

GNLU ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMME BROCHURE

Academic Year

2023-2024



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ABOUT GNLU

GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) is a statutory institution established by the Government of Gujarat through the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003. Recognised by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and the University Grants Commission (UGC), the University holds accreditation with an 'A' grade from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

GNLU offers an interdisciplinary five-year integrated programme across diverse disciplines, including humanities, commerce, management, science, and social work. With a strong emphasis on global engagement, the University is committed to shaping competent legal professionals equipped with a deep sense of social responsibility. The academic culture at GNLU is defined by a collaborative partnership between faculty and students, reflecting a shared pursuit of academic and professional excellence in the field of legal education in India.

ABOUT ASP

Academic Support Programme

The Academic Support Programme (ASP) was established in July 2010 to foster a culture of peer-to-peer learning at Gujarat National Law University. Conceived as a student-driven initiative, ASP serves as a platform to enhance conceptual clarity and academic engagement by providing learners with a collaborative environment facilitated by fellow students. The programme also recognises the diverse learning needs of individuals and aims to equip them with appropriate academic resources and tools to develop a thorough understanding of their curriculum.

In its inaugural year, eleven students spanning the first to fourth year were appointed by the Faculty Coordinator to serve as Student Members of ASP. These members collaborated with academically proficient and senior students who voluntarily took on the role of teaching assistants to support their peers. Sessions were held during non-academic hours to maximise accessibility and convenience. Within its first academic cycle, ASP successfully conducted 50 sessions, supported by 27 volunteer teaching assistants from various batches, laying the foundation for what has since become a cornerstone of academic support at the University.

DEVELOPMENT OF ASP

Over the years, the Academic Support Programme (ASP) has established itself as a responsive, student-driven committee that evolves in step with the academic needs of the GNLU student body, while steadfastly upholding its founding principles and commitment to academic rigour. As it completes over a decade of service, ASP has expanded its reach and scale, now comprising more than 50 teaching assistants and 15 student members and volunteers from all batches. In the academic year 2021–22 alone, the committee conducted upwards of 100 academic sessions.

Despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic, ASP sustained its momentum and continued to foster an integrated academic culture at the University. The committee now routinely conducts subject-specific sessions across the semester, supplemented by targeted preparatory engagements ahead of examinations and assessments. With its continued emphasis on inclusivity, clarity, and collaborative learning, ASP remains committed to advancing the academic experience of students through consistent and comprehensive support.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Greetings from Gujarat National Law University!

Gujarat National Law University stands firmly on the ideals of inclusive and interdisciplinary legal education, committed to nurturing academic dialogue and intellectual exchange. We believe that access to education must go beyond physical and intangible barriers, empowering individuals not only to achieve personal and professional growth but also to advance collective progress in society. With this belief at its core, the University continually strengthens platforms that promote academic engagement beyond the confines of the classroom.

In furtherance of this ethos, the GNLU Academic Support Programme (ASP) was established as a peer-to-peer academic initiative aimed at enriching the learning experience of students across all batches. With the guidance of faculty mentors and academic experts, ASP offers a structured environment that promotes conceptual clarity and encourages collaborative understanding of core legal principles.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

In its recent academic cycles, ASP has broadened its scope to include structured orientation programmes for incoming students, well-maintained academic repositories, and regular sessions aimed at building foundational knowledge and strong peer relationships. Its commitment to continuity remained resolute even during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring continuity and support in the face of uncertainty.

The continued progress of ASP is a result of the dedication, perseverance, and creativity of its faculty and student members. Their efforts have helped make ASP a benchmark initiative in student-led academic support. I extend my best wishes to the team as they continue their valuable contributions to the GNLU community.

With warm regards,
Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar
Director, Gujarat National Law University.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Gujarat National Law University has emerged as a leading centre of legal education in India, committed to delivering a well-rounded academic experience that aligns legal learning with broader developmental and societal objectives. In today's transformative landscape, fostering academic dialogue and mutual respect is more important than ever. It is during these foundational years that students must internalise these values, and the GNLU Academic Support Programme (ASP) exemplifies this commitment.

Built on the ethos of peer-to-peer learning, ASP provides a structured yet inclusive platform for students across disciplines and batches to engage, collaborate, and exchange academic insight. The Committee has been instrumental in cultivating a supportive space where students benefit not only from educational guidance but also from the lived experiences and mentorship of their peers.

ASP's role extends beyond academics—it offers emotional and institutional support to students navigating law school challenges, easing professional pressures, and making their educational journey more enriching. Initiatives such as curated material repositories, targeted preparatory sessions, and orientation programmes reflect ASP's comprehensive approach, ensuring assistance from a student's entry to their final year.

The growth and accomplishments of ASP are a direct result of the persistent efforts and commitment of both faculty and student members. Their creativity, consistency, and passion have enabled ASP to emerge as a benchmark initiative in legal education, led by students, for students. I extend my best wishes to the team as they continue their commendable work and foster a spirit of shared learning and community within GNLU.

Warm regards,
Dr. Girish R,
Head, Academic Affairs; Professor of Law; Coordinator, IQAC.



MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY CONVENOR

The Academic Support Program has been one of the University's most engaged and thorough committees. Our motto, "To Make the Best, better," strongly reflects our commitment to delivering exceptional educational support via peer-to-peer learning in a multidisciplinary, respectful, and cohesive way using real-world knowledge. The Committee, with the faculty's assistance, aimed to close the divide between the difficulties of teaching online classes and the dissemination of detailed legal information during the pandemic.

This endeavour is grounded in our students' unwavering commitment to mutual support. Acknowledging the rigour of law school, the programme aims to strengthen academic knowledge while nurturing peer relationships. Through GRASP sessions, study resources, orientation programmes, and exam-preparation support, the GNLU Academic Support Programme provides a structured platform for knowledge-sharing and collective growth.

GNLU ASP has set a new standard for peer-to-peer learning and incorporated numerous best practices from institutions nationwide to create a solid educational foundation in diverse forms. The GNLU ASP has generated dependable and diligent output in recent academic years, and we are continuously working to achieve even greater accomplishments.

Dr. Jagadeesh Chandra T.G.,
Ph.D. (Law), M.B.A., M.Phil (Law), LL.M., LL.B., B.Sc.,
Registrar (I/C) & Assistant Professor of Law.



MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY CO-CONVENOR

Greetings from the Academic Support Programme team. We recognise that substantive peer interaction and scholarly exchange are integral to intellectual growth and academic achievement. By fostering connections between senior and junior students, peer-to-peer learning promotes innovation and facilitates a dynamic exchange of ideas. Within the legal discipline, where multiple perspectives converge, this programme offers a supportive and inclusive forum for students to share academic challenges, engage in collaborative knowledge-building, and address concerns collectively.

In keeping with this philosophy, the GNLU Academic Support Program has given education a new purpose. It further seeks to embed an awareness of the law's intersection with pressing social issues, fostering critical inquiry and equipping learners to navigate the legal profession's evolving challenges thus broadening horizons for academic and professional growth.

In addition to academic and doubt-solving sessions, we broadened our initiatives this year with the ASP study material library, GRASP sessions, orientation programs, exam-prep support, and more. Through quizzes, interviews, and testimonials, we encourage knowledge-sharing on social media, an effective tool for modern communication.

The unwavering and ongoing support from our core team and student members has made everything achievable. I feel immensely proud of this team's remarkable display of authentic dedication, hard work, and devotion to this commendable cause.

Dr. William Nunes,
Ph.D. (Political Science), M.Phil., M.A., B.A..
Associate Professor of Political Science.

ASP FACULTY MEMBERS (2023-2024)



FACULTY CONVENOR

Dr. Jagadeesh Chandra T.G.
Registrar (I/C) & Assistant Professor of Law

FACULTY CO-CONVENOR

Dr. William Nunes
Associate Professor of Political Science



FACULTY MEMBER

Mr. Tarun
Assistant Professor (Research)

ASP CORE TEAM (2023-2024)

STUDENT CONVENORS



Abhimanyu Pathania



Niyusha Bhesania

STUDENT CO-CONVENORS



Aditya Dalal



Aditya Sharma



Akshita Bhansali



Diya Vaya



Gauravi Talwar



Niharika Agarwal

ASP CORE TEAM (2023-2024)

STUDENT CO-CONVENORS



Srishti Shankar

STUDENT SECRETARIES



Anushka Bhatt



Mahika Suri

STUDENT CO-SECRETARIES



Riddhima Singh



Palak Siwach

ASP CORE TEAM (2023-2024)

TREASURERS



Govinda Asawa



Shashwat Kashyap

DIGITAL MEDIA TEAM



Maahi K Shah



Sanjana Kothari



Shaumya Tibrewala

ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS



Fagun Bhatt



Gauransh Gaur



Saransh Sood

ASP TEAM - SSTAS

Aaiysha Topiwala
Aaryan Dwivedi
Abhimanyu Ayush Vyas
Abhishek Tiwari
Aditya Dalal
Aditya Nagesh Belsare
Aditya Sharma
Aishita Yadav
Akansha Ashish Rai
Akshita Bhansali
Anant Agarwal
Ananyashree Jaiswal
Aniket Panchal
Ann Sarasa
Anushka Nair
Awaneesh Kumar
Devansh Dixit
Digvijay Singh
Dirshi
Parthiv Gandhi
Varun Matlani
Dishika Jand
Parthiv Joshi
Varun Punera
Diya Vaishnav
Khushi Vardhan
Krishna Aggarwal
Pratyusha Ivaturi
Saurin
Pooja Shukla
Nikita Meena
Vansh Gaint

Pranathi
Vatshal Raval
Diya Vaya
Pranay Agarwal
Vidhi Mandowara
Fagun Bhatt
Priyanshu Agarwal
Vinayak Malhotra
Gargi Sharma
Rajvir
Wasfia Zahra
Gauransh Gaur
Riddhima Singh
Yashweer Singh
Gauravi Talwar
Rishabh Mehta
Zayaan
Govinda Asawa
Rishiraj Chouhan
Gyanda
Ritik Jhanwar
H A Dhruvi
Rohitkumar Rout
Harsh Tiwari
Sangita
Mohammad Atik Saiyed
Sudarshana Mahanta
Nidhi Rayudu
Surya
Niharika Agarwal
Urmi Shah

