

Best Colleges of Law

Considered to be the IITs of law, National Law Universities or NLUs are the most sought after law colleges for admission. Currently there are 20 NLUs in the country. Affiliated to Bar Council of India (BCI), NLUs are recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

National Law Universities are single-discipline universities that offer integrated honours as well as law degrees to aspirants.

The first NLU was established in 1986 and was called National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore. NLSIU was established under National Law School of India Act, 1986.

Following the footsteps of NLSIU Bangalore, many other State Legislative Assemblies also passed legislations to establish national law schools. All the National Law Schools (NLS) thus established may differ from NLSIU in terms of modalities but their structure as well as model of imparting education is more or less the same.

In 2017, the newest National Law School (NLS) was added to the total number of national law schools in the country, taking the total number to 20.

The **19 NLUs** that accept CLAT scores are mentioned below:

Name of Participating NLU	Location
National Law School of India University (NLSIU)	Bangalore
National Academy of Legal Study & Research (NALSAR) University of Law	Hyderabad
National Law Institute University (NLIU)	Bhopal
The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS)	Kolkata
National Law University (NLUJ)	Jodhpur

Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU)	Raipur
Gujarat National Law University (GNLU)	Gandhinagar
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNLU)	Lucknow
Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL)	Patiala
Chanakya National Law University (CNLU)	Patna
National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS)	Kochi
National Law University Odisha (NLUO)	Cuttack
National University of Study & Research in Law (NUSRL)	Ranchi
National Law University & Judicial Academy (NLUJAA)	Assam
Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (DSNLU)	Visakhapatnam
The TamilNadu National Law School (TNNLS)	Tiruchirappalli
Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU)	Mumbai
Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU)	Nagpur
Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU)	Aurangabad