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How marks convert to rank, which NLUs you can expect at different score bands, the expected cutoff trend, and the key takeaways to guide your preparation and counselling strategy.

1. CLAT 2027 Marks vs Rank Conversion

CLAT UG is scored out of **120 marks** (120 MCQs, +1 for each correct answer, −0.25 for each wrong answer). Based on the CLAT 2025 and 2026 result trends, here is the expected marks-to-rank conversion for the General category in CLAT 2027.

Marks (out of 120)	Expected General Category Rank

100+	AIR 1 – 150
95 – 100	AIR 150 – 400
90 – 95	AIR 400 – 600
85 – 90	AIR 600 – 2,000
80 – 85	AIR 2,000 – 3,500
75 – 80	AIR 3,500 – 6,500
70 – 75	AIR 6,500 – 10,000
60 – 70	AIR 10,000 – 28,000
Below 60	AIR 28,000+

Note: These are approximate, trend-based ranges — not official figures. The exact rank for a given score shifts every year depending on paper difficulty, number of test-takers, and how tightly candidates are clustered around a score. In recent cycles, mid-range scores (75–85) have seen sharper rank compression than the very top of the merit list, meaning even a 1-mark difference can shift your rank by several hundred places.

2. CLAT 2027 – Marks vs Ranks vs Expected Colleges

Once you have an expected rank range, the next step is matching it to realistic NLU options. The table below maps score bands to rank bands and the NLUs typically available at that level for the **General category**.

Score Range	Rank Range (Expected)	NLUs Typically Available
95+	1 – 150	NLSIU Bengaluru, NALSAR Hyderabad
90 – 95	150 – 600	NALSAR Hyderabad, WBNUJS Kolkata, NLU Jodhpur, GNLU Gandhinagar
85 – 90	600 – 2,000	NLIU Bhopal, WBNUJS Kolkata (BSc LLB), HNLU Raipur, RMLNLU Lucknow, RGNUL Patiala, GNLU Silvassa

80 – 85	2,000 – 3,500	CNLU Patna, NUALS Kochi, NLU Odisha, NUSRL Ranchi, DSNLU Visakhapatnam, TNNLU Tiruchirapalli
70 – 80	3,500 – 10,000	MNLU Mumbai, MNLU Nagpur, MNLU Aurangabad, HPNLU Shimla, DBRANLU Sonepat
60 – 70	10,000 – 28,000	Newer NLUs (NLUT Agartala, RPNLU Prayagraj, IIULER Goa) and private law colleges accepting CLAT scores
Below 60	28,000+	State-level law entrance exams, private law colleges

CLAT AIR 1 Topper Scores (2019–2026)

Year	Topper (AIR 1)	Score	Out of
2019	Saumya Singh	— 117	200
2020	Aprajita	— 127.25	150
2021	Manhar Bansal	125.5	150
2022	Rishabh Shivani	— 121	150
2023	Abhinav Somani	116.75	150
2024	Jai Bohara	108	120
2025	Saksham Gautam	106.75	120
2026	Geetali Gupta	112.75	120

3. CLAT 2027 Expected Cutoff

Cutoffs are set independently by each NLU during counselling and shift across the five allotment rounds. Based on the CLAT 2025 and 2026 closing trends (General category, final round), here is the expected cutoff pattern for the top NLUs in 2027:

NLU	NIRF Rank (Law)	Expected Closing Marks (out of 120)	Expected Closing Rank
NLSIU Bengaluru	1	~98 – 100	100 – 115

NALSAR Hyderabad	2–3	~92 – 96	150 – 180
WBNUJS Kolkata	4	~88 – 92	300 – 330
NLU Jodhpur	5–6	~92 – 95	350 – 365
GNLU Gandhinagar	7–8	~85 – 90	400 – 470
NLU Lucknow (RMLNLU)	15–20	~80 – 85	700 – 900
HNLU Raipur	20–25	~78 – 82	1,200 – 1,600
RGNUL Patiala	20–25	~76 – 80	1,600 – 2,000
Newer/State NLUs	25+	Below 70	3,000 – 10,000+

Key drivers behind these numbers:

- **Paper difficulty:** If paper easy...then it pushes the entire distribution up and compresses ranks near the top; a tougher paper spreads scores out.
- **Number of test-takers:** With 70,000+ candidates typically appearing, competition density keeps rising year on year.
- **Category and domicile quotas:** Reserved-category and home-state cutoffs run several thousand ranks lower than the General, open-category cutoff at the same NLU.
- **Counselling rounds:** Cutoffs usually loosen after Round 1 as candidates freeze, float, or exit seats — so a rank that looks "out of reach" in Round 1 can open up by Round 3 or later.

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4. Key Takeaways from CLAT 2027 Marks vs Rank

- **Rank matters more than marks.** CLAT has no fixed pass/fail cutoff — your admission depends entirely on your rank relative to other candidates, not the raw score itself.

- **Target 95+ marks for NLSIU/NALSAR.** The very top NLUs consistently close within the first 100–200 ranks, which realistically requires a score close to 95–100 out of 120.
- **80–90 marks is the "safe zone" for a top-10 NLU.** Most consortium members in the top tier close somewhere in this band for the General category.
- **Small mark differences swing ranks sharply in the 75–90 range**, where thousands of candidates cluster closely together — precision in the final weeks of preparation matters more here than at the extremes.
- **Reserved categories should track category-specific ranks, not General ranks** — the same score can open very different sets of NLUs.
- **Don't panic after Round 1.** Cutoffs for many NLUs move down significantly by Round 2 and Round 3 as higher-rank holders exit for better options.

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*Disclaimer: All figures in this article are projected estimates based on CLAT 2024, 2025, and 2026 result and counselling trends.