

MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY MUMBAI

(Established under Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014)

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About Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai

Established under the Maharashtra National Law University Act 2014 (Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014), Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU) Mumbai is one of India's premier National Law Universities. Conceived to professionalize legal education and promote society-oriented research, the university integrates rigorous jurisprudence, multidisciplinary studies, and clinical advocacy within India's financial, corporate, and judicial capital.

Institutional Identity & Location

- Established on June 27, 2014, by the Government of Maharashtra to advance legal processes and build capacity for advocacy, judicial services, and law reform.
- Located in Powai, Mumbai, the campus enjoys proximity to the Bombay High Court, leading corporate headquarters, global arbitration centers, and financial regulatory authorities.

Vision & Mission

- Vision: "To become a world-class law university committed to fostering an environment of excellence in research, scholarship, education, and justice."
- Mission: To deliver legal education rooted in diversity, equity, ethics, and inclusiveness; to cultivate critical thinking and transformative problem-solving; and to promote lifelong learning and public service through legal aid initiatives.

Core Objectives & Educational Philosophy

- **Social Transformation**: Uses legal training as an instrument for social development, legal awareness, and pro bono community service.
- **Constitutional Values**: Guided by the institutional motto Dharme Tatparta, MNLU Mumbai fosters an inclusive academic environment committed to human dignity, equality, and social justice.
- **Transnational & Techno-Legal Focus**: Curricula are benchmarked against global standards to equip students for international legal practice, corporate compliance, and techno-legal domains.

Statutory Accreditations & Memberships

- UGC & BCI Approval: Fully recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and compliant with the Bar Council of India (BCI) Legal Education Rules.
- Consortium & AIU Alignment: Active member of the Consortium of National Law Universities and the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

University Leadership & Profiles

Hon'ble Shri. Justice Alok Aradhe, Judge, Supreme Court of India is the **Chancellor** of the University. Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court is the Pro-Chancellor of the University

Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey serves as the **Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai** and is the **President of the Consortium of National Law Universities**. He brings decades of distinguished leadership in higher education, legal scholarship, and institutional governance. Prior to guiding MNLU Mumbai, Dr. Ukey served as the Pro Vice- Chancellor of Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada (SRTM) University, Nanded, and as Professor and Head of the Department of Law at Savitribai Phule Pune University. An authority in Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence, his vision emphasizes interdisciplinary legal research, academic rigor, and building strategic national and global partnerships to elevate MNLU Mumbai as a premier seat of legal learning.



Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Ukey
Vice-Chancellor



Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Chaudhary
Registrar

Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Chaudhary serves as the Registrar of MNLU Mumbai, backed by over 34 years of rich academic, legal, and administrative experience. Before joining the university, Dr. Chaudhary served as Vice Principal, Professor, and Head of the Department of Business Law at MES' Ness Wadia College of Commerce, Pune. Holding a Ph.D. in Business Law alongside Master's degrees across five disciplines, he has authored over 20 books and published more than 40 research papers. His administrative stewardship ensures operational efficiency, regulatory compliance, and seamless student governance across the university.

Academic Programmes (CLAT -Entry)

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) – 5-Year Integrated Undergraduate Program

Designed to cultivate world-class legal practitioners, policy analysts, and scholars, this 10-semester flagship program is fully aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) and compliant with the Bar Council of India (BCI) Rules of Legal Education (as amended from time to time), University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines, the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF), and the National Credit Framework (NCrF).

- Admission Route: Common Law Admission Test (CLAT UG).
- Curriculum & Credit Framework: Integrates law with social sciences under NCrF credit structures and NHEQF level-descriptors, offering a choice-based multi-disciplinary curriculum in accordance with NEP 2020 guidelines.
- BCI & UGC Statutory Alignment: Built on mandatory BCI standards for legal education and UGC norms for outcome-based higher education.
- Practical Training & Clinical Learning: Embeds mandatory clinical courses, moot court advocacy, client counseling, legal aid clinic engagements, and structured semester-wise internships.
- Specialized Electives: Allows students to tailor their academic path with advanced credit modules in corporate law, technology law, intellectual property, maritime regulations, and arbitration.