Harshit Upadhyay
Sanjana Kothari
Ishani Shekar
Keshav Bansal
Hrida Mihir Shukla
Sanskriti Madhukar Kale
Saransh Sood
Jahanvi Raval
Sashwat Kashyap
Kriti Kabra
Satej Desale
Khushi Parekh
Shradha Sriram
Khyati Maurya
Shubh Naik
Shukla Kritika Rajesh
Kumar Kanishk Sinha
Shyama Singh
Mahika Suri
Smeet Sanghvi
Mansi Subramaniam
Snigdha Ghose
Manthan Parekh
Sonia Dhawan
Masoom Sanyal
Srajan Dixit
Niyusha Bhesania
Vanshika Sharma

ASP TEAM (2023-2024)

BATCH COORDINATORS

Batch of 2020-25

Manisha Soni

Zoya Zahed

Anushka Nair

Digvijay Singh

Batch of 2022-27

Rishabh Mehta

Abhimanyu

Isha Katiyar

Rohit Kumar Rout

Arjun Sunil

Sanskruti Kale

Amulya Vasireddy

Bhavyaa Sharma

Batch of 2021-26

Masoom Sanyal

Vinayak Malhotra

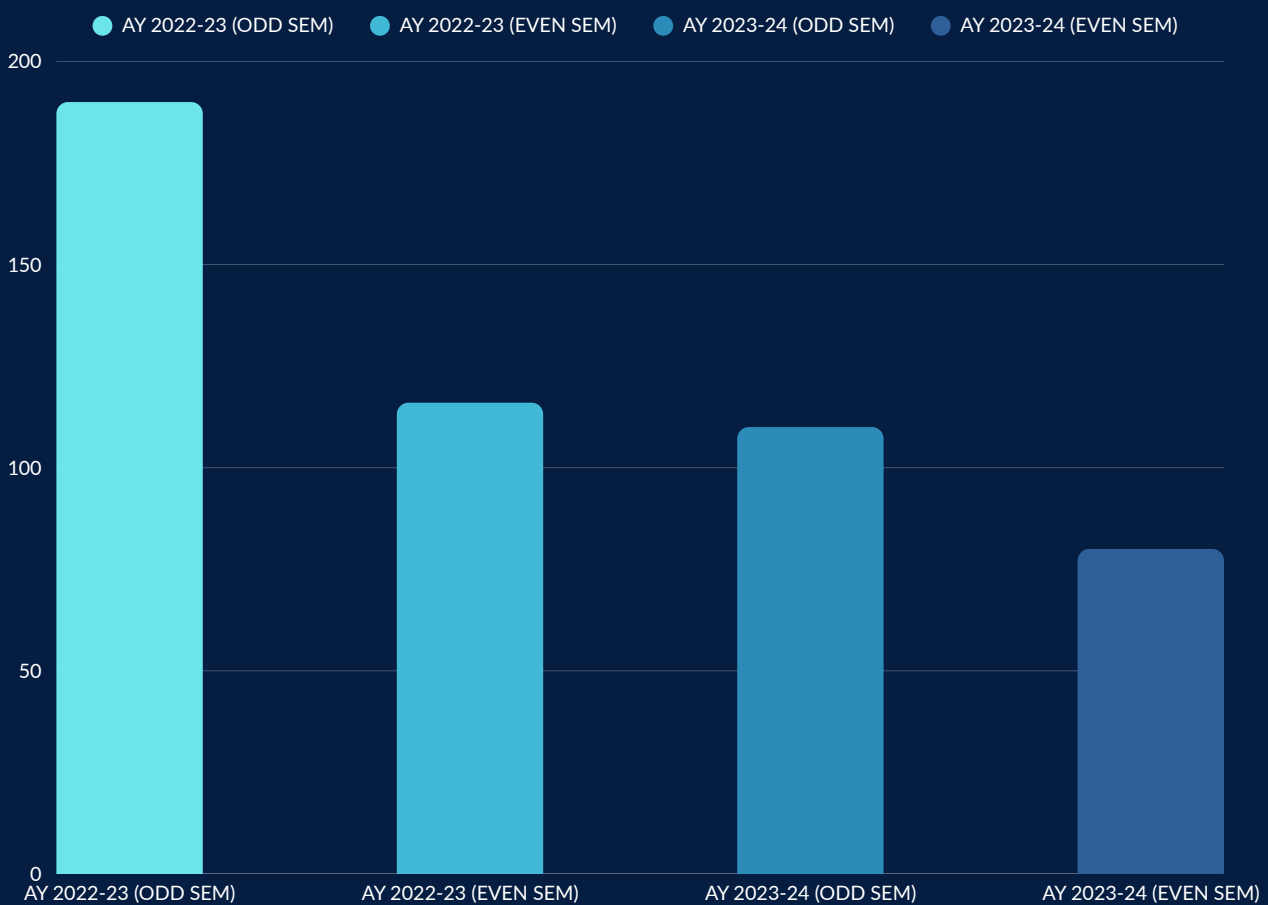
Kritika Shukla

Shubhankar Sharan

Shyama Singh

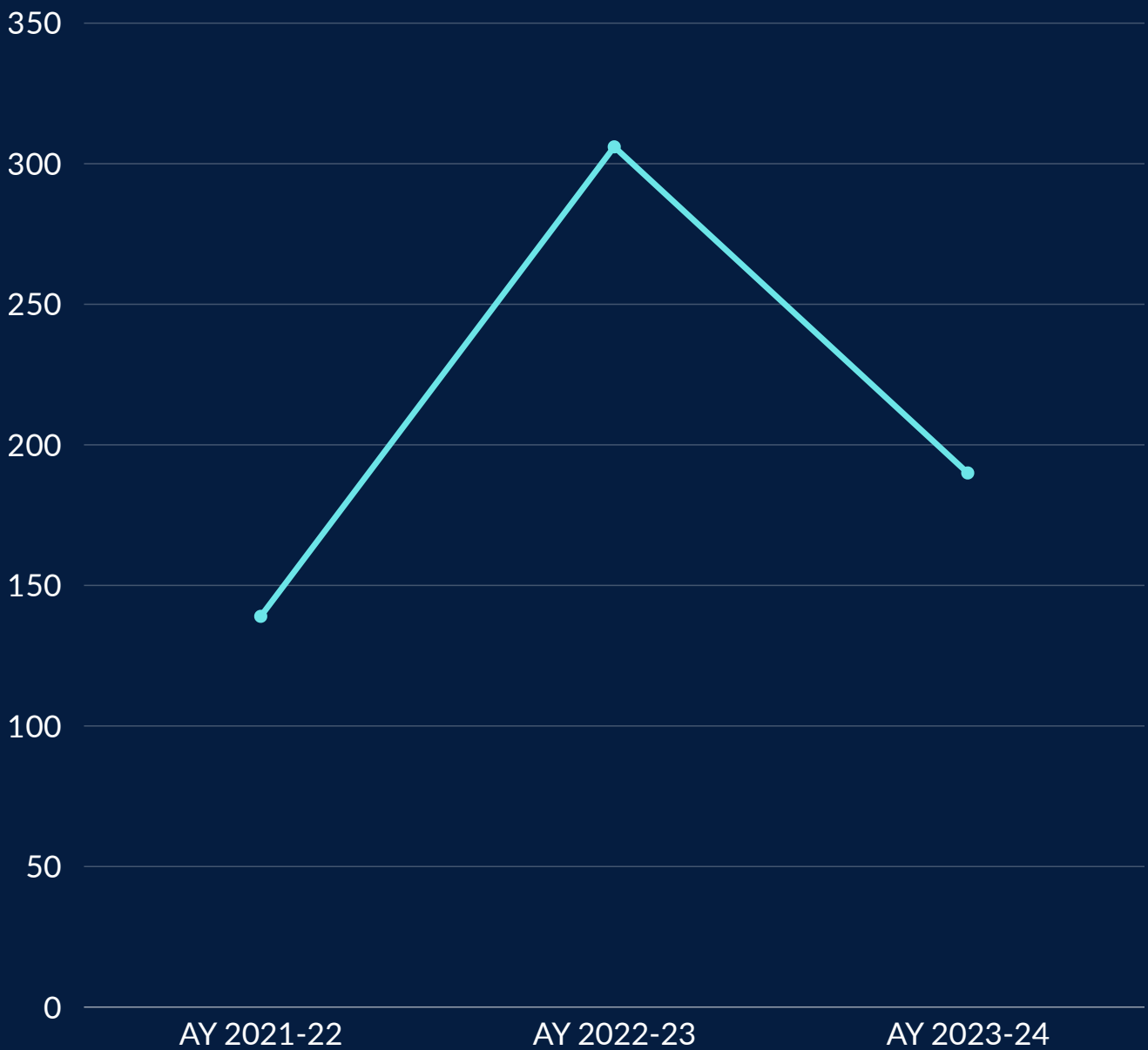
YEARLY REVIEW STATISTICS

ASP has shown a remarkable growth in its learning initiatives, with the number of sessions rising exponentially. Since the academic year 2023–2024, over 190 sessions have been conducted annually.



