



# **Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai**

**Centre for Arbitration and Research**

**Offers**

## **One Year Diploma Programme Post Graduate Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation (PG-DAM)**

**Empowering legal professionals with advanced alternative dispute  
resolution skills.**

# About Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai, established in 2014, is one of India's premier national law universities. It offers graduate, postgraduate, and research degrees, committed to academic excellence and social transformation.

## Our Vision and Mission

The university aims to disseminate advanced legal knowledge and skills for advocacy, legal services, and law reforms, empowering students to drive social transformation.

Since its inception, MNLU has offered diverse academic programs, including B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. in various disciplines, M.A. Mediation and Conflict Resolution, and postgraduate diplomas.

## Governance and Excellence

Distinguished judges, senior advocates, academicians, and bureaucrats guide the university's governing bodies, contributing valuable experience.

MNLU is dedicated to fostering intellectual rigor, ethical practice, and professional excellence. Our faculty comprises leading scholars and practitioners.

# 2014

Established

Founded under  
Maharashtra Act

# 2015

Operations

Began legal education  
programs

# 10+

Programs

Diverse degrees offered

# Distinguished Leadership Guiding Excellence

Hon'ble Chief Justice Alok Aradhe,  
Judge, Supreme Court of India, New  
Delhi & Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai



Guides and inspires the institution with novel ideas and rich experience in the field of law, providing strategic vision for the University's development.

Hon'ble Chief Justice Shree  
Chandrashekhar,  
Bombay High Court &  
Pro-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai



Instrumental in guiding the institution towards academic excellence, ensuring the highest standards of legal education and research.

Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey,  
Vice-Chancellor, MNLU Mumbai



An eminent scholar in the field of law, leading the University to achieve ever greater and newer heights in legal education and social impact.

Prof. (Dr.) Prakash N. Chaudhary  
Registrar, MNLU Mumbai



Dynamic vision coupled with excellent administrative skills enables the university to take significant strides in its developmental journey.

# Introduction and Rationale

Disputes are an inevitable part of interactions. Due to increasing delays, costs, and adversarial outcomes in litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms<sup>4</sup> arbitration, mediation, and negotiation<sup>4</sup> have become preferred globally.

India's strong policy push for ADR, including the Mediation Act and international commitments, highlights the urgent need for trained professionals. The legal landscape demands practitioners with doctrinal knowledge, practical competence, and emotional intelligence.

The Post Graduate Diploma in Arbitration and Mediation (PG-DAM) is a one-year, practice-oriented programme equipping graduates and professionals with skills to effectively function as arbitrators, mediators, negotiation professionals, ADR counsel, policy professionals, and academics.



## **Programme**

**Duration:** 1 Academic Year (Two Semesters)

**Total Credits:** 40

# Programme Objectives and Outcomes



**Comprehensive Knowledge**  
Extensive understanding of arbitration, mediation, and negotiation, domestically and internationally, within contemporary legal frameworks.



**Practical Skills Development**  
Hands-on proficiency in conducting negotiation, mediation, and arbitration proceedings through simulations and case studies.



**Interdisciplinary Approaches**  
Comparative, interdisciplinary, and indigenous approaches to conflict resolution, fostering cultural sensitivity and global awareness.



**Emotional Intelligence**  
Sensitizing learners to emotional, psychological, and ethical dispute dimensions, enhancing professional conduct.

Upon completion, learners will be able to:

- Apply laws governing arbitration and mediation.
- Analyze disputes using comparative conflict resolution frameworks.
- Conduct and participate effectively in mediation and negotiation processes.
- Draft arbitration agreements and arbitral awards.
- Manage emotions, bias, and behavioral dynamics in disputes.
- Produce high-quality academic and practice-oriented research in ADR.

# Semester I – Course Descriptions

1	<p>Comparative Conflict Resolution Process</p> <p>Explores dispute resolution modes, adversarial and non-adversarial approaches, mediation history, ethics, and online dispute resolution.</p>
2	<p>Domestic and International Arbitration</p> <p>Comprehensive study of Indian and international arbitration law, covering agreements, proceedings, awards, and enforcement.</p>
3	<p>Practice of Mediation</p> <p>Hands-on training in mediation process, communication, negotiation techniques, and various mediation styles including facilitative and transformative.</p>
4	<p>Mediation 3 Law and Theory</p> <p>Examines legal frameworks regulating mediation across dispute categories, Singapore Convention, and online mediation practices.</p>
5	<p>Research Methodology</p> <p>Develops research skills in doctrinal and empirical methods, data collection, ethics, and academic writing.</p>

