LL.M (One Year)
ADMISSION
Vellore Institute of Technology

VIT has made a mark in the field of higher education in India, through its 33 years of existence, by imparting quality education on par with international standards, in a cross-cultural ambience with extensive application-oriented research. VIT was founded in 1984 by Dr. G. Viswanathan, a former Parliamentarian and Minister in the Tamil Nadu Government, as a self-financing institution called Vellore Engineering College. Since then, the institution has grown from strength to strength. Conferred as Deemed to be University in 2001 by MHRD, VIT currently offers Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Research Degree programmes to over 38,000 students in its four campuses at Vellore, Chennai, Bhopal and Amaravati.

VIT Chennai

VIT Chennai is a globally engaged, competitive, comprehensive and research-enriched university campus, strategically positioned in the capital city of Tamil Nadu to respond to major industrial, social, economic and environmental demands and challenges. It has been a pioneer in the transformation of higher education in the country by introducing application based learning to produce industry ready professionals. The campus has a cosmopolitan atmosphere with students from all parts of the globe.

The VIT Chennai Edge

Awards and Approvals

- UGC, AICTE and BCI approved
- NAAC re-accreditation with ‘A’ grade
- Ranked No.13 among Engineering Institutions by MHRD, Govt.of India – NIRF Ranking successively for two years, 2016 and 2017 and Ranked No.16 in the year 2018
- Ranked No.17 among Management Institutions by MHRD, Govt.of India – NIRF Ranking successively for two years, 2016 and 2017 and Ranked No.29 in the year 2018
- The first University in India awarded with 4-STAR rating and rated as top 550 institutions in 3 subjects: QS, EEE and Chemistry by QS World University Ranking agency
- VIT has been adjudged as the University of the Year (2016), Excellence in Faculty (2017) and Excellence in Internationalization of Education (2018) by FICCI
- VIT Chennai has been awarded as Gold Rated Green Campus by IGBC
- Ranked No.1 in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA-2019)

Amenities

- 185 Acres of sprawling eco-friendly campus
- Well-furnished hostels, designed with spacious and spotlessly maintained dining halls
- Self-sufficient facilities include well-lit roads, Canteen, Chat and Bakery Food Courts, Super Market, Bank and ATMs
- Health centre operating 24/7 addresses all the health needs of students, faculty and staff members
- State-of-Art sports facilities for indoor and outdoor games
- Upcoming state of the art gymnasium, world class auditorium and modern swimming pool in the campus

ABOUT VIT SCHOOL OF LAW

The VIT School of Law (VITSOL), the progeny of VIT University has entered the legal arena in 2014 to achieve high goals. The Law School aims to impart quality legal education to nourish the young minds with knowledge of law, teach them the nuances of the legal profession and equip them to the nitty gritty of the profession. VITSOL believes in continuous and active learning simultaneously with practical training. Legal Education is not just mastering of the subject or the varied provisions of the law. It is the overall development of an individual into a legal professional. Studying law in VIT is a unique experience as it strives to offer the blend of all features of quality education. The course has been structured in such a way that the students can opt to have a specialised knowledge and insight in the particular branch they are interested in along with overall knowledge in all other subjects. Research driven learning is the speciality of VIT School of Law.

Post graduate programmes in VITSOL

1. LL.M in International Law and Development
2. LL.M in Intellectual Property Laws
3. LL.M in Corporate Laws

Eligibility for Admission:

LL.B. (3 Years/ 5 Years) with not less than 55% of marks from any university / Institution recognized by Bar Council of India as eligible for enrolment as an advocate in India.
Selection Process:

The selection of students to VIT School of Law for LL.M Course shall be based solely on merit of the candidate determined by All India Admission Test (AIAT) conducted at VIT Chennai Campus. However, those who have secured good score in PG CLAT, AILET (All India Law Entrance Test) for LL.M and Delhi University LL.M Entrance Test may also seek admission for LL.M in VITSOL by registering themselves and appearing for the interview at VIT Chennai Campus along-with AIAT selected candidates on appointed date.

The AIAT conducted by VIT shall have the following parts:

Part I – Proficiency in English, General Knowledge, Analytical, Reasoning and Aptitude to do research

Part II – Objective type questions covering all compulsory law subjects prescribed by the BCI for the undergraduate law programme.

