

SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University)
KIRIT P. MEHTA SCHOOL OF LAW (KPM SOL)
Ph.D. Law admission of Batch-2026

Information Handout

1. Introduction:

The KPM SOL Ph.D. program has been designed with the objective of strengthening and supporting research culture among research scholars. They are encouraged to develop adequate depth in the subject area. Emphasis is laid on interdisciplinary research. Research Scholars are encouraged to pursue interdisciplinary research, propose, and develop solutions to real life issues. The institute supports students in gaining knowledge and developing the right attitude and skills to do world-class research. Experienced, dedicated supervisors with a wide range of research skills assist in achieving the above goals. Needless to mention that KPM SOL Supervisors and Research Scholars have published papers in reputed journals with high impact factor. Progress of the work done by research scholars monitored by leading academicians and experts from the industries. Frequent monitoring of progress in research work and participation in quality publications ensures regular, timely and quality research. The emphases has been given to latest development in academic arena and industry, wherein expertise is required. The steps have been taken to further strengthen the present legal system in the country while framing the syllabus of course work.

2. Duration of the Programme: Minimum 03 years including course work & maximum 06 years

3. Intake:

a) Ph.D. (Law):

Area of Interest for Ph.D. (Law)	Branches eligible for admission	Intake
Law	Master's degree in Law	15
Total		15

4. Eligibility: It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check his/her eligibility before applying for the course.

The basic qualification criteria for the purpose of admission to Ph. D. Programme shall be as under:

a) Ph.D. (Law):

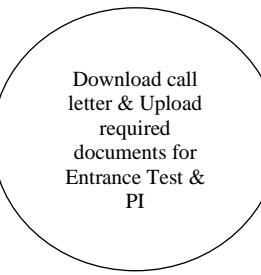
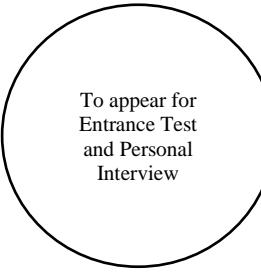
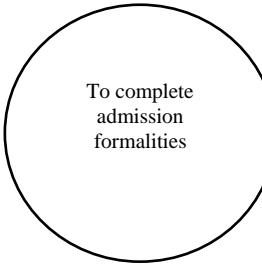
Candidates for admission to the Programme shall have a Master's degree in Law. Minimum 1 years Programme or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions

- b) Candidates working in Industry at an executive or supervisor capacity will be preferred. Full time experience would be considered and should NOT include part time experience, Internship, projects, training period, and trainee – etc.
- c) Candidates working in reputed Research Organizations or Academic Institutions, situated in the close vicinity are eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme if they satisfy the conditions mentioned below-
 - Candidates working in an organization, which encourages and facilitates research.
 - The Academic Institution should have at least one running PG programme in any specialization.
 - Candidates should have a minimum of two years of work experience (full time) in research organization, academic institutions or Industry.
 - Candidates should furnish a ‘Consent and No Objection Certificate’ from his / her Academic Institution and ‘MOU’ in case of industry or research organization.

Note:

- Candidates appearing or awaiting for final year result are eligible to apply for Full time Ph.D. program provided Masters degree (Qualifying) examination should have been conducted before the course commencement date. If selected, provisional admission will be given subject to clearing the final examination. Fees will be accepted from such candidates but their admission will be confirmed on the submission of final mark sheet on or before 30th September’2026. The candidate’s admission will be revoked, if they fail to present the mandatory document as specified.
- Candidates whose final mark sheet of the qualified examination is not available at the time of their provisional admission, is required to submit their final mark sheet copy as soon as the result is declared. In such case, if the candidate fails to meet the required eligibility criteria, then his/her admission will be cancelled and the fees will be refunded as per NMIMS refund rules.
- Candidates are required to submit mark sheets of all degrees, degree certificates and AIU certificate (by the candidate who has completed their studies at foreign country) at the time of admission.
- Candidates who have obtained their degree by doing a part-time course or through distance learning, correspondence courses, externally, open school from recognized University are eligible to apply and register as per UGC guidelines.
- All admitted students will have to complete Ph. D. course work as prescribed by the SVKM’s NMIMS (Deemed to be University). On successful completion of Ph.D. course work student will be eligible for registration for Ph.D. programme.