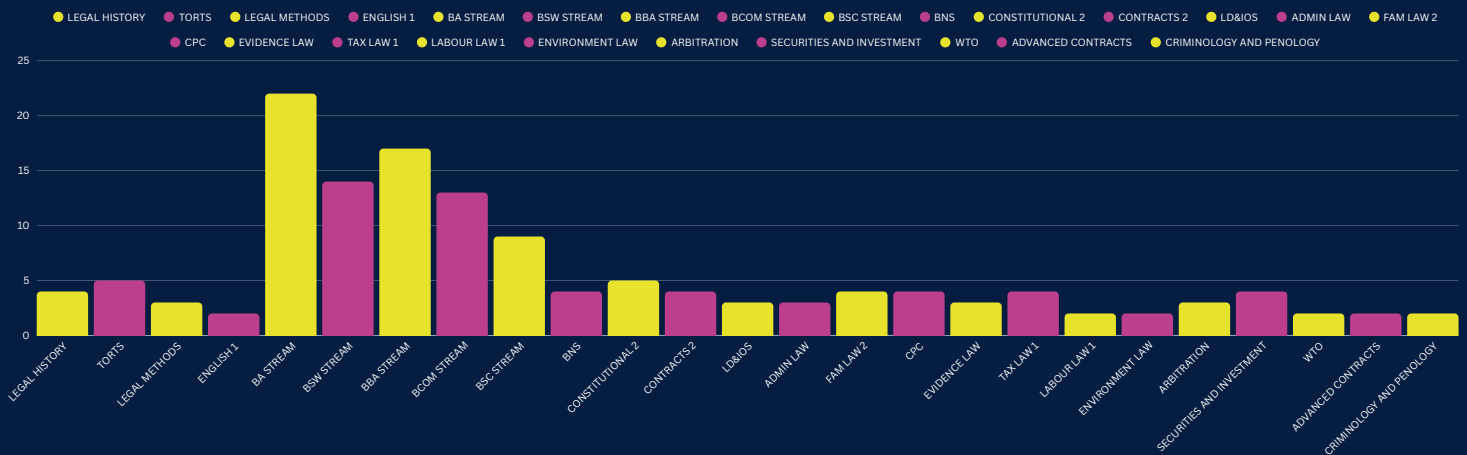
YEAR WISE RESULTS COMPARISON

2021 v. 2022 v. 2023

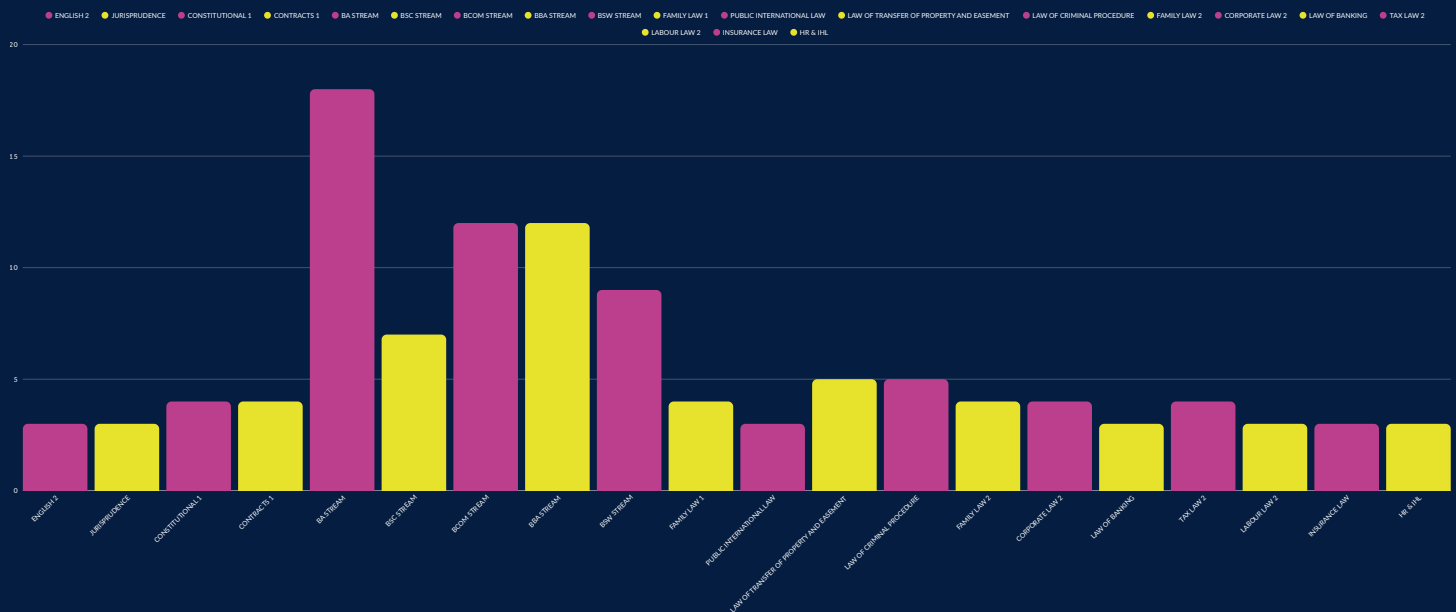


NUMBER OF SESSIONS PER SUBJECT PER SEMESTER

JULY-DECEMBER
(ODD SEM 2023-2024)



JANUARY-JUNE
(EVEN SEM 2023-2024)



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

1 INTRODUCTION OF EAGLE SESSIONS

This academic year, GNLU ASP introduced a new vertical titled Economic & Accounting Guidance for Learning Excellence (EAGLE). Designed for first-year students, these specialised sessions equip students of the BA, BBA & BCom streams with clarity on the fundamental concepts of economics and accounting. The objective of these sessions is to facilitate a smooth learning curve through a thorough revision of important concepts, encouraging students to excel at both, their coursework and future professional pursuits.

2 PUBLICATION OF ASP RESEARCH GUIDE

In recognition of the vital role played by research initiatives in the academic journey of a law student, GNLU ASP published an easy-to-use and detailed research guide with the intent of making the activity accessible to all students. The guide elucidates each of the steps requisite to conduct in-depth research, with templates and exemplars for student reference.

VERTICALS



General Semester Orientation Sessions

The ASP General Semester Orientation Series, through a series of informative sessions, aims to equip students with the necessary tools and strategies to excel in their studies.

By delving into specific subjects offered in each semester, the series offers invaluable insights into effective study planning, exam preparation, and continuous evaluation. Students will gain a clear understanding of how to approach different subjects, balancing theoretical knowledge with practical application. The sessions also emphasise the significance of each subject in relation to future career prospects, empowering students to make informed decisions about their academic path. Furthermore, the series provides practical guidance on essential study habits, including note-taking techniques, recommended textbooks, and supplementary reference materials.

