Admission Calendar for BBM, LL.B 2014

The School of Law (KUSL) has invited application for its five year integrated BBM, LL.B (Bachelor of Business Management, Bachelor of law) Programme starting from August 11, 2014. The application forms may be collected from the KUSL office at Dhulikhel, or printed from its website ku.edu.np/kusl. Students may also print model questions for the KULSAT (Kathmandu University Law School Admission Test). The complete calendar of the programme is as follows:

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Note: Date and time mentioned in the admission calendar is subject to change. In case of any change, the applicants will be notified in advance.
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Dr. Bipin Adhikari

Kathmandu University School of Law
प्रदान गरिन्छ । सांगठिक क्षेत्रमा काम गरने कानुन व्यवसायीका लागि व्यापारशास्त्र एवम् व्यवसायको आधारभूत भावना खगोल महत्व छ्दो हुन । यो अध्ययनकाल सांगठिक क्षेत्र कस्री चल्दृश्य र व्यवसायको दृष्टिकोणले हेर्दै कानुनको प्रयोगको व्यवस्थाय पूर्वस्थार रोक्रेको हुन्छ भनेलाई आधारभूत भावना प्राप्त हुन्छ । त्यसैले प्रस्तावित कार्यक्रममा वित्तीय लेखाशास्त्र, व्यापार व्यवस्थापन, तथाकथित वित्त, सुदृढ अर्थव्यवस्था, वृहत अर्थव्यवस्था, व्यवस्थापकीय संख्यावाद, व्यवस्थापन लेखाशास्त्र, सांगठिक चालनप्रणाली, मानव संस्थापन व्यवस्थापन, अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय व्यापार, बजार व्यवस्थापन, परियोजना व्यवस्थापन, वित्तीय निकायन र बजार, सांगठिक प्रवाहन र व्यापार नैतिकता, सांगठिक वित्त तथा वित्तीय खुलासन तथा व्यवसाय व्यवस्थालाई जस्ता विपरीतव्यवस्था पनि समेटेको छ ।

यी विषयहरूले जानाले उदाहरण व्यवसायीयाङ्क रूपमा कार्यक्रमको कार्यक्रमले र कानुन व्यवस्थापको क्षेत्रमा त्यस्तु कानुन व्यवसायीहरूलाई सफलता प्राप्त गरेको पूर्वभूमिमा काम गर्दछ भने सन्दर्भमा व्यक्ति भन्नाले हालसे गर्न भएको छ । व्यापार र व्यवसायको आर्थिक स्तरसम्म प्राप्त गर्ने कानुन व्यवस्थापको जानाले व्यापार एवम् व्यवस्थापनको महत्त्व प्राप्त गरेको पूर्वभूमिमा सफलता प्राप्त गरेको पूर्वभूमिमा प्रदान गरेको हो ।

व्यवहारिक/व्यवसायिक तालिका

यसैले जीवीएम, एलएच, झौबेली छ भएका व्यवहारिक सूची र परियोजनालाई कानुन, कार्यक्रमको प्रभाव र काम गर्दछ भनेका व्यवस्थापनको राशि जानाले जानाले कानुन व्यवसाय प्रेमसंगमी कानुन व्यवसायमा सफल हुनेको जानाले आवश्यक गर्नुहुन्छ । नेपाल तथा यस क्षेत्रमा रायौ सफलता प्राप्त गरेको मान्यता व्यवस्थापनको स्कूल/क्याम गरिएको गुणस्तर एवम् मापवर्गले बीवीएम, एलएच झौबेलीका व्यवहारिक र व्यवसायिक बन्दोबस्त बनाउन मान्य भएको । व्यापार र व्यवस्थापन क्षेत्रमा सात्माजबाट वित्तीय खुलासन र तथा व्यवसायवादीलाई जस्ता व्यवस्थापन निपुण भएको ।

बिविधीहरूलाई परम्परागत कानुन व्यवसायीका लागि आवश्यक आधारभूत कानुनमा क्षेत्र हुनका अतिरिक्त उनीहरूलाई पर्याप्त कार्यक्रमको क्षेत्रमा विशेष बनाउन प्रदान गरिन्छ ।

अन्यौजी वादथर

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I have spent the best part of the last two decades studying. At the age of eighteen, I decided that I wanted to become a lawyer. A strange decision you might think considering I was always a brilliant student in math and science oriented courses. Regardless, it was an impulsive decision. There was something about a legal degree that attracted me towards it. Despite the antagonistic portrayal of lawyers in movies and society as the Black & White attired outcasts screaming the occasional ‘mee lord’ in B-grade bollywood flicks, to me, it was a profession filled with intrigue and boundless possibilities of earning handsome bucks. Furthermore, I wanted an intellectual challenge that would develop my argument skills to the point that it becomes very hard for non-lawyers to counter. “There’s no point arguing with you. You’re a Lawyer!” - A phrase I’ve gotten much accustomed to in the past few years. Needless to say, law was the perfect platform for me to showcase my abilities.

