



# Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

(Established Under the Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014)

## ONE-YEAR POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARBITRATION & MEDIATION (PG-DAM 2024-25)

### COURSE BROCHURE

Last Date to Apply:  
Extended to:  
30 April, 2024

## ABOUT MNLU MUMBAI

Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai, established under the Maharashtra National Law University Act 2014 on 20th March 2014, is one of the premier National Law Universities in India. It offers graduate, post-graduate, and research degrees in law and allied disciplines. The prime goal of the University is to disseminate advanced legal knowledge and processes of law amongst the students and impart to them the skills of advocacy, legal services, and law reforms and make them aware and capable of utilizing these instruments for social transformation and development.

Since its inception in 2015, the University has endeavoured to offer academic courses which include B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) five-year integrated programme, one year LL.M. programmes in various disciplines, M.A. Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Post Graduate Diploma Programmes in numerous disciplines, among others. The University continues to make newer strides in the field of legal education with the dynamic vision and leadership of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey, and Hon'ble Registrar (I/c) Dr. Pratapsinh B. Salunke. As members of the University's governing bodies, distinguished judges, senior advocates, eminent academicians, seasoned and senior bureaucrats guide the university with their rich and valuable experience.

## ABOUT THE COURSE

Disputes are inevitable in society, which requires a robust dispute resolution mechanism to deliver justice. The Indian dispute resolution mechanism consists of Courts, Tribunals, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) tools including Arbitration, Mediation, Conciliation, Lok Adalats, etc.

ADR mechanisms have been demonstrated to be more effective than litigation because the former provide the advantage of speedy disposal of the disputes and assists in restoring relations between the disputants. Over the last two decades, there has been momentum to encourage their usage among the legal fraternity and businesses - domestic and international. The notification of the Bar Council of India to introduce "Mediation" as a compulsory subject in LL.B. courses, signing of the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (Singapore Convention) by India, reforms in the Indian Arbitration Law to make India an "Arbitral Friendly State" are some of the few instances where we see the advancement of ADR practices in India.

The programme will cover topics that are important for professionals of any field who deal with conflicts on a regular basis, as well as to academicians who aspire to deepen their knowledge. The programme faculty will include experienced practitioners and academicians who will supplement classroom learning with their own experiences and provide a comprehensive understanding of how arbitration and mediation work as dispute resolution mechanisms in domestic and international trade disputes.



# Course Faculties From Previous Batches



**Amitava (Raja) Majumdar**  
Managing Partner,  
Bose & Mitra & Co



**Dr. Akhil Prasad**  
Country Counsel India & Company  
Secretary at Boeing



**Amber Gupta**  
Head - Corporate Legal, Company  
Secretary and Compliance Officer  
Aditya Birla Capital Ltd



**Dr. Aman Hingorani**  
AoR, Mediator & Arbitrator



**Amarendra Chitale**  
NLP Master Trainer



**Chirag Balyan**  
Assistant Professor (Law),  
Maharashtra National Law  
University, Mumbai



**Dr. Harish Shetty**  
Pyschiarist



**Neera Sharma**  
Founder GCAI, CEO/CLO, Sistema  
Smart Technologies Limited



**Neeti Sachdeva**  
Secretary General and Registrar,  
Mumbai Centre For International  
Arbitration



**Rucha Dhakras**  
Lawyer, Counsellor &  
Mediator



**Iram Majid**  
Director, IIAM &  
Executive Director, Asia Pacific Centre  
for Arbitration and Mediation



**Shukla Wassan**  
Independent Director, Arbitrator,  
Mediator, Negotiator & Conciliator



**Raghu C.V**  
Group General Counsel  
Samvardhana Motherson Group



**Sanjeev Gemawat**  
Executive Director, Group GC &  
Group Company Secretary,  
Bharat Dalmia Group



**Shashank Garg**  
Counsel, Member ICC Commission  
on Arbitration and ADR



**Dr. Kalindi Kokal**  
Post Doctoral Fellow, IIT Bombay



**Vijayendra Pratap Singh**  
Partner & Head Litigation, AZB &  
Partners, Delhi



**Dr. Ylli Dautaj**  
Partner, DER Juridik &  
Adjunct Prof., Penn State Law



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**Prof. Dr. Kaushikee**  
Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and  
Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia  
Islamia, New Delhi



**Abhijnan Jha**  
Advocate, Partner, AZB & Partners,  
New Delhi



**Abhisar Vidyarthi**  
Advocate, Associate, AZB & Partners,  
New Delhi



**Mrinal Jain**  
Managing Director, Secretariat  
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**Manjaree Chowdhary**  
Sr. ED & General Counsel,  
Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.



**K S Sarma,**  
CEO & Director,  
Life Skills (India) Training Pvt. Ltd.,  
Chennai



**Anil Xavier**  
President, Indian Institute of Arbitration  
& Mediation



**Natasha Kavalakkat**  
Counsel, Singularity Legal, Mumbai



**Dr. Ajar Rab**  
Arbitrator, Founding partner at ANR  
LAW LLP, Dehradun



**Hasit Seth**  
Counsel, Arbitrator & Mediator,  
HLaw, Mumbai



**Pascal Comvalius**  
Author, Mediation Trainer, Criminal  
Mediation Expert



**Thiago Almeida**  
Author, Researcher, Faculty of Law,  
University of Geneva, Switzerland



**Marko Iršič**  
Mediation Trainer, Founder, Center for  
Mediation and Conflict Management,  
RAKMO Institute, Slovenia



**Shalaka Patil**  
Partner, Dispute Resolution practice at  
Trilegal, Mumbai

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To introduce students to the fundamental principles of arbitration and mediation as effective mechanisms for resolving disputes.
- To provide insights of the operational aspects and address contemporary challenges associated with applying these dispute resolution methods.
- To equip students with the necessary techniques and skills to proficiently employ ADR methods in practice.