Weekly Series Sessions

The ASP Weekly Session Series is designed to provide students with in-depth conceptual clarity and comprehensive exam preparation.

Recognising the unique challenges faced by each batch, ASP offers tailored support through dedicated sessions focused on specific subjects. Students can request assistance with any subject that is causing them difficulty or for which they desire additional clarification before tests. Experienced students offer invaluable guidance, answer questions, and create a supportive learning environment. By providing this targeted support, the Weekly Session Series aims to enhance students' understanding of course material, boost confidence, and ultimately improve academic performance.

VERTICALS



Get Ready With ASP (GRASP)

The GR-ASP (Get Ready With ASP) Series is designed to equip law students with a comprehensive understanding of key legal concepts and their practical applications.

By focusing on subjects that are highly relevant to internships, career prospects, and research, GR-ASP aims to provide students with a strong foundation for their legal journey. The series will delve into the intricacies of various legal domains.

GR-ASP also emphasizes the connection between academic learning and real-world legal practice, preparing students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in their legal careers. Ultimately, the GR-ASP series seeks to enhance students' understanding of the law, broaden their career horizons, and inspire a passion for legal research and publication.

Economic & Accounting Guidance for Academic Excellence (EAGLE)

ASP has recently introduced the Economic & Accounting Guidance for Learning Excellences Series, tailored specifically for first year students to build a strong base in economic & accounting subjects for BA & BBA/BCom. students respectively.

These sessions have been designed to enable learning for those new to the subjects while serving as a refresher course to those with prior knowledge. With a focus on fundamental concepts, EAGLE will empower students to excel not just in their current curriculum, but also in their future academic endeavours!

VERTICALS



GNLU ASP Mock Examinations (GAME)

The GNLU ASP Mock Examinations is an initiative designed to simulate the end-semester examination experience to provide students with a realistic examination experience. The objective of GAME is to enhance preparation and boost confidence by practicing time management, answer structuring & exam strategy.

The mock examination will cover a reasonable portion of the syllabus, allowing students to assess their knowledge and identify areas of improvement, especially fostered by the post-examination discussion format.

Career Opportunity Program Series (COPS)

The Career Opportunity Program Series is designed to provide students with comprehensive information and guidance on a diverse range of career paths. By offering sessions in various fields from CA & CS to think tanks, judicial services and policy making, COPS aims to equip students with the tools necessary to make informed career decisions.

The series features both - accomplished alumni as well as current students who have excelled in their respective fields, whose insight and experience will provide valuable perspective in terms of practical aspects.

VERTICALS

Academic & Research Mentorship (ARMs)

The Academic and Research Mentorship (ARMs) Initiative at ASP has been instituted to facilitate a smooth academic and social transition for students in the junior batches.

Under this initiative, senior students serve as mentors and are each assigned a group of 5–10 junior students. In this capacity, mentors extend guidance on academic subjects, research methodologies, and general aspects of law school life. They also serve as approachable points of contact for addressing queries, thereby reducing stress and hesitation among juniors. Encouraging mentorship and collaboration, strengthens the culture of academic excellence while promoting a sense of belonging and community within the institution.



THE ASPIRE MASCOT



Mascots serve as effective tools in fostering a sense of connection with the intended audience. With this vision, ASPIre was introduced as the official mascot of the Academic Support Programme to bring a sense of vibrancy and engagement to the learning process. By associating academic concepts with a visual identity, ASPIre helps students retain information more effectively and engage with content in a more relatable way. Since its introduction, the mascot has been warmly welcomed by the student community, adding a creative and enthusiastic dimension to ASP's academic initiatives.

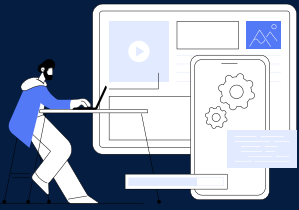


SOCIAL MEDIA



The three social media engagement platforms (Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn) and Targeted audience social media tools can be innovative channels to connect with the targeted audiences who share common interests, current students, prospective students, alumni, faculty, and staff. The G N L U Academic Support Programme supports the use of these tools and is effectively utilising them to meet its goals. It posts a myriad of engaging content on all its affiliated platforms to effectively communicate with its stakeholders. A dedicated social media team curates content that is suitable for each platform. ASP is currently active on three platforms: Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

1. twitter.com/gnluasp
2. https://www.instagram.com/gnlu_asp/
3. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/gnlu-academic-support-program-3a1a9b221/>



SOCIAL MEDIA



Type Of Content Created and Posted (and Why?)

1. INFORMATIONAL POSTS

The three platforms collectively keep the students aware of the ongoing and upcoming sessions, in addition to providing past ASP statistics for better transparency. It also helps notify the students about the upcoming initiatives of ASP, such as the introduction of GR-ASP. Additionally, caricatures of certain case laws with the case summary also act as a means of education more attractively and succinctly.

2. QUIZZES

Using the story feature on Instagram, ASP helped students test their knowledge in a fun, convenient manner by posting daily quizzes on its channel. The quizzes encompassed 5 questions a day on various subjects, each day of the week.

3. MOTIVATIONAL POSTS

For the first time ever, this academic year, we introduced Monday Motivation, wherein a motivational quote in the form of a graphic image helped keep up the spirits of students to provide a weekly dose of inspiration to keep them going and remain engaged with their academics.

