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Notification

Regulations for International Students

Pursuant to the resolutions of the 1st meeting of the Executive Council vide **No. 3(A)** dated 30/09/2026, the undersigned is pleased to notify the **Regulations for International Students.**

The said **Regulation** shall come into effect immediately.

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Memo No: NLU/Int. Students/2026/1254 (A) Date: 16/10/2026

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Regulations for International Students

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Approved by

The Executive Council, North Lakhimpur University

Date: - 30-09-2026.

Resolution No. 3(A)

North Lakhimpur University
Foreign Students Helpdesk
(Regulations for International Students)

North Lakhimpur University aspires to produce global citizens to work for global society. To shape them with scientific temperaments, to generate novel knowledge, to resolve problems of mankind and to develop a vibrant culture to integrate world-class higher education, the North Lakhimpur University intends to attract international students. The Foreign Students Helpdesk of NLU aims to support international students in their academic, social, cultural, emotional, and spiritual success. This Desk coordinates different activities like faculty exchange programs, visits abroad and academic collaborations with international organisations.

The Foreign Students Helpdesk deals with INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS that includes the following:

1. Foreign Nationals: Candidates holding citizenship of any foreign country.
2. Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)/Overseas Citizen of India (OCI): A person who or whose any of ancestors was an Indian national and who is presently holding another country's citizenship/ nationality i.e. he/she is holding foreign passport.
3. Non- Resident Indians (NRI): An Indian citizen who is residing outside India and holds an Indian Passport. Only those Non-Resident Indian students who have studied and passed the qualifying examinations from schools or colleges in foreign countries will be included as international students.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE:

The International students shall be admitted directly against the 10% Supernumerary seats, without appearing in the Entrance Test to various Degree Programmes under the following categories:

1. Direct Applicants (Full Time Programme): International students, who intent to join under Self-financed category, are required to submit their application to Foreign Students' Helpdesk of the university. The FSH, after document verification, eligibility check from respective departments, interview (online) and degree equivalency by AIU, will communicate to the respective embassies for further process.
2. Embassy sponsored candidates: Candidates sponsored by the High Commissions/ Embassies of Foreign countries seeking admission in NLU will have to fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria for admission to the programmes as prescribed by the University.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

a. All international students will require a 'Student VISA' endorsed to North Lakhimpur University for joining any programme except OCI and PIO card holders.

b. Any statutory clearances from MoE, Govt. of India, if required, shall be applicable.

ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS:

The qualifications required for admission to different programmes in North Lakhimpur University shall be included in admission brochure. Only those students who have qualified from foreign universities recognized as equivalent by the 'Association of Indian Universities' (AIU) are eligible for admission. When required, a reference will be made to AIU to check the equivalence. Degrees obtained from Universities approved by the Department of Education/ other statutory bodies of concerned country will also be acceptable.

a) For Masters Programmes:

Eligibility qualification for admission to any Master programme will be the same as for Indian nationals seeking admission to the university in that programme.

b) For Ph.D. Programmes:

i. Master's degree in concerned/relevant/allied discipline with proven academic/research aptitude

ii. Detailed programme- wise requirements are same as for Indian nationals.

iii. Eligibility of International Students shall be checked by the Registration Branch. After getting clearance, the case will be forwarded to the Research Department for the final verification.

iv. Course work for International Student will be conducted offline (face to face mode). Progress Report, DRC, Annual Report etc. shall be submitted by hybrid mode.

v. Registered students shall have provided the acceptance of Co-supervisor of the University of his/her own country. University should be approved by the Education Council of own country.

vi. Registered students shall have one Co-supervisor from any approved University of his own country. The acceptance of Co-supervisor shall be submitted within a month of registration for Ph.D. programme.

vii. Documents as per norms of North Lakhimpur University may be sent to the Research Council for the approval of Co-supervisor.

Requirements common for both Master and Ph.D. programme:

i. The medium of instruction at NLU is English except language programmes.

ii. The applicants, whose medium of instruction is not English in the qualifying degree shall have to mandatorily pass NLU English Proficiency Test after joining the University. However, those deficient in English will be given opportunity to study Language course offered by the university.

iii. A valid GRE/GMAT score is not mandatory for admission wherever required. However, students with a valid GRE/GMAT score/grade will get preference.

iv. Applicants have to submit a brief personal statement of 300 words (approx.) stating the reason/s why she/he seeks admission to NLU and the purpose of study.

v. Multiple Entry & Exit policy shall be applicable on international students also.

Fees:

i. International students will pay fees as applicable and announced in the admission brochure.
ii. Hostel accommodation is not included in the fees.
iii. There will be 10% cumulative increase in fee every year.
iv. Students from SAARC countries will be charged tuition and other fees same as for Indian students.