Most students will choose law because they are interested in pursuing a career in the legal profession. Law is a demanding course and training places are highly competitive and limited. However, for those with the right aptitudes and motivation, the rewards of legal career can be great, both in terms of salary levels and personal development. As far as I am concerned, I agree with Aristotle that “the law is reason free from passion”, yet an answer as to why I wanted a career in law is the opposite – it was a rare opportunity for me to show my passion.

Now that I have completed the initial hurdle of acquiring a law degree, it has led me to introspect and ascertain whether or not pursuing a career in law is the right decision. Added to the surprising sense of dread you acquire when disclosing your degree to strangers, are the joys of extensive case readings, Latin maxims and expensive reading lists. And that’s before you take into account the deadlines, assessment days, moot courts, exams and internship scheme applications. Plus, only lawyers would refer to something as a brief that takes days or weeks or even months to prepare and is 30 plus pages long.

If I deny that I’ve found myself stuck in a library at midnight, staring blankly at a Land law statute book, and contemplating running off to join the circus, I’m a liar. Nevertheless, studying law has some advantages that almost make up for it all. Here, for instance, I would like to mention a few:

Law entails almost every aspect of human endeavor. A bona fide law degree will enable you seek jobs in a wide array of fields. Traditionally, you could get into court practice and become an advocate or even apply for judgeship. You could also work as a legal consultant at a variety of institutions: corporate, governmental or political. You could work in the negotiation, arbitration and conflict resolution sector. While you don’t need a law degree to work as a mediator, legal knowledge can help during the mediation process. Similarly, if you fancy teaching then you could get into academics through a subsequent LLM or even PHD qualifications. Also, if your ambition is to become a famous politician or work in the government sector, then a law degree will provide you with the perfect platform to achieve your goals. Is it any wonder that the Obamas, the Gandhis, the Clintons or the Thatchers of this world were all lawyers? Employers look favourably on law degrees because they respect the amount of effort, intellect and skill needed to complete one. They will also be aware that you will have a range of legal knowledge that could help them. This is especially true in the following sectors such as: General business, Graduate recruitment, the Charity sector, Banking, Accounting, Other financial services, United Nations, NGOs, INGOs, Politics, and Police & Government etc.

In addition, you can learn so many skills from law that will help you not just from an employment point of view, but
also in regards to your relationships with others. Law school will teach you how to take two situations that are exactly the same and show how they are different. Through the help of a law degree; you will not just see the world as Black & White but also acknowledge the grey areas. This is one of the most important virtues of being a law student. Also, you will vastly increase your ability to speak clearly and accurately and better articulate your arguments. Legal knowledge will enable you to become an aware and conscious citizen committed to upholding the rule of law. Furthermore, a law degree will improve your social skills. You will be able to interact and communicate with fellow citizens with more ingenuity and grace. Also, you could usher in radical social and policy changes through your knowledge of the law. Role models such as Nelson Mandela, M.C Mehta have had a profound impact in the social, justice and policy sectors of their respective countries and guess what, they were both lawyers.

On a lighter note, a law school will provide you opportunity to play the devil’s advocate and defend the guilty. As a naïve fresher entering a law school for the very first time, you might provide earnest response such as “fair trials” and “equal justice”. However, as an experienced student, law school will provide you liberties to go out and indulge your inner actor and give a breathtaking display of villainy. Such an exhilarating learning experience is hardly afforded in any other disciplines.

Perhaps, the best reason to study law at university is because you find law interesting and even fun! If you find something fun and enjoyable that usually means you’re going to be good at it. People who go into law just for the money may not have a bright future – not enjoying the work could lead to depression. There is an incredible amount of interesting facts I learnt during my degree. The cases in particular I found very interesting. Some were like little stories which also had key legal principles behind them. But everyone’s different; it’s hard to know for sure if an individual will enjoy the subject. But if you find politics interesting, read legal developments in the news or have just mused over legal issues, then in all probability law will interest you.

So, my advice: Follow your passion. Don’t allow the negative stigma to overcome your will to succeed. After all, “Where there is a will there is a lawsuit.” But, jokes apart, if you decide to take up a law degree, why not choose KUSL? The innovative BBM LLB degree offered at KUSL could just be the right thing for you for these particular reasons:

Today’s world is very competitive. Focusing on one particular set of skill is not enough to be successful especially when the high level jobs integrate various set of skills. B.A.LL.B provides connection between social sciences and law and further outlines historical, social and political perspective in development of law. This is great to prepare only litigating lawyers. However, law is not confined to litigation. Its scope is much wider and variant. Every aspect of life, whether it is regarding laws of the land or state policies or running of enterprises, businesses and banking sector or deciding personal contracts, it all requires legal expertise. B.B.M.LL.B significantly broadens one’s horizon as it hones management skills required in various commercial transactions in addition to normal litigating skills. You would require additional 3 years or 1 year depending on the courses you choose if you want to learn the same set of skills that B.B.M.LL.B teaches.