## COURSE INFORMATION

- It is a one-year diploma course divided into 02 semesters consisting total of 07 papers and 01 Research Project.
- Class Start Date: May 2024; End Date: March 2025.
- Maximum duration to complete the course is 03 years. If not, re-registration may be required based on the university's terms & conditions.
- Total seats offered per batch: 60
- Medium of Instruction: English
- Mode of Classes: Online [except one-week mandatory offline classes at MNLU Mumbai campus, rest of the classes are online]

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Completed Bachelor's Degree or any equivalent degree in any discipline from any recognized University
- Candidates appearing for the final year examination of Graduation are also eligible to apply
- No age bar
- Government Officials, Bureaucrats, Lawyers, Engineers, CA, CS or Professionals from any educational background can join this course

## COURSE STRUCTURE

### Semester 1 [May 2024 to October 2024]

1. Dispute Resolution in 21st Century (2 Credits)
2. Domestic Arbitration (3 Credits)
3. International Arbitration and Investment Arbitration (2 Credits)
4. Mediation - Law and Theory (3 Credits)

### Semester 2 [November 2024 to April 2025]

5. Psychology and Mediation (2 Credits)
6. Drafting, Pleadings & Witness Handling in Arbitration (2 Credits)
7. Practice of Mediation (3 Credits)
8. Research Project (3 Credits)

Each paper carries 100 Marks.



## FEE PAYMENT INFO.

Name of Account: MNLU Centre for Arbitration and Research  
Account No: 921010028056972  
Bank Name: Axis Bank  
Branch : Branch Powai, Mumbai  
IFSC Code: UTLB0000246

## ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Fill the [application form](#) where you should upload the following documents:
  - a. UG Degree Certificate (or) Provisional Certificate
  - b. UG Degree Consolidated Marksheet
  - c. Updated Resume/CV
  - d. Passport Size Photo (in Formal attire; no Selfies)
2. After you submit the application form, we will scrutinize your application. If you have fulfilled the eligibility criteria, admission to our course will be offered and an email will be sent to you.
3. After we offer the admission, you will be required to pay the course fees and submit the proof of payment of fees.

## FEES

- **Course Fees:** Indians - INR 60,000/- Foreigners - USD \$1,000/-
- **Repeat / Supplementary Exam fee:** Rs.500/- per Paper (USD \$10)
- **Convocation fees:** charged separately as per the University rules.
- **Refund of Fees:** If you decide to discontinue the course within 07 calendar days of the course fee payment, half of the course fees may be refunded. After 07 calendar days of such payment, fees may not be refunded.

## MODE OF CLASSES

- Except one-week OFFLINE classes at MNLU Mumbai campus, rest of the classes are ONLINE.
- Attending the offline classes is a mandatory requirement for you to be eligible to receive the PG Diploma Certificate and Marksheet.
- Students who fail to attend the one-week offline classes will incur an additional fee of Rs. 5,000/- to attend the classes at a later date.

**LAST DATE TO APPLY: 30 APRIL 2024**

**Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/DnEMfT4xKj668jn37>**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### Q.1. How will this diploma help me?

**Answer:** This program is skill-based. The skills you acquire through this program can be applied both personally and professionally. Learning the art of mediation is inherently a transformative experience.

### Q.2. Does MNLU Mumbai guarantee placements?

**Answer:** MNLU Mumbai does not guarantee placements to enrolled students. However, if you wish to empanel yourself as an arbitrator or mediator, we will provide you with a recommendation letter. We may also offer career counseling. Additionally, we will empanel you in the University's list of arbitrators and mediators. If the University's arbitration and mediation center conducts arbitration or mediation, parties may choose you based on your profile for their case.

### Q.3. Can I practice arbitration or mediation after completing this diploma?

**Answer:** Yes, you can, provided the parties select you as an arbitrator or mediator. Our program and the reputation of our university give you an advantage in the market. However, arbitration and mediation institutions have their own policies and guidelines for empaneling and appointing arbitrators/mediators. The class calendar will be shared in advance for the entire academic year.

### Q.4. When will the classes be scheduled?

**Answer:** Our instructors are industry professionals, and class scheduling depends on their availability. We aim to hold classes on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays. However, occasionally, we may need to schedule sessions on weekdays due to faculty availability. In such cases, classes will only be scheduled in the evening.

### Q.5. What is the mode of the classes?

**Answer:** Classes are primarily conducted online. So it's strongly advised that students keep their cameras on during classes. Additionally, there will be one week of physical (offline) classes held at the MNLU Mumbai campus during the academic year. Accommodation during offline classes will be charged additionally.

### Q.6. What is the class attendance policy?

**Answer:** You must obtain 70% attendance for online classes and 70% attendance for the 07 days of physical classes. These are mandatory requirements for you to be eligible to obtain the diploma certificate and mark sheet. Exemption may be granted only to foreign candidates. If you miss the physical (offline) classes, you may attend the classes with the following batch only whenever it commences (which will mostly happen in the following academic year). Accordingly, obtaining your diploma certificate will also be delayed.

### Q.7. What is the examination format?

**Answer:** The exams will be held online, with each paper carrying 100 marks. You may either type or write your answers on paper and submit a scanned file.

## COURSE DIRECTOR

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