



INSTITUTE OF LAW · NIRMA  
UNIVERSITY

Centre for Continuing Education



## CERTIFICATE COURSE

on

# MARITIME LITIGATION & PRACTICES

(Second Edition)



*Navigating the legal currents of the sea —  
vessel collisions, cargo claims, marine insurance & dispute resolution.*

DURATION	MODE	CREDITS
<b>6 Months</b> <i>60 Hours</i>	<b>Online</b> <i>Live · Recorded</i>	<b>4 Credits</b> <i>Four-Quadrant</i>

## PROGRAMME DATES

**1 January 2027 → 1 July 2027**

*Classes: every Tuesday & Friday · 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM (IST)*

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Maritime law is a significant area of domestic and international law, both public and private, with shipping law forming an important sub-discipline. This intensive certificate course is designed in the area of maritime litigation and practices — covering legal issues arising from activities at sea, including vessel collisions, cargo claims, marine insurance, and arrest of vessels, drawing on both domestic statutes and international conventions.

On completion of the programme, participants will be equipped to identify, analyse and advise on a wide spectrum of maritime legal issues from commercial disputes and admiralty claims to marine insurance and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and will gain a working understanding of how maritime litigation is conducted before Indian and foreign forums.

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## INSTITUTE OF LAW

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The Institute of Law was established under the aegis of Nirma University in 2007 with a vision to promote excellence in legal education and to meet the ever-increasing demand for new and innovative pedagogies. The Institute is committed to exploring multidisciplinary approaches through its distinctive curriculum and to reshaping legal education through modern teaching methods, equipping its students to operate confidently in a rapidly changing professional world.

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## NIRMA UNIVERSITY

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Nirma University was established in 2003 under a special Act passed by the Gujarat State Legislative Assembly, on the initiative of the Nirma Education and Research Foundation (NERF). It is recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act and is accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an A+ grade. The University is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU).

Functioning under the aegis of NERF, the University comprises the Institutes of Technology, Management, Pharmacy, Law, Science, Architecture and Planning, Commerce, and the Department of Design. The University is known for cutting-edge research, robust academic programmes, quality teaching–learning processes and holistic personality development. Its 110-acre, state-of-the-art campus provides a refreshing environment that stimulates intellectual growth and creativity.

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## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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The course spans 60 contact hours delivered over six months in part-time, online mode, and is structured as a four-credit programme following the Four-Quadrant approach prescribed by the regulator:

- ▶ Quadrant 1 — e-Tutorial: live and recorded video lectures.
- ▶ Quadrant 2 — e-Content: PDFs, e-books, illustrations, statutes, conventions and curated web resources.
- ▶ Quadrant 3 — Assessment: problem sets, MCQs, short-answer questions, quizzes and written assignments.
- ▶ Quadrant 4 — Discussion: moderated discussion forums and live doubt-clearing sessions.

### Course Modules

The curriculum is organised around the following thematic modules:

- ▶ Scope of maritime litigation — sources, jurisdiction and forums.
- ▶ Legal issues arising from activities at sea — collisions, salvage, pollution and seafarers' rights.
- ▶ Maritime commercial litigation and practice — charter parties, bills of lading and cargo claims.
- ▶ Arrest of vessels and maritime claims — admiralty jurisdiction under the 2017 Act.
- ▶ Marine insurance — hull, cargo, P&I and litigation practice.
- ▶ Maritime dispute settlement — arbitration, mediation and international tribunals.

## Class Schedule

Classes will be held every Tuesday and Friday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM (IST) through the online mode, except on official holidays. Sessions will be recorded and made available on the Learning Management System (LMS) for asynchronous viewing.

## PROGRAMME KEY FEATURES

- ▶ Live virtual classes delivered through a dedicated Learning Management System (LMS).
- ▶ Accessible across all devices, including smartphones, tablets and laptops.
- ▶ 60 hours of structured instruction plus 15 hours of moderated discussion sessions.
- ▶ Faculty drawn from leading academic and professional backgrounds in maritime law.
- ▶ Comprehensive, unit-wise reference materials made available in soft copy.
- ▶ Option to revisit every session through on-demand recorded videos.
- ▶ No prior work experience required — open to students and professionals alike.
- ▶ Continuous assessment with personalised feedback through the LMS.
- ▶ Interactive learning through discussion forums and case analyses.
- ▶ Four-credit graded certificate issued on successful completion, with a marks statement.
- ▶ A strong value addition for résumés in shipping, ports and admiralty practice.
- ▶ Affordable, transparent fee structure with concessional rates for Nirma students.

## EXPERT RESOURCE PERSONS

*The programme is delivered by an experienced team of academics and practitioners specialising in the law of the sea and maritime practice.*

### CORE FACULTY

*Internal*

Resource Person

### Dr. C. L. Yadav

*Ph.D. in Maritime Law · LL.M. in Maritime Law*

Assistant Professor, Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Core faculty and Programme Coordinator.

#### Areas of Expertise

Law of the Sea and Maritime Law; Maritime Business Law; legal frameworks of maritime policies and practices; Maritime Labour Laws; marine environment and legal control.

*External*

Resource Person

### Dr. Madhumita Kothari

*Ph.D. in Maritime Studies · LL.M. in Shipping Laws, Cardiff University, UK*

External Resource Person.

**Areas of Expertise**

Law of the Sea and Shipping Law; International Human Rights Law; International Humanitarian Law; Refugee Law.

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

The programme is designed for a broad audience working at the intersection of law, shipping and policy. Eligible participants include:

- ▶ Graduates and postgraduate students in law, shipping, logistics or related disciplines.
- ▶ Research scholars and faculty members from universities and law schools.
- ▶ Maritime professionals, port officers and customs officials.
- ▶ Seafarers, ship-management executives and marine insurers.
- ▶ Practitioners and in-house counsel working in admiralty, charter-party and cargo disputes.
- ▶ Policy researchers and other maritime stakeholders.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

MILESTONE	DATE
Last date of registration	<b>21 December 2026</b>
Confirmation of selection	<b>25 December 2026</b>
Commencement of classes	<b>1 January 2027</b>
Conclusion of the programme	<b>1 July 2027</b>

**REGISTRATION FEES**

<b>₹ 5,000</b>	Graduates and postgraduate students, Research scholars, researchers, faculty members, maritime professionals, port officers, seafarers and other maritime stakeholders.
<b>₹ 4,000</b>	Students of Nirma University
<b>USD 100</b>	Foreign Participants

*Fees are payable at the time of registration through direct online transfer to the account below. Please attach a scanned copy of the transaction receipt with the registration form.*

Link for Registration: <https://forms.gle/FtyPTucGwJbTTJTeA>

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the cohort is full or until the registration deadline, whichever is earlier.

- ▶ Complete the online registration form available on the Nirma University website.
- ▶ Remit the applicable fee via online bank transfer using the details below.
- ▶ Upload the transaction receipt to the registration form before the deadline.
- ▶ Selected candidates will receive a confirmation email with LMS access credentials.

## BANK DETAILS FOR FEE REMITTANCE

<b>Account Name</b>	Centre for Continuing Education
<b>Address</b>	Nirma University, Sarkhej–Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad – 382481
<b>Bank IFSC Code</b>	<b>KCCB0NRM097</b>
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>09720180200</b>
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## FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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*Reserve your seat for the January 2027 cohort today.*