



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

Abstract

General and Academic Branch IV - Faculty of Law - Equivalency of Law Programmes - Implemented Subject to ratification by the Academic Council-Orders issued.

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U.O.No. 3366/2023/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 24.02.2023

*Read:-*1. U O No. 3842/2021/Admn dated. 25.03.2021.

2. Requests received from LLB student.

3. Item No 1 of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Law (U G) held on 09.02.2023.

4. Remarks from the Dean, Faculty of Law dated 14.02.2023.

5. Orders of the Vice Chancellor in file No 9427/GA-IV-E2/2020/Admn dated 21.02.2023.

ORDER

Vide reference cited (1), orders were issued to the effect that, the 5-Year integrated double degree BBA LLB (Honours) degree awarded by the University of Calicut is equivalent to the erstwhile B.A (Law), LLB degree with Labour Law as an optional subject and the 5-Year BBA LLB (Honours) degree is equivalent to the B Com., LLB (Honours) degree of the University of Calicut.

Vide reference cited (2), a former LLB student, who completed 3-Year LLB Programme after 3-Year BBA Programme requested to grant equivalency for the 3-Year LLB Programme after 3-Year BBA Programme with that of BA LLB Programme in the same manner specified in the above University Order.

Vide reference cited (3), the meeting of the Board of Studies in Law (UG) held on 09.02.2023 in Item No 1 of the minutes, took the above matter for discussion and decision. The Chairman placed before the Meeting the materials including concerned syllabi and copies of certificates of the applicant .

It is the Bar Council of India (BCI) which is the statutory regulatory body constituted to frame rules relating to standards of legal education and recognition of degrees in law in the country and to prescribe the syllabi. As per the definition under Clause 2 (vi) of the BCI "Rules of Legal Education – 2008", "**Bachelor degree in law**" means and includes a degree in law conferred by the University recognized by the Bar Council of India for the purpose of the Act and includes a bachelor degree in law after any bachelor degree in science, arts, commerce, engineering, medicine, or any other discipline of a university for a period of study not less than three years **OR** an integrated bachelor degree combining the course of a first bachelor degree in any subject and also the law running together in concert and compression for not less than a period of five years after 10+2 or 11+1 courses as the case may be. (Emphasis supplied). A person holding any such Bachelor degree in law, irrespective of whether it is 3-year or 5-year, shall be eligible for enrolment as Advocate in India provided other conditions under the Advocates Act are satisfied.

In the context of the instant application for granting equivalency to 3-Year LLB degree after 3-Year BBA degree with that of the erstwhile B.A (Law)., LLB degree, the Meeting considered the following facts for arriving at a decision:

- 1) The degree in law of the applicant is a second stage degree obtained after graduation i.e., BBA.
- 2) Such 3-year bachelor degree in law obtained after another 3-year bachelor degree in any other discipline is equivalent to 5-year integrated bachelor degree combining the course of a first bachelor degree in any subject and also the law running together in concert and compression, as per BCI Rules.
- 3) Both the courses were regular courses of study undertaken in the same university.
- 4) Both the erstwhile B.A (Law)., LLB programme and the 3-year LLB programme contained subjects of studies which are prescribed as compulsory subjects by the Bar Council of India.
- 5) More than 60% of the curriculum content is similar for both the programmes.

Taking the above facts into account and after thorough scrutiny of the relevant materials, the Meeting arrived at a conclusion that the 3-Year LLB degree awarded by the University of Calicut is equivalent to the erstwhile B.A (Law)., LL.B degree awarded by the University. On the same grounds, the Meeting found the 3-Year LLB degree equivalent to B.B.A., LL.B (Honours) degree and B.Com., LL.B (Honours) degree of the University of Calicut.

The meeting therefore resolved as follows: **“The meeting of the Board of Studies Law (UG) of the University of Calicut held on 09/02/2023 resolved to hold that the 3-Year LLB degree awarded by the University of Calicut is equivalent to the erstwhile B.A (Law)., LL.B degree awarded by the University.”**

“The Meeting also resolved to hold that the 3-Year LLB degree awarded by the University of Calicut is equivalent to the B.B.A., LL.B (Honours) degree and B.Com., LL.B (Honours) degree of the University of Calicut.”

Vide reference cited (4), the Dean, Faculty of Law has approved the minutes of the online meeting of the Board of Studies in Law (U G) held on 09.02.2023.

Vide reference cited (5), considering the urgency, the Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction in File No 9427/GA-IV-E2/2020/Admn dated 21.02.2023 to implement the resolution of the minutes of the online meeting of the Board of Studies in Law (U G) held on 09.02.2023 approved by the Dean, Faculty of Law subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

Hence, Orders are issued to the effect that LLB degree awarded by the University of Calicut is equivalent to the B.B.A., LL.B (Honours) degree and B.Com., LL.B (Honours) degree of the University of Calicut

Orders are issued accordingly.

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3. The Controller of Examinations, Pareeksha Bhavan.
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