5. Admission process

Ph.D. in LAW			
Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
 <p>Initial Registration, Pay the application fees and complete the process</p>	 <p>Download call letter & Upload required documents for Entrance Test & PI</p>	 <p>To appear for Entrance Test and Personal Interview</p>	 <p>To complete admission formalities</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit www.nmims.edu • For registration click on “Apply Now” and create an account. • Candidate will get the registration number on their registered email ID to fill and complete the application form. • Before filling the online form, please read all the instructions carefully mentioned in the instruction handout, important dates and Terms & Condition given in the online application form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates, who register successfully, only will be confirmed for Entrance Test & Personal Interview. • Candidates are required to download the call letter from login dashboard. No separate call letter will be mailed or posted. • Upload mentioned documents for Entrance Test & Personal Interview. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Entrance Test and Personal Interview will be held at Mumbai Campus only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected Candidate has to confirm his / her provisional admission by filling up e-admission form, uploading required document and paying fees within given timeline. • Only those candidates who complete the process by paying fees will be provisionally admitted to the program.

6. Online registration & Payment of Registration Fees:

- Online registration available at www.nmims.edu
- Registration fees is non-refundable / non-transferable.
- Online Registration Fee of Rs. 2,500/- plus GST if applicable (Please refer online registration for payment details)
- Before filling the online registration form, please read all the instructions carefully mentioned in instruction sheet, important dates and Terms & Conditions given in online application form.

7. Selection Process: Entrance Test & personal interview

a) **Entrance Test:** (100 marks, 90 minutes), will be conducted at Mumbai campus only.

Section A: 50% Research methodology

Section B: 50% Area / Domain Specific

The candidate must have qualified written test with qualifying marks as 50% conducted by the SVKM's NMIMS Deemed to be University. Only entrance test qualified candidate will be called for Personal Interview.

Note: Candidates those who have qualified (with valid period & valid score) in NET / SET / GATE / GPAT / JRF examination of the apex bodies in higher / technical professional education such as UGC, CSIR, ICMR or other equivalent examinations mentioned on the score card, such candidates are exempted from NMIMS entrance test. However, they have to appear for Personal Interview.

b) **Personal Interview:**

- Presentation based on Statement of Purpose will be followed by Personal Interview.
- During interviews, candidates are expected to discuss their research interest/area.
- Final merit list will be based on marks obtained / weightage in the entrance test & personal interview marks.

c) **Weightage**

- Entrance Test : 100 marks (70%)
- Personal Interview : 50 marks (30%)

8. Program Fees:

Effective fees for all Ph.D. students will be Rs. 50,000/- p.a.

Annual fees: Rs. 2,50,000/-

Annual Scholarship: Rs. 2,00,000/-

Scholarship form is available on website

The duly filled scholarship form (hardcopy) should be submitted at following address along with the copy of registration form, copy of SOP, complete resume, admission form and the admission offer letter copy (which is available on student's dashboard):

KIRIT P. MEHTA SCHOOL OF LAW (KPMSOL)
SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies,
5th floor, Mithibai building,
V. L. Mehta Road, Vile Parle (W),
Mumbai – 400 056, India.

Note:

- Scholarship will be provided for up to 05 years or completion of Ph.D. program, whichever is earlier.
- If student is found indulging in any unlawful activity, the scholarship will stand cancelled with immediate effect.
- Ph.D. student will not be entitled to avail the scholarship if he/she re-registers for PhD or take re-admission for the Ph.D. program.

9. Fellowship: Fellowship will be provided to full time Ph.D. students in line with UGC.

10. REFUND OF FEES IN CASE OF WITHDRAWAL / CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION:

For cancellation/ withdrawal of admission: Withdrawal /cancellation means voluntary withdrawal/cancellation by a candidate for any reason. Please visit the NMIMS website for the online admission cancellation process: <https://upload.nmims.edu/admission/cancellation/> Refund rules from competent authorities will be followed.

