SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

(Formerly University of Pune)

RULES OF EQUIVALENCE AND TRANSITION

Two-Year LL.M. Programme: 2014 Pattern to CBCS 2025 Pattern

Purpose. These Rules regulate the migration of students admitted under the 2014 Pattern to the CBCS 2025 Pattern after closure of the relevant class under the 2014 Pattern. They preserve credits actually earned while ensuring completion of all requirements of the 70-credit CBCS 2025 LL.M. Programme.

1. Short title, commencement and application

1.1. These Rules may be called the Rules of Equivalence and Transition for the Two-Year LL.M. Programme (2014 Pattern to CBCS 2025 Pattern).

1.2. They shall come into force from the academic year 2025–2026 and shall operate in accordance with the phased introduction of the CBCS 2025 Pattern and phased closure of the 2014 Pattern.

1.3. These Rules apply only to students previously admitted to the Two-Year LL.M. Programme under the 2014 Pattern who are required to continue the Programme under the CBCS 2025 Pattern. They do not govern recognition of an LL.M. degree or credits obtained from another university.

2. Definitions

2.1. “Equivalent course” means a course under the CBCS 2025 Pattern against which exemption is granted for a corresponding course actually passed under the 2014 Pattern, as specified in the applicable equivalence table.

2.2. “Credit transfer” means recognition, for the limited purpose of completing the CBCS 2025 LL.M. Programme, of credits attached to a course actually passed under the 2014 Pattern.

2.3. “Migrating student” means a student admitted under the 2014 Pattern who, because the relevant class or year has been closed, is admitted or transferred to the CBCS 2025 Pattern.

2.4. “Additional course” means a course under the CBCS 2025 Pattern that a migrating student must complete after giving effect to the exemptions and credits lawfully transferred.

3. Governing principles

3.1. Credit shall be transferred only for a course in which the student has obtained a passing result under the 2014 Pattern. Mere registration, attendance, appearance, absence, failure, or grant of term shall not by itself confer an exemption or credit.

3.2. No student shall receive the same credit twice, whether under the 2014 Pattern, the CBCS 2025 Pattern, or a combination of both.

3.3. Every migrating student shall ultimately earn or receive 70 valid credits and satisfy the compulsory, specialization, soft-course, research project, seminar, dissertation, internal assessment, external assessment, attendance, and other requirements applicable under these Rules.

3.4. The student shall ordinarily continue in the specialization selected under the 2014 Pattern. A change of specialization shall not be permitted merely because of migration, except with prior approval of the University on academic or administrative grounds.

3.5. The equivalence table shall be applied course by course. The aggregate figures of 32 credits transferred and 38 credits remaining apply only where the student has passed all eight first-year courses listed in the applicable table.

4. Admission and placement after migration

4.1. A student who has passed all first-year courses under the 2014 Pattern and earned 32 credits may be admitted to the second year under the CBCS 2025 Pattern, subject to registration for all additional courses shown in the applicable table and compliance with prerequisites, attendance, internal assessment, and the examination schedule.

4.2. A student who has passed the First Year LL.M. under the 2014 Pattern shall be eligible for admission to the Second Year LL.M. under the CBCS 2025 Pattern. Such admission shall not be subject to the credit requirements or ATKT conditions prescribed for promotion from the First Year to the Second Year under the CBCS 2025 Pattern. The student shall, however, complete the additional courses prescribed in the applicable equivalence table and fulfil their internal and external assessment requirements.

4.3. A student who did not obtain the first-year term, did not appear, or does not satisfy the condition in Rule 4.2 shall be admitted or readmitted to the first year under the CBCS 2025 Pattern. Any course actually passed under the 2014 Pattern shall nevertheless be considered for exemption in accordance with the applicable equivalence table.

4.4. Before admission is confirmed, the College shall prepare an Individual Migration and Credit Statement showing: (a) every 2014 Pattern course passed; (b) equivalent 2025 Pattern exemption; (c) credits transferred; (d) courses remaining; (e) semester-wise registration; and (f) the final date by which the Programme must be completed.

4.5. Where an additional course belongs to an earlier semester, the student shall be exempted from the attendance requirement for that course. However, the student shall complete the prescribed internal assessment and appear for the external examination. The student may complete such internal assessment and appear for the examination while pursuing Semester III or Semester IV, as per the examination schedule notified by the University. Admission to a later semester shall not amount to waiver of the additional course or any of its assessment requirements.

5. Failed, absent and incomplete courses

5.1. No exemption shall be granted for a 2014 Pattern course in which the student failed, remained absent, or did not complete the prescribed assessment.

5.2. If the University continues to conduct an examination for a failed or incomplete 2014 Pattern course, the student may clear that course under the 2014 Pattern within the period and attempts permitted by the University. Upon passing, the corresponding credit may be transferred under these Rules.

5.3. If the 2014 Pattern examination is no longer available, the student shall complete the corresponding course or other course specifically prescribed by the University under the CBCS 2025 Pattern. The assessment and passing requirements of the pattern under which the course is taken shall apply.

6. Internal assessment and marks

6.1. Marks and grades obtained under the 2014 Pattern shall remain recorded under that Pattern. Only the approved credit and exemption shall be carried into the migration record unless the University has prescribed an official method for conversion of marks or grades.

6.2. A student shall complete the internal and external assessment components prescribed under the CBCS 2025 Pattern for every additional course taken under that Pattern.

7. ATKT, duration and award of degree

7.1. A student whose First Year LL.M. result under the 2014 Pattern is declared as "ATKT", shall be eligible for admission to the Second Year LL.M. under the CBCS 2025 Pattern. Such eligibility shall be determined according to the result and promotion rules applicable under the 2014 Pattern and shall not be reconsidered by applying the promotion or ATKT requirements of the CBCS 2025 Pattern.

