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CLAT 2029 Complete 2-Year Roadmap to a Top NLU

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CLAT 2029: Your Complete 2-Year Roadmap to a Top NLU

Every year, large of CLAT aspirants start preparing with a lot of energy and no plan. By month three, the energy fades, the mocks pile up unanalysed, and current affairs becomes a mountain of unread notes.

If you're aiming for CLAT 2029, you have something most aspirants don't: **time**. CLAT 2029 will most likely be held in December 2028, so your 2-year window runs from roughly January 2027 to December 2028 (confirm dates on the official Consortium of NLUs website). Here is a roadmap built on one idea: **consistency beats intensity.**

Know the Exam First

CLAT UG is a 2-hour, 120-question test with +1 for every correct answer and -0.25 for every wrong one. It is almost entirely passage-based, which means reading speed and comprehension matter more than cramming.

Section	Approx. Questions
English Language	22-26
Current Affairs & GK	28-32
Legal Reasoning	28-32
Logical Reasoning	22-26
Quantitative Techniques	10-14

The pattern can change, so always check the latest official notification.

CLAT UG Syllabus

https://www.clatiq.in/blog/clat-syllabus-2027-2028-latest-detailed

1. English Language

Passages of about 450 words from contemporary or historical writing, usually fiction, non-fiction, or newspaper pieces.

- Main idea, theme, and tone of a passage
- Inference and conclusions drawn from the text
- Vocabulary and meaning of words or phrases in context
- Summarising and comparing viewpoints
- Grammar is rarely tested directly, but it helps with comprehension

2. Current Affairs, including General Knowledge

Passages on recent events, with some static GK. The usual window is the last 12 months before the exam.

- National and international news, policies, and summits
- Awards, sports, books, and appointments
- Arts and culture
- International affairs and organisations
- Historical events with current relevance
- Basic Indian polity and economy as they appear in the news

3. Legal Reasoning

You don't need prior legal knowledge. Passages state a legal principle, and you apply it to a set of facts.

- Fundamental rights and constitutional provisions
- Law of torts (negligence, defamation, nuisance)
- Law of contracts
- Criminal law basics (IPC and its replacement, the BNS)
- Recent legal developments and landmark judgments
- Legal maxims and public policy issues

4. Logical Reasoning

Short passages testing how well you analyse arguments.

- Identifying premises and conclusions
- Strengthening and weakening arguments
- Assumptions and inferences
- Analogies and pattern recognition
- Contradictions, fallacies, and critical reasoning
- Some questions based on rules and relationships

5. Quantitative Techniques

Class 10-level maths presented through short passages, tables, and graphs.

- Ratio and proportion, percentages, averages
- Profit and loss, simple and compound interest
- Time, speed, and distance

- Mensuration, algebra, and basic statistics
- Data interpretation

The Roadmap at a Glance

PHASE 1: Foundation (Jan-Jun 2027) PHASE 2: Skill Building (Jul-Dec 2027) PHASE 3: Sectional Mastery (Jan-Jun 2028) PH

Phase 1: Foundation (Jan-Jun 2027)

Goal: build habits, not speed.

This phase is about becoming a reader. CLAT tests how well you absorb and process text, and that skill can't be built in a month.

- Read one editorial daily from *The Hindu* or *The Indian Express*
- Spend 20-30 minutes on a book or long-form article
- Learn 5-10 new words a day and revisit basic grammar
- Revise Class 8-10 maths: ratios, percentages, averages, profit and loss
- Read simple explainers on the Constitution, contracts, and torts
- Start a current affairs notebook or app

If you're in Class 10, your boards fall in this window. Keep CLAT prep to an hour or so a day until they're done. Boards come first.

Phase 2: Skill Building (Jul-Dec 2027)

Goal: learn what each question type demands.

Now you move from general reading to exam-specific skills, alongside Class 11, at about 2-3 hours a day.

- Solve 3-4 passages daily across sections
- In **Legal Reasoning**, follow one method: *identify the rule, apply it to the facts, reach the conclusion.* Use only the principle given in the passage, not what you think the law should be.
- In **Logical Reasoning**, learn the standard types: strengthen/weaken, assumptions, inferences, and analogies
- Compile current affairs monthly, in short notes, not copied articles
- Take one sectional test a week

Phase 3: Sectional Mastery (Jan-Jun 2028)

Goal: build speed and accuracy.

This is where serious preparation begins. Start timing yourself: roughly 10 questions in 10-12 minutes per passage section.

- Maintain an **error log**: write the question, why you got it wrong, and the fix
- Take two sectional tests per section each month
- Begin solving previous year CLAT papers
- Start a full mock every two weeks, moving to weekly by June

Your error log will become your most valuable resource. Most students repeat the same mistakes for months simply because they never wrote them down.

Phase 4: Mock-Intensive (Jul-Oct 2028)

Goal: lock in your exam strategy.

You're in Class 12 now, so balance matters. The aim is to turn knowledge into marks under pressure.

- Take **two full mocks a week** in real exam conditions, same time of day, 2 hours, no breaks
- Spend **twice as long analysing** each mock as taking it
- Find your ideal section order. Many students do well with English → Legal → Logical → GK → Maths, but test what suits you
- Decide how many questions to attempt per section to protect accuracy, since negative marking punishes blind guessing
- Review your error log weekly

Phase 5: Final Revision (Nov-Dec 2028)

Goal: consolidate and stay calm.

The last two months are not for learning new things.

- Revise your last 12 months of current affairs notes. This is the highest-yield revision you can do.
- Take 1-2 mocks a week, but don't chase scores
- Go through your error log, formulas, and legal terms
- Protect your sleep and keep a light exercise routine
- Stop starting new topics in the final week

Section-Wise Strategy

Section	Core Approach	Daily Habit	Target Accuracy
English	Read widely, practise RCs	1 editorial + 2 passages	85%+
Current Affairs	Notes + monthly revision	20 min news + 10 MCQs	80%+
Legal	Apply the given rule	2 passages	80%+
Logical	Spot argument structure	2 passages	80%+
Quant	Basics first, then DI	10-15 questions	75%+

How to Analyse a Mock

After every mock, sort each mistake into one of four buckets:

1. **Concept gap:** you didn't know it, so study it
2. **Careless error:** you knew it, so slow down and re-read
3. **Time pressure:** you ran out of time, so work on speed or skipping strategy
4. **Bad guess:** the risk didn't pay off, so sharpen your elimination

This turns every mock into a diagnosis rather than just a score.

Mistakes to Avoid

- Leaving current affairs until the last three months
- Taking mocks without analysing them
- Memorising legal rules instead of applying them
- Ignoring maths because it has fewer questions
- Burning out in year one

- Comparing your scores with other students

Milestones to Track

Checkpoint	Rough Target
End of Phase 1	Reading an editorial daily without effort
End of Phase 2	65-70 in practice sets
End of Phase 3	85-90 in mocks
End of Phase 4	100+ consistently
Exam day	105-115+ for top NLUs

Cutoffs change every year, so treat these as guideposts rather than guarantees.

Final Words

Twenty-four months sounds long, but it passes quickly. The students who succeed in CLAT are rarely the ones who studied 12 hours a day for a month. They are the ones who read daily, practised honestly, and learned from every mock.

Start small, stay steady, and trust the process. Your seat in a top NLU is built one passage at a time.

Follow CLAT IQ for mock tests, current affairs updates, and strategy guides all the way to CLAT 2029.