LL.M. (Master of Laws) – 1-Year Postgraduate Program

An intensive, research-focused master's program structured in compliance with UGC guidelines, NEP 2020 principles, NHEQF postgraduate standards, and NCrF credit allotment benchmarks.

- Admission Route: Common Law Admission Test (CLAT PG).
- Pedagogical Structure: Designed according to NEP outcome-based learning frameworks to promote advanced legal scholarship, empirical research, policy analysis, and comparative jurisprudence.
- Specialization Streams: Offers focused academic tracks in alignment with evolving global and regulatory needs, including Corporate & Commercial Regulations, Intellectual Property Law, Constitutional and Administrative Laws, and Law and Technology.
- Dissertation & Capstone Research: Requires a comprehensive research dissertation guided by experienced faculty, serving as a pathway toward doctoral studies, academia, judicial services, and specialized legal practice.
- Note: Specialization will be offered to students based on preference, merit and availability of seats. Each specialization has 20 seats. University shall retain the final decision in this regard. The University reserves the right to increase/decrease the number of specializations in LL.M. programme.
- The course is designed in accordance with University Grants Commission 2012 guidelines. A Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies has been established by MNLU

- Mumbai which includes a team of dedicated teachers to guide students. The pedagogy of the course involves a combination of regular classes and concurrent research.

The total intake via CLAT to the B.A., LL.B (Hons.) programme is 100 (One Hundred), and that of LL.M. is 50 (Fifty) students. All these are subject to Maharashtra State Reservation Norms as approved by the Executive Council.

Each specialization for LL.M. shall have a maximum of 20 candidates. The seat allocation shall depend upon merit, preference and availability of seats for that specialization. The University's decision shall be final in this regard.

Supernumerary Seats: In furtherance to the above, the University reserves the right to operate supernumerary seats for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and LL.M. Programme as follows. Supernumerary seats shall be filled in by the University separately. Such notifications may be seen on the University's website/ Admission Page.

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.): 20 (Twenty) supernumerary seats under Foreign National/ NRI/ NRI Sponsored category for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.). Preference will be given in the order of FN, NRI and NRI Sponsored and 02 (Two) seats for permanent resident of Jammu & Kashmir in accordance with the UGC directives for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)

LL.M.: 10 (Ten) supernumerary seats under Foreign National/NRI/NRI Sponsored category 02 (Two) seats for permanent resident of Jammu & Kashmir in accordance with the UGC directives.

Categories	Percentage %	Seats	
		B.A., LL.B, (Hons.)	LL.M.
All India General Category – [A]		27	12
Maharashtra State (MH) Reserved Category – [B]		73	38
MH - Schedule Caste	13	13	07
MH -Schedule Tribe	07	07	04
MH - Denotified Tribes (Vimukta Jatis) (A)	03	03	02
MH - Nomadic Tribes (B)	2.5	03	01
MH - Nomadic Tribes (C)	3.5	04	02
MH - Nomadic Tribes (D)	02	02	01
MH - Specially Backward Class	02	02	01
MH – Other Backward Class	19	19	10
MH- Economically Weaker Section (EWS)	10	10	05
MH- Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC)	10	10	05
Total Seats		100	50

Note: Horizontal Reservations

1. 30% for Women across all categories.
2. 5% seats for Specially Abled Persons (SAP). Certificate of Disability issued by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.
3. Five (5) % seats of the total sanctioned intake for an institute, shall be reserved for wards of Ex Servicemen/ Defence Personnel. Ex Servicemen/
Defence Personnel Certificate from the respective department Unit/ Dept. / HQ/ Records/ RSWO/ ZSWO/ Army/ Navy/ Air Force HQ is required.
   A. Education Concession Certificate mentioning the priority of the candidate.
   B. The dependent card.
   This provision is NOT available to the children of CIVILIAN STAFF who is working/who has worked in the Indian Defense
   Service.
4. 1% seats of the total sanctioned intake for an institute, shall be reserved each for transgenders and orphans.

Admission is dependent upon the fulfilment of the eligibility requirements and submission of required documents. The University reserves the right to cancel the admission anytime if the eligibility requirements are not met or any false document is submitted

The University facilitates the students belonging to reserved category of Maharashtra state to avail the scholarship offered by the Department of Social Justice & Assistance, Government of Maharashtra. The University facilitates scholarship for students domiciled in other states in accordance with Central/State government rules and policies. Details of Fee Structure may be found on the University Website's Admission Page.