7.2. A student admitted to the Second Year under Rule 7.1 shall receive exemption and credit only for the courses actually passed under the 2014 Pattern. No credit or exemption shall be granted for a course in which the student has failed, remained absent, or otherwise failed to earn the prescribed credits.

7.3. A student admitted to the Second Year on the basis of ATKT status shall clear the failed, absent, or incomplete courses under the 2014 Pattern if the University continues to conduct examinations for those courses. If the relevant examination under the 2014 Pattern is no longer conducted, the student shall complete the corresponding course or another course prescribed by the University under the CBCS 2025 Pattern.

7.4. Unless the University issues a specific transitional relaxation, the four -year period shall be reckoned from the date of the student's first admission to the LL.M Programme under the 2024 Pattern.

7.5. The failed or incomplete courses carried forward from the 2014 Pattern and the additional courses prescribed under the equivalence table shall not prevent the student from pursuing Semester III or Semester IV. The student may complete the prescribed internal assessment and appear for the relevant examinations while pursuing Semester III or Semester IV, according to the examination schedule notified by the University.

7.6. The degree shall be awarded only after the student has earned or received valid 70 credits and fulfilled every compulsory academic requirement, including the Dissertation.

8. Administrative scrutiny and resolution of difficulties

8.1. The Principal, through the P.G. Department Internal Committee, shall verify the student's statement of marks, term status, specialization, credits, and eligibility before issuing the Individual Migration and Credit Statement.

8.2. Any case not covered by these Rules, any dispute concerning equivalence, or any apparent mismatch of marks, credits, or assessment components shall be referred to the University. No College shall create an equivalence or waive a compulsory requirement on its own.

8.3. The University may issue clarifications or case-specific directions for removing difficulties, provided that credits already validly earned are protected and the total academic requirements of the CBCS 2025 Pattern are not diluted.

Schedule I – International Law specialization

Applicable to students who selected International Law under the 2014 Pattern.

2014 Pattern course passed	Equivalent 2025 Pattern course(s) for exemption	Credits	Additional 2025 Pattern course(s)*	Credits to be earned
P1 (101) – Introduction to Legal Theory	ML 202 – Theories of Law and Justice	4	ML 113 – Private International Law	4
P2 (102) – Constitutional Law of India	ML 102 – Constitutional Law	4	ML 214 – International Humanitarian Law	4
P3 (103) – Legal Research Methodology	ML 101 – Research Methodology	4	ML 318 – International Air and Space Law	4
P4 (104) – Introduction to International Law	ML 112 – Public International Law	4	ML 319 – International Maritime Law	4
P5 (201) – Practical Research Methodology	ML 109 – Research Project and ML 209 – Research Project	4	ML 320 – International Environment, Energy and Climate Change Law	4
P6 (202) – Comparative Constitutional Law	ML 210 – Seminar Course and ML 313 – Seminar Course	4	ML 321 – International Intellectual Property Rights Law	2
P7 (203) – Law-Making in Indian Polity and Statutory Interpretation	ML 201 – Law and Social Transformation in India	4	ML 414 – International Human Rights Law	4
P8 (204) – International Institutions	ML 213 – International Economic Law and Diplomacy Law	4	ML 415 – International Immigration Law	2
			ML 416 – Law of Treaties	2
			ML 410 – Dissertation	8
Maximum transferable credits	Based on all eight listed 2014 courses having been passed	**32**	**Credits remaining to complete the 70-credit programme**	**38**

**The additional-course column states the complete balance only for a student who has passed all eight listed 2014 Pattern courses and received 32 transferred credits. For every other student, the College must prepare an individual course-and-credit statement.*

Schedule II – Business Law specialization

Applicable to students who selected Business Law under the 2014 Pattern.

2014 Pattern course passed	Equivalent 2025 Pattern course(s) for exemption	Credits	Additional 2025 Pattern course(s)*	Credits to be earned
P1 (101) – Introduction to Legal Theory	ML 202 – Theories of Law and Justice	4	ML 105 – Banking and Finance: Law and Governance	4
P2 (102) – Constitutional Law of India	ML 102 – Constitutional Law	4	ML 106 – E-Commerce and Consumer Protection Law	4
P3 (103) – Legal Research Methodology	ML 101 – Research Methodology	4	ML 205 – Competition Law and Comparative Jurisprudence	4
P4 (105) – Principles of Corporate Law	ML 305 – Corporate Finance	4	ML 306 – International Commercial Arbitration	4
P5 (201) – Practical Research Methodology	ML 109 – Research Project and ML 209 – Research Project	4	ML 307 – Energy Law	4
P6 (202) – Comparative Constitutional Law	ML 210 – Seminar Course and ML 313 – Seminar Course	4	ML 308 – Law of Economic Offences	2
P7 (203) – Law-Making in Indian Polity and Statutory Interpretation	ML 201 – Law and Social Transformation in India	4	ML 404 – Corporate Law and Human Rights	4
P8 (205) – Law of Contract: General Principles	ML 206 – Law of Commercial Contracts	4	ML 405 – Sports Law and Practice	2
			ML 406 – Mergers and Acquisitions: Law and Practice	2
			ML 410 – Dissertation	8
Maximum transferable credits	Based on all eight listed 2014 courses having been passed	**32**	**Credits remaining to complete the 70-credit programme**	**38**

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Schedule III – Individual Migration and Credit Statement

2014 course and result	2025 equivalent	Credit transferred	Course/assessment remaining	Decision/semester