(a) Medical Facility: The medical facility on the campus is limited for minor ailments only. If a student is suffering from any ailment/disease which warrants medical consultation on a regular/frequent basis, the student and their parents need to make their own arrangements.

(b) Vehicle Policy: No vehicle is allowed inside Gate No. 2 of the University campus. Students are discouraged to have four wheelers. Students shall park their two wheelers (outside Gate No. 2) in the parking area of the University at their own risk. Failure to observe these rules entails heavy penalty.

(c) Hostel: Hostel accommodation will not be provided to the students.

(d) Provisional admission will be granted after thorough verification of the documents of the candidates. However, if any document is found not to be as per minimum educational eligibility criteria as mentioned in the Admission Notification or/and if any document is found to be forged/tampered/fake etc. at any point of time, the admission shall stand cancelled automatically.

**PART B — CAREER PROSPECTS & CONTACT****25. CAREER PROSPECTS**

The M.Sc. CSDF programme prepares graduates for more than 21 career roles across four distinct career tracks. CNLU's law school foundation uniquely qualifies graduates for judiciary-facing, law enforcement, and policy roles that pure technology graduates cannot fill.

**Industry**

- Data Protection & Compliance Officer
- DFIR Analyst (Digital Forensics & Incident Response)
- Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) / Security Leader
- SOC / Threat Intelligence Analyst
- Cybersecurity Consultant / Ethical Hacker
- Malware Analyst / Reverse Engineer

**Judiciary & Legal System**

- Digital Evidence Expert / Court Cyber Expert
- Cyber Law Advisor / Legal Technology Counsel
- Forensic Auditor – Judicial Commissions
- Amicus Curiae Technical Expert
- e-Court & Digital Infrastructure Specialist

**Law Enforcement & National Security**

- Cybercrime Investigator – State / CBI / NIA
- Scientific Officer – FSL / CFSL
- Intelligence Officer – CERT-In / NCIIPC
- Digital Forensics Expert – ED / CBI
- Nodal Officer – I4C / MHA

**Policy & Governance**

- Cyber Policy Analyst – MeitY / CERT-In
  - Data Protection Officer – DPDPB
  - Research Fellow – ORF / IFF / IDSA
  - Cyber Diplomat – MEA / UN / ITU
  - Legislative Counsel – Parliamentary Committees
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**PLACEMENT**

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Placement Assistance will be provided for students who have completed 2 years Master's in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics.

## 25. OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS

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