Note:

- 1) Please note the closure of admission / last date of admission as mentioned in the important dates of the respective program
- 2) The Candidate is requested to check the commencement date. The cancellation policy/date is applicable as the refund rule clause mentions.

11. Important Instructions:

- Candidate has to check website for all details. Please check the important dates. All announcements from the SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University) will be through its website www.nmims.edu
- The candidate who is pursuing Ph.D. at SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University), should not take PG / Ph.D. admission in any other University.
- Candidate's document/s will be verified at the time of admission (if selected) and if found not eligible, admission will be cancelled and fees will be refunded as per SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University) refund policy.
- It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to ascertain whether they possess the necessary and requisite qualification for the admission at SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University), as verification of the documents is done at the time of final admission.
- SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University) has full right to disqualify a candidate at any stage of admission process if found ineligible.

- Candidates whose final mark sheet of the qualified examination is not available at the time of their provisional admission, is required to submit their final marksheet copy as soon as the result declared. In such case, if the candidate fail to meet the required eligibility criteria then his/her admission will be cancelled and the fees will be refunded as per SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University) refund rules.
- Admission to program is considered as "**Provisional Admission**" till all required and mandatory documents are submitted by the candidate and the same are verified and approved. If it is found that the candidate is not eligible at any stage (even after the course commencement), admission will be cancelled and fees will be refunded as per refund rule clauses even if selected/ admitted to the program.
- Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
- All matters of dispute will be subject to the legal jurisdiction of Mumbai only.
- The admission information handout's eligibility requirements will serve as the only document for program eligibility. School's brochure or prospectus will only be used as a guide and not be used to refer eligibility.
- If a candidate is found ineligible even after commencement of the program, he / she would be discontinued from the program and fees will be paid in accordance with standard procedure.
- If at any stage of the program, it is found that a candidate does not satisfy the eligibility criteria or the information furnished by him/her in the application form is incorrect, his/her admission to the course, even if selected/ admitted, will stand cancelled and fees will be refunded as per refund rule clause. Candidates' admission will be canceled by the university if they do not voluntarily withdraw

12. Contact Information:

- (a) Toll- Free No.: 18001025138 - Monday to Friday (except public holidays), Saturday (only 2nd and 4th Saturday) Time: 09:00 - 18:00 hrs
- (b) For any support and assistance kindly login to the dashboard <https://apply.nmims.edu> & raise a query in my query section

Format for preparing SOP

Title: The Title of the project should be concise (with sub-title, if any) reflecting the scope of the investigation.

Aim of the Project: The broad aim of the project emphasizing the overall thrust of the proposed investigation should be clearly mentioned.

Statement of the Problem: The problem to be investigated should be clearly contextualized in the theoretical framework of the discipline.

Overview of Literature: The problem identified should be logically linked to other studies on the theme in the literature delineating the need for the present investigation.

Conceptual Framework: The concepts to be used, their relevance and applicability to the study and their operationalization should be indicated.

Research Questions or Hypotheses: The research questions to be answered/ addressed need to be unequivocally stated.

Research Methodology:

- (a) **Coverage:** The proposal should clearly indicate the rationale/scope of the study, sampling frame, sampling methods, sampling size, units of observation etc.
- (b) **Data Collection:** The proposal should indicate sources of data types of data, tools and techniques for collection of various categories of proposed data.
- (c) **Data Analysis:** It should indicate the statistical techniques, if any, proposed to be used in data processing, specific packages for data analysis, content analysis, indices/scaling techniques proposed to be used etc.

Implications: The proposal should state whether this research would bring forth any implications for policy making either for the region concerned or the country, any methodological innovations or contribute to theory building.

References: The proposal should include a 'List of References' mentioned in the text along with other important recent additions to the literature on the theme. The references should indicate the author, title, publisher and year of publication.