4. MEMES

Memes are light-hearted and relatable, leading ASP to use them in order to help maintain engagement and create a feeling of camaraderie amongst viewers, as well as boost the reach of the channel.



SOCIAL MEDIA



5. FEEDBACK

Frequent quizzes and motivational posts on Instagram keep the students engaged with academics. Furthermore, the platforms work towards collecting feedback and suggestions from the student community. Posts explaining the process and importance of feedback help maintain the free flow of information, allowing ASP to improve consistently.

6. FAQs

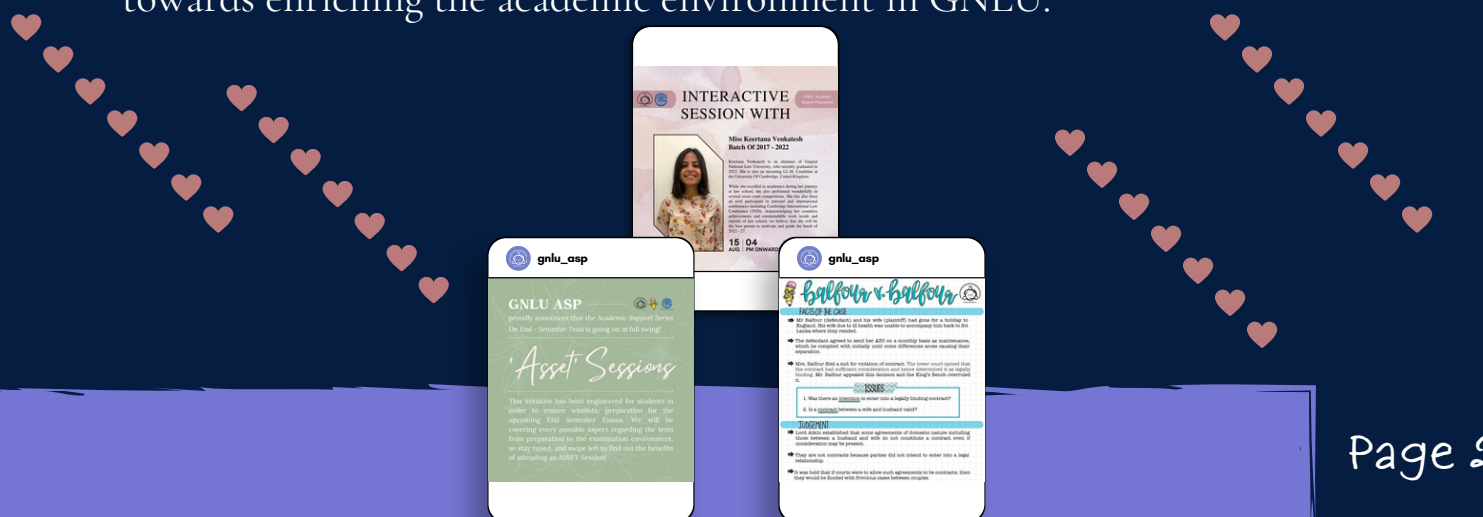
Frequently Asked Questions are posted to make it easier for all students to be aware of the common doubts about ASP. These save students time and help avoid confusion about common topics.

7. TESTIMONIALS

Student testimonials are extremely valuable. Not only do they highlight the positive experiences of students, but they can also provide insight for improvement. They help build trust and credibility and add a personal touch.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The platforms acknowledge the contributions of the senior student teaching assistants in the form of farewell posts curated for each SSTA, as it's vital to thank the student community for the efforts they put in towards enriching the academic environment in GNLU.



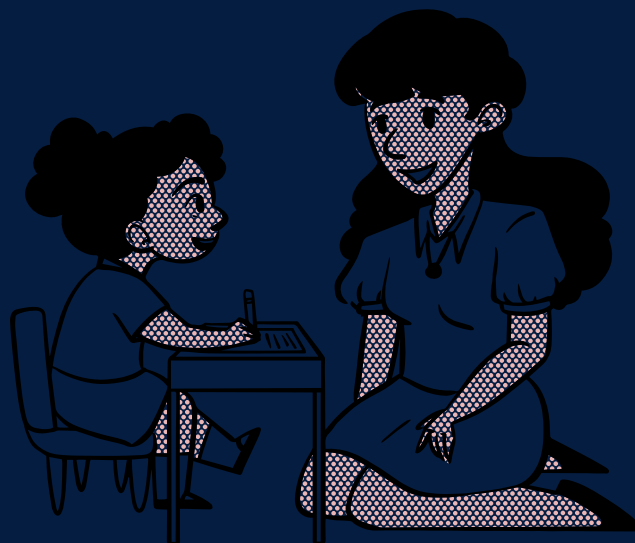
REPOSITORY

The Academic Support Programme's Question Paper Repository is a centralized hub providing students with access to previous years' examination papers across all batches, subjects, and electives.

This resource is designed to aid students in understanding exam patterns, preparing effectively, and optimising their learning strategies.

By analysing past question papers, students can gain valuable insights into the types of questions asked, the weightage of different topics, and the overall examination structure.

This information empowers students to focus their preparation on relevant areas and enhance their performance in upcoming examinations.