In addition to these MNLU Mumbai also offers various other programmes. Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai, offers a diverse spectrum of undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral, and diploma programs tailored for aspiring legal professionals, executives, and research scholars.

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LL.M. (for Executive): Specialized postgraduate degree designed for working lawyers, judicial officers, and corporate professionals seeking advanced domain expertise alongside their careers.

- **M.A. in Mediation & Conflict Resolution**: 2-year postgraduate program providing theoretical and practical training in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), international negotiation, and mediation protocols.
- **MBA in Corporate Finance, Banking and Law / Entrepreneurship & Digital Business Law**: 2-year interdisciplinary degree bridging strategic corporate management, financial technology, corporate governance, and digital compliance.

Doctoral & Research Programs:

- Ph.D. in Law & Interdisciplinary Studies: Rigorous research program for legal scholars and academicians seeking advanced legal research and policy contributions. Admission via UGC-NET/PAT.
  Doctor of Laws (LL.D.): Post-doctoral degree awarded for original scholarship and published legal research.

Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) & Professional Courses

- PGD in Intellectual Property Rights (PGD-IPR): 1-year course covering patent prosecution, trademark management, copyright, and IP commercialization.
- PGD in Arbitration and Mediation: Practical training in domestic/international arbitration procedures and dispute resolution drafting.
- PGD in Crime Investigation, Medical Jurisprudence, and Forensic Science (PGD-CMF): Specialized study of criminalistics, medico-legal evidence, digital forensics, and trial procedure.
- PGD in Litigation Lawyering and Law Firm Management (PGD-LLLFM): Course focused on court craft, pleading and drafting, client counseling, and legal practice operations.

- PGD in Environmental Justice: Law and Policy (PGD-EJLP): Program exploring environmental regulations, climate governance, and regulatory compliance.
- Specialized Certificate & Diploma Modules: Short-term professional diplomas in high-growth fields including GST Law, Technology & Law, Fashion Law, Public Policy, etc.

Pedagogy & Industry Integration

Academic Staff Profile – MNLU Mumbai

The faculty at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai comprises an outstanding cohort of legal scholars, researchers, policy experts, and former regulatory advisors dedicated to academic rigor, policy research, and practical legal training.

Faculty members hold Ph.Ds and postgraduate degrees from premier national legal institutions, including NLSIU Bengaluru, NALSAR Hyderabad, and the Indian Law Institute (ILI), alongside international research fellowships such as the Max Planck Fellowship. The teaching staff includes legal experts alongside scholars in Sociology, Economics, Political Science, and English to deliver a complete interdisciplinary legal education.

Academic staff lead research in high-demand legal domains, including Privacy & Data Protection Law, Intellectual Property Rights, Corporate Governance, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Law, Maritime & Air Space Law, Health Policy, and AI Regulation. Faculty members regularly publish in Scopus and UGC-CARE indexed journals, author legal textbooks, and direct specialized university research centers and government-sponsored chairs, such as the DPIIT Chair on IPR.

Pedagogy & Student Mentorship

Pedagogy combines conventional lecture methods with case law analysis, problem-solving exercises, role-plays, mock trials, and simulation exercises. Faculty provide direct mentorship for national and international moot court competitions, client counseling, empirical research papers, and legal aid clinic operations. Professors actively serve on government advisory bodies, regulatory committees (e.g., SEBI expert panels), and act as resource persons for training judicial officers and administrative leaders.

University Collaborations

The University had entered into a number of MoUs with national and international institutes. Internationally, these include L'Universite' Paris Nanterre, Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL), Germany, American University, Washington DC; Temple University, United States; University of Waikato, New Zeland and others. Among, its collaborations with government agencies, the prominent ones are National Institute of Securities Management (NISM - a unit of SEBI), NITI Aayog, Competition Commission of India (CCI), International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM - a unit of Election Commission of India), Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and many more, thereby facilitating regular programmes with these prestigious institutions.