Part III – Interview

Weightage of the three parts are as follows:

Part I – 40%

Part II – 40%

Interview – 20% (will focus on work experience, publication, and statement of purpose etc.)

If an applicant is waiting for qualifying degree result and cleared all the previous examinations, a provisional registration may be offered.

In case the provisionally admitted candidate fails to submit the qualifying degree results before the registration of the first semester courses, the provisional registration shall stand cancelled.

Duration of the Course:

The period of study for the LL.M course (Master of Law) shall be for a period of one complete year consisting of two semesters for the award of the Degree.

The one year LL.M course offered by the VITSOL has the following salient features:

- The course will be conducted for one full year in two six month long semesters.
- The course consists of
  1. Foundation / Compulsory Papers (3 papers of three credits each)
  2. Specialization Papers (4 papers of two credits each)
  3. Optional Papers (2 papers of two credits each). The optional papers can be taken either under the same specialization or across different specializations
  4. Dissertation (five credits)

- The LL.M specialization will be determined on the basis of four specialization papers in which the candidates have qualified.

LL.M International Law and Development

The course on International Law and Development is an advanced programme focusing on the horizontal and vertical development of international law. The interface of international law with other laws, relevance of treaties in law making, trade, investment, dispute settlement, maritime law, contemporary and dynamic issues like terrorism and climate change are the highlights of the course. The course is delivered by means of intensive lectures, panel discussions, digital assignments, research writings and legal problem solving exercises. The programme will also endow students with the indispensable research skills to sustain rigorous study of law and for updating the knowledge of international law to meet the demands of the profession. The curriculum is built upon strong foundations of classical and contemporary international law as a threshold to engage diverse issues in International Law and Development.

LL.M Intellectual Property Laws

Intellectual Property Law is the most important branch of law today. The development of technology has paved the way for realisation of protection of intellectual property. Although protecting the product of the mind has been recognized long ago, law enables and unfolds new layers of interpretation of Intellectual Property in emerging new technologies such as biotechnology, cloud computing and big data. The Curriculum has been designed in order to get in-depth knowledge in the field of copyright, trademark, patents, design, plant varieties and confidential information etc., both in law and practice. Moreover, the curriculum provides a number of optional papers on contemporary issues on Intellectual Property Law that can be mixed and matched by the students with International Law/Corporate law oriented streams to customise their options.
LL.M Corporate Laws

The corporate sector has been the most complex and dynamic sector in the field of law. This course is designed to meet the increased importance it gained recently, and also to meet the demand for the corporate legal professionals and practitioners. This specialised branch exposes the students to major areas of corporate law, such as corporate finance, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, corporate frauds, securities market laws etc. The curriculum will enable the students to get expertise both in theory and practice. This course aims at creating a strong connectivity with practitioners, academicians, students, and other stakeholders to contribute actively in the field of corporate law.

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**Compulsory Courses**

- Research Methods and Legal Writing
- Comparative Public Law
- Law and Justice in a Globalizing World
- Dissertation

**International Law and Development**

- General Principles of International Law – Core
- Law of Treaties – Core
- Law of International Organisation-Core
- International Dispute Resolution and Settlement – Core
- Law of Sea – Optional
- International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law – Optional
- Air and Space Law – Optional
- International Environment Law – Optional
- International Trade Law-Optional
- Treaty Negotiation-Optional

**Intellectual Property Laws**

- Law of Copyright – Core
- Law of Patents – Core
- Law of Trademark – Core
- Intellectual Property – Emerging Forms – Core
- International Intellectual Property Law and Policy – Optional
- Intellectual Property and Biodiversity Protection – Optional
- IPR Litigation and IP Valuation – Optional
- Patent Drafting and Specification Writing – Optional

**Corporate Laws**

- Law of Corporate Governance – Core
- Law of Corporate Finance – Core
- Law Relating to Mergers and Acquisitions – Core
- Modern Company Law – Core
- Banking Regulations – Optional
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency – Optional
- Competition Law and Consumer Protection – Optional
- Regulation of Capital and Securities Market – Optional
- Insurance Law – Optional
- Laws Relating to Corporate Frauds – Optional

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