TESTIMONIALS

“ASP has been of great assistance throughout all semesters. During the first semester, ASP's general orientation, answer writing, and how-to research sessions help in understanding how to approach academics and co-curricular activities at GNLU. Additionally, the ASP GAME sessions help properly prepare for end-of-semester examinations.”

Shamuel Husain (Batch of 2023-2028)

“I believe the Academic Support Programme (ASP) has been a truly impactful initiative on our campus. It has played a significant role in supporting students, especially the fresher batches, in resolving academic doubts and navigating the complexities of law school life. I have benefited immensely from ASP, whether in terms of academic guidance, career counselling, or simply learning how to make the most of my time in law school. It has truly been instrumental in the growth and development of many students. I'm incredibly proud to be a part of ASP and look forward to continuing this meaningful work!”

Lakshya Pratap Yadav (Batch of 2023-2028)

“ASP gave me the chance to clear up my doubts, get help with subjects I found tricky, and stay on top of my studies. The extra support and friendly guidance made learning less stressful and more manageable. Overall, the program gave me the push I needed to do better in my academics. Thank you, ASP.”

Monish (Batch of 2023-2028)

TESTIMONIALS

“ASP has been a great support for academics, as well as interacting with seniors, since my first year. I truly appreciate the guidance from seniors and the mentorship they offer regarding moots, publications and academics. Due to the mentee-mentor programme, one interaction with the seniors has helped me grow. Also, the ASP portal has been a great source of finding emails for internships, and I am so grateful to be able to use it. Thank you to all the committee members and the faculty convenors for making my law school journey easy and fulfilling!”

Anushree Saxena (Batch of 2023-2028)

“The extra guidance provided by the Academic Support Programme through tutorials, peer sessions, and doubt-clearing classes has made learning lessons more practical and provides a key resource for nuanced learning. In my experience, such sessions have boosted confidence, improved performance, and helped develop better study habits overall. It’s been a great asset to have such sessions on both topics discussed in the lectures and beyond. Such sessions have adequately prepared us for opportunities both inside and outside the university.”

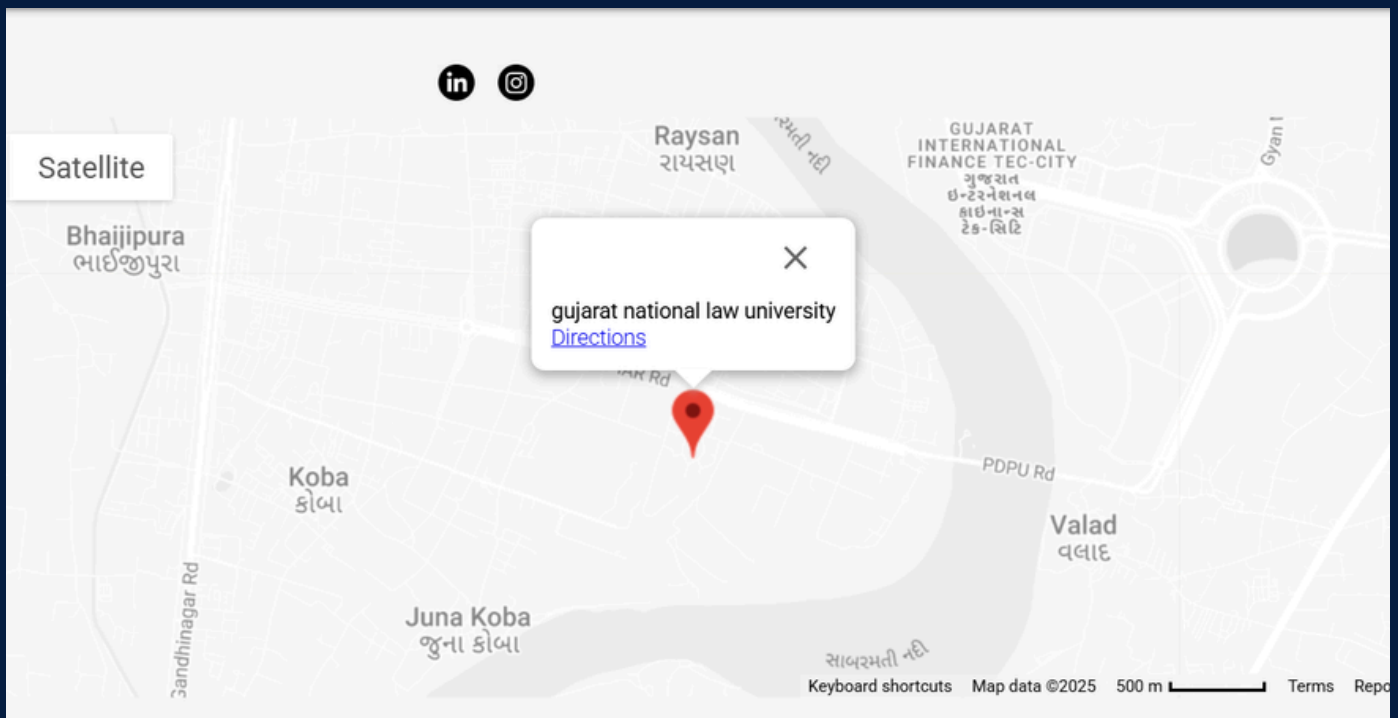
Rishabh Mehta (Batch of 2022-2027)

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