Skill-Based Extra Credit & Value-Added Courses

To bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world legal practice, MNLU Mumbai integrates specialized, skill-based extra credit and value-added courses into the curriculum every semester. These courses are curated and delivered directly by seasoned industry experts, senior advocates, corporate legal heads, judges, and regulatory policy experts with extensive years of practical domain experience.

- **Industry-Driven Curriculum**: Modules focus on high-demand, practical legal domains such as commercial contract drafting, M&A due diligence, cross-border dispute resolution, insolvency practice, trademark and patent portfolios, and techno-legal compliance.

- **Experiential Pedagogy**: Instruction moves beyond traditional textbook analysis to emphasize real-world case strategies, practical drafting exercises, simulation role-plays, mock negotiations, and tactical insights from active industry practitioners.

- **Professional Competency & Credits**: Students earn formal extra academic credits while acquiring job-ready practical competencies, giving them a distinct competitive edge for top-tier law firm recruitment, corporate in-house roles, and litigation practice.

Research Centers & Specialized Chairs

Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai, hosts several specialized research centers and chairs dedicated to policy research, legal training, and academic development across various domains.

Research Centers

- **Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, Training and Research (CALSTAR)**: Coordinates advanced legal studies, interdisciplinary research, and specialized capacity-building programs.
- **Centre for Applied Research in Public Health Law, Rights and Policy (CPHL):** Focuses on health legislation, healthcare system reforms, and socio-legal public health policy analysis.
- **Centre for Arbitration and Research (CAR)**: Functions as a think-tank and training platform for domestic, international, and commercial arbitration law.
- **Centre for Information Communication Technology and Law (CICTL):** Researches techno-legal issues, including cyber law, artificial intelligence, data privacy, and digital policy.
- **Centre for LexTax & IBC (CLTIBC):** Promotes advanced research and training in taxation laws, fiscal policy, corporate restructuring, and insolvency law.
- **Centre for Maritime Law and Research (CMLR)**: Addresses shipping law, maritime insurance, ocean governance, and coastal security issues through policy dialogue and research.
- **Centre for Mediation and Research (CMR)**: Dedicated to developing research, training, and practice frameworks in mediation and alternative dispute resolution.
- **Centre for Research in Air and Space Law (CRASL):** Conducts interdisciplinary research, publishes journals, and assists in policy development for international aerospace law.
- **Centre for Research in Intellectual Property (CRIP):** Engages in interdisciplinary legal scholarship, policy advice, and outreach on patents, trademarks, copyright, and technology transfer.
- **Centre for Research in Public Law, Policy and Jurisprudence (CRPLPJ)**: Promotes critical exploration and policy analysis in constitutional law, administrative law, and human rights.
- **Centre for Training & Research in Commercial Regulations (CTRCR):** Focuses on corporate governance, competition law, mergers & acquisitions, and financial market regulation.
- **Centre for Women, Child Rights and Gender Justice (CWCRGJ)**: Conducts research and advocacy surrounding child rights, gender-based justice, and legal protections for marginalized communities.

Specialized Research Chairs

- **DPIIT Chair on Intellectual Property Rights**: Supported by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to foster IP awareness, policy research, and legal scholarship.
- **Justice M. L. Pendse Chair in Environmental Law**: Dedicated to advancing scholarship, advocacy, and research in environmental protection laws and climate policy.

Campus Infrastructure & Student Amenities

Maharashtra National Law University (MNLU), Mumbai, operates out of its modern Powai campus, offering advanced academic, legal research, and residential infrastructure to foster holistic student development.

Knowledge Resource Centre (Library)

- Print & Electronic Collections: The library (KRC) houses over 14,000 print volumes alongside subscribed access to 20+ premium legal e-databases, including SCC Online, Manupatra, Westlaw, HeinOnline, LexisNexis, JSTOR, Oxford Law, Taxmann, and EBC Reader.
- Automation & Technology: Operating on KOHA-LMS and RFID technology, the KRC features Web-OPAC catalogue search, a dedicated Digital Library Resource Center, and a remote-access portal allowing students off-campus database access.
- Consortia Integration: The library connects to the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), E-ShodhSindhu, and Shodhganga for comprehensive academic research.