There are many other reasons to seriously consider KUSL as an option. However, for the sake of brevity, I won’t go into them. Suffice it say, the final decision is yours. Choose wisely.

Professor M.P. Singh, former vice chancellor of the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata with Mrs. Singh at KUSL - March, 2014
Why law, and more importantly, why KUSL?

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The Kathmandu University initiated the establishment of a school of law in its existing list of six other departments. Kathmandu University School of Law (KUSL) states that its goal is to “prepare our students to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders, with the flexibility to respond to changes in the legal profession.” Moreover, KUSL hopes to “blend practical skills training with legal theory throughout the curriculum as we strive for excellence in both teaching and scholarship.” However, the question for potential applicants to the school is what makes KUSL so exceptional? What makes it stand out from other law schools in the country? Why should we bother applying to the law school at all? Through a thorough look at the newly-launched website and various conversations with Dean Bipin Adhikari, I can confidently list some pointers that may help potential applicants solidify their choice to apply.

Firstly, why law?

Although many people decide to pursue a career in law to be reassured of a secure future, studying law has proven to have many other advantages as well. Firstly, law is largely concerned with the division of power and leadership in a society and is closely interrelated with people’s everyday lives. Therefore, understanding these division can allow students to be aware of the ways in which they can positively affect people’s lives and also recognize when power is being abused and the consequences are felt by ordinary people. Additionally, understanding the legal system can enable graduates to think of ways of improving its defects in order to have a larger effect on the country’s political or social life. Secondly, studying law will also equip students with skills like logical reasoning and problem-solving, data assimilation, effective argumentation using evidence, and strong oral and written skills, all of which are highly useful lifelong skills and applicable in a wide variety of career paths, like sports management, accounting, banking and finance, media and entertainment, or politics and government. And these kinds of skills and knowledge are what KUSL hopes to instill amongst its students.

The merge of business and management into law

KUSL’s program is built around the idea that business and management, as the driving sectors of the country today, need to be incorporated into training future lawyers. Therefore, the completion of the five-year course will equip students with a well-rounded knowledge of law with regards to business and management. Some of the courses include Financial Accounting, Business Management, Property Law, Company Law, Public International law, Investment Law, and Taxation Law amongst other listings. Dean Bipin Adhikari also states that with the quickly changing state of the nation today, there is a strong demand for corporate lawyers and a poor supply. And that, precisely, is what KUSL is trying to address: to supply the needed lawyers of this day and age. And even if corporate law is not a student’s prime interest, there are still other subject areas covered, like Human Rights Law & Practice, Environmental Law, Water & Energy Law, Family Law, and Philosophy of Life & Lifestyle, all of which provide alternative paths around which a career can be built. Therefore, it is safe to say that a degree from this LL.B, BBM program will allow a student to go multiple ways.

Practical/Clinical advantage

Another vital advantage I saw about the program is the practical and clinical opportunities available for students to get hands-on experience that can be applied in the global context as well. Employers in the future will look to see if students have had practical implications of the knowledge that they’ve gained, which will point towards a student’s skillfulness and strengths. Therefore, the fact that...
these kinds of trails are incorporated into the curriculum ensures that all students have ample opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge they learn in class outside of class. In addition to local recruitments, employers abroad, too, will value such an experience when hiring. These practicals include dummy court cases and mock trials, along with seminars organized by international professors to exchange ideas and solutions. This way, students will learn to think of solutions creatively at an early stage in their learning careers, which will help them stand out in competitive pools.

Resourcefulness of faculty and university
Lastly, what I see another major advantage of studying law at KUSL is the resourcefulness of the faculty and the University itself. The faculty is comprised of individuals who have all had some kind of experience in practicing law, whether locally or abroad. They have not only the knowledge but also the practical skills necessary to tackle legal issues, and through close interactions between the faculty and the students, will convey these skills to the students. Additionally, KUSL hopes to recruit part-time international faculty, who have had experience abroad and can bring what they have learned into the classroom, so that students can get a local as well as global knowledge about law and its practicals. This kind of resourcefulness is what allows KUSL to rise to international levels and still be available for local, Nepali students at a comparatively more accessible price.

Some suggestions
While these may be some very good reasons for a student to apply to KUSL, there are still some suggestions that, when incorporated, may elevate KUSL’s status as an internationally-acclaimed university. For example, it is important that the University organize a well-coordinated seminar and meetings that will connect students to potential employers. This way, students know exactly what kinds of jobs are available for them after graduation. This will also allow employers to have early access and build relationships with the potential employees they will hire. Secondly, it is evident that the program is training students to be lawyers of tomorrow’s capitalist world. So far, we have seen that the existing capitalist giants do not operate sustainably. Therefore, as a University being built from scratch, it would do the University immense good to establish a green college campus with a strong emphasis on sustainability. This act would potentially impress students who are being more and more aware of the exhaustive use of energy that is so imminent in a capitalist system and will be reassured that sustainability is at the core of the University’s creation of a corporate alumni. This will, additionally, attract international attention and potentially elevate KUSL’s position as a university that thinks about the future.