## Semester II – Course Descriptions

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| 1 | Investment Arbitration and Conflict of Law<br>Covers international investment law, ICSID procedures, jurisdictional issues, and choice of law in international arbitration. |
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| 2 | Psychology and Mediation<br>Explores emotional intelligence, mindfulness, handling difficult personalities, restorative justice, and NLP techniques in mediation. |
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| 3 | Drafting, Pleadings & Witness Handling in Arbitration<br>Practical training in drafting arbitration documents, witness examination, closing arguments, and professional conduct. |
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| 4 | Role Play Simulation and Report Writing (Clinical)<br>Hands-on clinical training through role play simulations and report writing to develop real-world dispute resolution skills. |
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| 5 | Research Report/Thesis<br>Independent research project culminating in a comprehensive dissertation on arbitration, mediation, or ADR topics. |
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**Note:** Subjects may change to improve program quality, for administrative convenience, or due to faculty availability.





# Teaching Methodology and Assessment

## Teaching and Learning Methods

Our program maximizes learning and practical competence through diverse pedagogical approaches, led by experienced faculty and practitioners.

- **Interactive Lectures**  
Engaging sessions combining theory with practical insights from industry experts.
- **Case Studies and Simulations**  
Analysis of landmark cases and realistic dispute simulations, bridging theory and practice.
- **Role Plays and Practical Exercises**  
Hands-on mediation and arbitration simulations to build confidence and procedural competence.
- **Group Discussions & Presentations**  
Collaborative learning via peer interaction and knowledge sharing on ADR issues.  
Guided Research Supervision
- **One-on-one mentorship for dissertation development, ensuring rigorous academic standards.**





# Assessment and Evaluation

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<p>Continuous Assessment</p> <p>Regular internal evaluation via assignments, presentations, and class participation.</p>	<p>End-Term Examination</p> <p>Comprehensive evaluation of knowledge and analytical skills through written examinations.</p>
3	4
<p>Practical Assessment</p> <p>Evaluation of roleplay performances, simulation exercises, and real-world skill application.</p>	<p>Dissertation Evaluation</p> <p>Rigorous assessment of dissertation research quality, originality, and scholarly contribution.</p>

## Evaluation Breakdown

40	60	100
Internal Assessment marks	End-Term Assessment marks	Total marks

## Passing Requirements

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<p>Aggregate</p> <p>Minimum 50 marks out of 100</p>	<p>Internal Assessment</p> <p>Minimum 20 marks out of 40</p>	<p>End-Term Assessment</p> <p>Minimum 30 marks out of 60</p>

# Course Structure (Tentative)

- ❏ The course structure is tentative and subject to change based on faculty availability and academic requirements. The University reserves the right to modify subjects during the programme for academic convenience and improvement.

## Semester I

1	2	3
Comparative Conflict Resolution Processes	Domestic and International Arbitration	Practice of Mediation
4	5	
Mediation 3 Law and Theory	Research Methodology	

## Semester II

1	2	3
Psychology and Mediation	Investment Arbitration and Conflict of Law	Drafting, Pleadings & Witness Handling in Arbitration
4	5	
Role Play, Simulation and Report Writing (Clinical)	Research Report/Dissertation	

# Eligibility and Application Process

## Who Should Apply?

This programme is ideal for:



### Legal Professionals

Advocates, corporate counsel, and legal consultants seeking specialized ADR expertise



### Business Executives

Managers and executives involved in contract negotiation and dispute management



### Public Officials

Government officers and policy professionals engaged in regulatory and administrative matters



### Academicians

Scholars and educators seeking to deepen their knowledge and contribute to ADR scholarship

## Eligibility Criteria

The PG-DAM programme welcomes candidates from diverse educational and professional backgrounds

- **Academic Qualification:** Graduation in law or any other discipline from a recognized university
- **Professional Experience:** Professionals, academicians, mediators, negotiators, managers, and public officials are encouraged to apply
- **Age Requirement:** No age bar4lifelong learners are welcome

Candidates appearing for the final year examination of graduation are also eligible to apply.

# Programme Details for Batch 2026–27

## Programme Duration

**Course Period:** 1 academic year (2 semesters)

**Start Date:** March 2026 (tentative)

**End Date:** March 2027 (Tentative)

**Max Duration:** 3 years (re-registration may apply)

## Programme Capacity

**Seats per Batch:** 60

**Medium:** English

**Credit:** 1 = 15 hrs academic engagement

**Total Academic Engagement:** 600 hrs (40 credits)

## Mode of Delivery

**Online:** Majority via virtual platforms

**Offline:** 1-week mandatory in-person at MNLU Mumbai (for diploma eligibility)

**Schedule:** Weekends & public holidays; occasional weekday evenings


## Attendance Requirements

**Online:** Min 70% attendance

**Offline:** Min 80% for 6-day intensive (foreign candidates may be exempt)


Cameras must be on during online sessions.