Academic & Practical Legal Infrastructure

- Smart Classrooms & ICT Infrastructure: Air-conditioned classrooms are arranged in cafeteria-style seating equipped with projectors, audio-visual systems, and campus-wide Wi-Fi. Internet access is available on campus.
- Moot Court Hall & Practice Units: A state-of-the-art Moot Court Hall replicates real judicial settings for advocacy training, intra-university moots, and international competitions. The campus also features a Mediation Centre and a Legal Services Clinic for practical legal aid work.

Residential, Health & Recreational Amenities

- Hostel Facilities: Availing this facility is optional. Fully furnished rooms include attached washrooms, and 24/7 security. Hostels feature quiet study lounges, common pantries (refrigerators, water dispensers), and Wi-Fi.
- Dining & Mess Services: Large dining halls of adequate capacity serve hygienic, balanced meals.
- Health & Fitness: Students have access to regular visiting doctors, professional psychological counseling, and on-campus emergency ambulance services.

Placements, Student Life & Public Information

Placements & Internship Cell

The Internship and Placement Cell (IP Cell) at MNLU Mumbai functions as an active facilitator, connecting students with leading law firms, corporate entities, financial institutions, and judicial chambers. While the university does not guarantee placements, as it's B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) program is a professional degree programme, it has built a robust institutional ecosystem designed to maximize professional exposure, streamline internship pathways, and support students in securing Pre-Placement Offers (PPOs) and final recruitment opportunities.

- **Placement Ecosystem & Career Support**: Drives structured summer and winter internship tracks starting from the early years of the B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) program, providing resume-building workshops, drafting training, and mock interview sessions in collaboration with industry mentors.
- **Recruitment Footprint**: Actively engages with 100+ recruiters, 50+ premier law firms, and 40+ corporate legal departments.
- **Prominent Recruiters**: Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., Khaitan & Co., Trilegal, AZB & Partners, Wadia Ghandy & Co., Nishith Desai Associates, Dentons Link Legal, Ernst & Young, Tata Advanced Systems, and the National Stock Exchange.

Student Life & Campus Community

Student life at MNLU Mumbai is vibrant, self-governed, and rooted in holistic co-curricular development through various student-run bodies and societies.

- **Students' Bar Council (SBC):** The elected apex student governance body representing student interests and coordinating student affairs.

- **Student Committees & Societies:**

1. **Moot Court Association (MCA):** Organizes national moots, internal selections, and manages representation in national/international advocacy competitions.
2. **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Society**: Trains students in negotiation, mediation, and arbitration formats.
3. **Legal Aid Clinic**: Drives socio-legal outreach programs, legal awareness camps, and pro bono legal assistance in surrounding regions.
4. **Literary & Debating Society**: Hosts parliamentary debates, model United Nations (MUNs), and symposiums.
5. **Cultural & Sports Committees**: Manages intra-university leagues and the annual institutional fest, Abhikrama.

- **Statutory Compliance & Welfare Cells:**

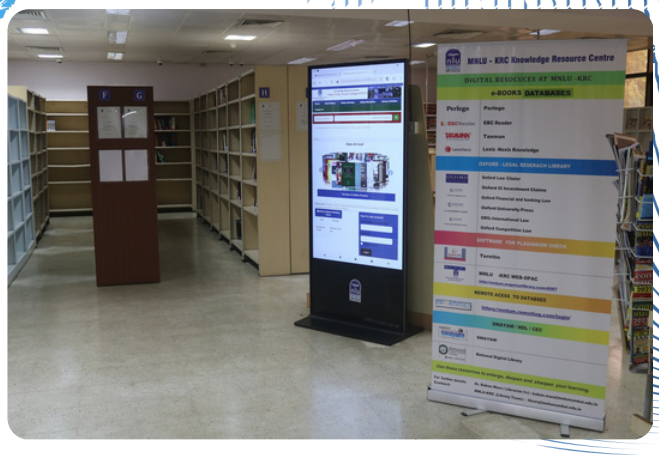
1. **Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)**: Strict implementation of the POSH Act to ensure a safe, inclusive environment.
2. **Anti-Ragging & Disciplinary Committee**: Zero-tolerance policy toward ragging, ensuring student safety.
3. **RTI & Grievance Redressal Cell**: Transparent public disclosures under the Right to Information Act and dedicated student grievance mechanisms.

MNLU Mumbai's Gallery



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