STEPWISE PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

The procedure for admission to a programme at NLU will be as given below. Students may submit their curriculum vitae directly to the Foreign Students Helpdesk or through embassy as the case may be.

Step 1:

i. Interested International students must read the admission brochure carefully to check the eligibility and visit NLU website.

ii. International students should submit their curriculum vitae on the prescribed format clearly indicating their academic achievements along with self-signed copies of the documents to the coordinator, Foreign Students Helpdesk, NLU via online proforma/ email.

iii. A brief statement of 300 words (approximately) stating the reason/s why she/he seeks admission to NLU and the purpose of study should form a part of CV.

iv. Photocopies of the following documents are required along with the application on a prescribed format:

a. Proof of date of birth.

b. Certificate and Mark-sheet of qualifying examination. If the Mark Sheet/Degrees are in a language other than English, then a copy of English version is to be submitted duly verified by the concerned degree awarding university/Ministry of Education/Embassy.

c. Copy of passport for foreign citizens or Dual citizenship card for OCI or PIO or NRI status certificate.

d. Softcopies of passport size photograph (JPG format).

e. Two letters of Recommendation.

f. Proof of scholarship/sponsorship.

g. Proof of financial support corresponding to the prescribed fee for the programme in case of Self-financed category of applicants.

Application Timeline:
Applications of foreign students for the academic year beginning July/August will be accepted in January every year, so that the student is able to obtain VISA and NOC (in case of serving candidates) before the start of the academic session.

Step 2:

i. The eligibility criteria will be verified by admission committee of the concerned Department and candidates will be provisionally admitted on the basis of equivalency certificate issued by NLU committee. However, admission of such candidates will be regularized after obtaining equivalency certificate by Association of Indian Universities. The applicant will be informed through email, if found eligible.

ii. The self - sponsored applicant has to make a payment of non-refundable advance amount equivalent to US$ 100. The application will then be reviewed and if found suitable a 'Provisional Admission Offer Letter' will be issued to enable the student to obtain the VISA.

Step 3:

The 'Provisional Admission Offer Letter' will be submitted to the Indian Embassy of the respective country for obtaining the 'VISA' with a copy marked to the applicant and/or to the concerned sponsoring agency/ institution as the case may be.

Step 4:

The candidate shall report FSH, NLU on the notified date for orientation and shall bring all above mentioned documents in original for verification by the FSH. The original certificates will be returned to the students immediately after making an endorsement to this effect.

Step 5:

Students are required to undergo the medical fitness test at NLU and get the medical fitness certificate. Government of India rules for international students entering India on 'Student VISA' for testing for HIV/or any other medical test as applicable, shall apply. They are also required to produce such test reports to the University Medical Officer. All international students will be required to obtain medical insurance.

Step 6:

Admission of International/PIO/OCI/NRI students will be confirmed after verification of original certificates, medical fitness test, and payment of prescribed fees and equivalency certificate by AIU. Even after the confirmation of admission, if it is detected at any stage, that the qualifying Degree/ Certificate is not recognized by AIU,

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the admission of the candidate will be cancelled. Withdrawal of admissions/ refund of fee cases will be dealt as per the guidelines of NLU.

Step 7:

Within a week of arrival in India, students are required to register their names with the police in the 'Foreigner Regional Registration Office (FRRO) and submit a proof of such registration to the FSH, NLU. Security office of NLU shall help the students for online registration on the portal.

DISCIPLINE:

The International Students will abide by all the rules of the North Lakhimpur University and code of conduct as applicable to Indian students undergoing the same course. Antisocial, anti- national activities, political and religious activities, misconduct, violence and unethical activities involving international students will be dealt with as per extant State and Central laws. NLU will not take any responsibility for any criminal or non-criminal offence(s) committed inside or outside the campus by the international students.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Foreign Students admitted under direct applicant category (refer description at Admission Procedure under this section) are eligible to get merit Scholarship/earn-while-learn assistantship as per the norms.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM:

North Lakhimpur University Foreign Students Helpdesk assists international students in overcoming life changing experiences of living and learning in India and facing other cultural/academic challenges. The FSH is single point of contact for the international students for their convenience and quick access. Senior international students shall act as student mentor to the fresher international students of the same programme. Mentoring will be monitored by FSH.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

The advisory committee for international students to handle any type of case is:

1. Deans (of respective schools or Academic Affairs)
2. Registrar
3. Dean, Students Welfare
4. Dean, Research
5. Controller of Examinations
6. Coordinator / Compliance Officer Foreign Students Helpdesk

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