# Fee Structure and Bank Details

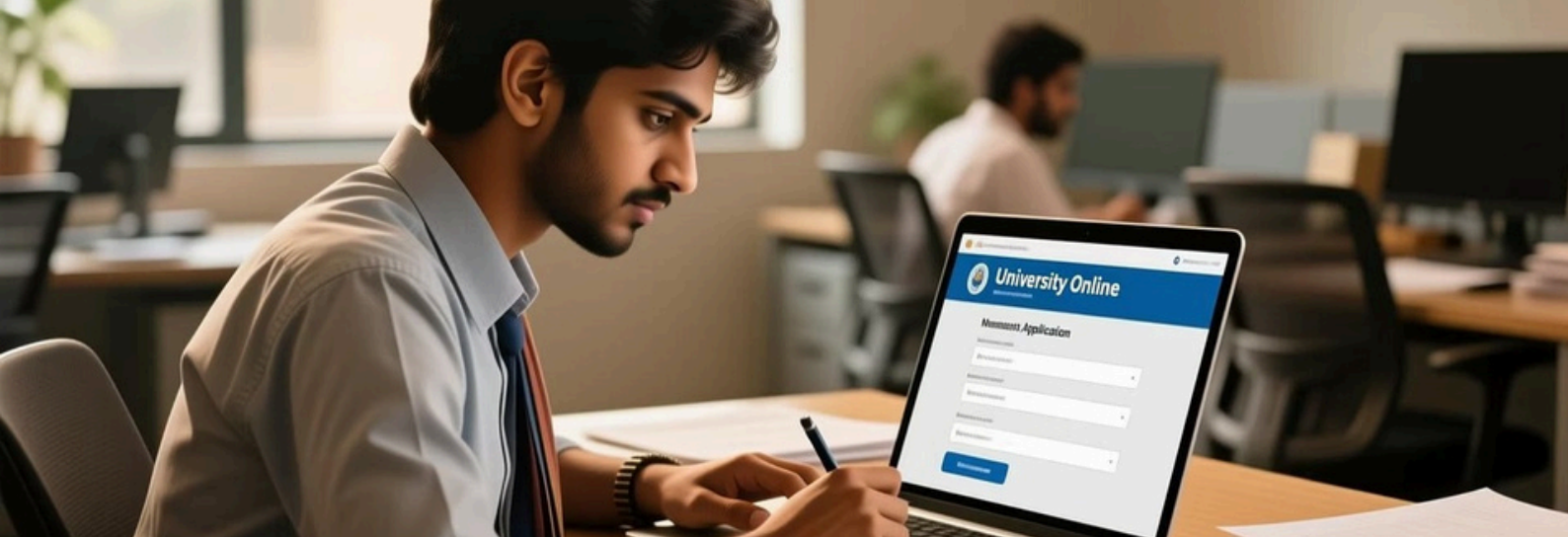
 **Limited Seats: 30**

## Fee Structure

Particulars	Amount
Course Fees (Indian Nationals)	INR 60,000/-
Course Fees (Foreign Nationals)	USD \$1,000
Repeat/Supplementary Exam Fee	INR 500/- per paper (USD \$10) As per university rules
Convocation Fees	INR 5,000/- (for later batch)
Missed Offline Classes Fee	

 **Refund Policy:** Half of course fees refunded if discontinued within 7 days of payment. Non-refundable after 7 days.

**Last Date to Apply:** January 31 , 2026



# How to Apply

01

Complete Application Form  
Fill the online application form using the link:  
<https://forms.gle/9EFUHiNFbYXQcvCZ7>  
Upload required documents (UG degree, marksheet, resume/CV, passport-size photo).

02

Application Review  
Admissions committee reviews applications.  
Eligible candidates receive an admission offer via email.

03

Fee Payment  
Upon receiving the admission offer, payment link or bank details will be shared via email. Pay course fees using the provided payment link or bank transfer and submit proof for enrollment confirmation.

☐ **Application Form Link:** <https://forms.gle/9EFUHiNFbYXQcvCZ7> - Visit the link for the online application form.

☐ **Important Note:** Candidates must save and retain their payment details along with the transaction ID until course completion. These documents may be required during document verification.





# Contact Information

## Contact Details

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## Course Coordinator

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