

## Eligibility Criteria



A graduate degree from a recognized university with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks (5% relaxation for SC/ST candidates)



CoC holders or seafarers with at least two years of sailing experience may enrol in individual certificate courses

*Such candidates will be eligible for the award of PGDML upon successful completion of all four certificate courses, provided they are graduates at the time of enrolment of the first certificate course of their choice.*

## Blended Learning Approach

### ✓ Online Contact Sessions

40 hours total (10 hours per certificate), delivered via live virtual classes by academic experts and maritime law professionals

### ✓ Self-Paced Study

Access to recorded lectures, readings, assignments, and expert support

### ✓ Real-World Application

Case-based learning and scenario-driven exercises focused on international conventions (UNCLOS, SOLAS, MARPOL) and national admiralty laws

## Program Overview

The Post Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law (PGDML) is a specialized academic programme designed to equip graduates, working professionals, policymakers, and maritime personnel with a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks governing maritime activities.

Blending theoretical legal principles with practical insights, the programme enables learners to address complex challenges such as contractual disputes, marine insurance, environmental protection, carriage of goods, and maritime arbitration.

### Specialized Certificate Courses

- CERTIFICATE IN MARITIME LAW
- CERTIFICATE IN SHIPPING AND ADMIRALTY LAW
- CERTIFICATE IN MARINE INSURANCE LAW
- CERTIFICATE IN MARITIME ARBITRATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### Course Duration & Flexibility



Students may enroll maximum of two certificate courses at a time



The entire PGDML must be completed within a maximum period of 03 years

Successful completion of all four certificate courses leads to award of Post Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law (PGDML)

\* Each certificate course runs for a duration of 03 months

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भारतीय समुद्री विश्वविद्यालय  
**Indian Maritime University**  
(A Central University under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)  
Established by an Act of the Parliament In 2008



## Post Graduate Diploma in MARITIME LAW (PGDML)



**School of Maritime Management**  
Indian Maritime University,  
Chennai Campus,  
East Coast Road, Uthandi,  
Chennai - 600 119

### Important Dates:

Application Open : 15 September 2025

Last date for Submission of Application : 10 October 2025

Programme Commences : September 2025

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# Certificate in Maritime Law

Total 10 Credits

- Objectives:**
1. To introduce the key provisions of international maritime conventions, treaties, and regulations (e.g., UNCLOS, SOLAS, MARPOL)
  2. To provide functional knowledge on the delimitations of maritime zones.
  3. To apply provisions of maritime law to the real case scenarios involving disputes connected to internal maritime boundaries, flag state control, and port state control.
  4. To assess the effectiveness of maritime legal framework in addressing emerging issues such as piracy pollution of marine environment, and maritime boundary disputes.

**Module 1: (2 Credits)**  
Fundamentals of International Maritime Law  
**Module 2: (2 Credits)**  
The United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Jurisdictional Frameworks  
**Module 3: (2 Credits)**  
Maritime Security and Safety Regulations  
**Module 4: (2 Credits)**  
Laws on the Marine Environment and Equitable sharing of Marine Resources  
**Module 5: (2 Credits)**  
Special Regimes in Maritime Law: Culture, Heritage and Human Dimensions

# Certificate in Shipping and Admiralty Law

Total 10 Credits

- Objectives:**
1. To provide functional understanding of the key terminologies and legal instruments relevant in commercial aspects of shipping.
  2. To describe the legal principles governing ship building, sale, registration, and ownership, carriage of goods by sea and maritime claims under national and international legal framework.
  3. To demonstrate the application of legal provisions and procedures in arresting or detaining the ship as a result of legal process-initiated claimant with a valid maritime claim
  4. To critically analyze international cooperation mechanisms, legal instruments and case law for their effectiveness in addressing transnational maritime crimes.
- Module 1: (2 Credits)**  
Legal Aspects of Commercial Shipping  
**Module 2: (2 Credits)**  
Admiralty Jurisdiction and Ship Arrest  
**Module 3: (2 Credits)**  
Carriage of Goods by Sea – Contracts and Conventions  
**Module 4: (2 Credits)**  
Port State and Flag State Jurisdiction and Regulatory Compliance  
**Module 5: (2 Credits)**  
Maritime Crimes

# Certificate in Marine Insurance Law

Total 10 Credits

- Objectives:**
- 1.To provide knowledge on the general principles of marine insurance such as insurable interest, utmost good faith, indemnity, subrogation, and proximate causes.
  - 2.To explain the structure and types of marine insurance policies, including hull insurance, cargo insurance, and liability insurance, with reference to legal doctrines.
  - 3.To interpret and apply marine insurance principles in real world shipping and legal scenarios, such as cargo damage claims, hull insurance disputes and liability under P&I cover.
  - 4.To critically assess insurance claims, coverage disputes and evaluate policy performance in light of maritime risk exposure and examine legal remedies and precedents in dispute resolution.
  - 5.Equip the students to design appropriate insurance and risk mitigation strategies for maritime stakeholders and to express legal opinions on compliance and regulatory matters connected to marine insurance.
- Module 1: (2 Credits)**  
Principles of Marine Insurance Law  
**Module 2: (2 Credits)**  
Hull and Machinery Insurance  
**Module 3: (2 Credits)**  
Cargo Insurance and Freight Liability  
**Module 4: (2 Credits)**  
Protection & Indemnity (P&I) Clubs  
**Module 5: (2 Credits)**  
Claims Handling, General Average and Subrogation

# Certificate in Maritime Arbitration & Dispute Resolution

Total 10 Credits

- Objectives:**
- 1.To understand key legal and institutional frameworks connected to maritime arbitration and dispute resolution (e.g., LMAA Rules, UNCITRAL, ICA, BIMCO clauses).
  - 2.To explain the general principles and procedures involved in maritime arbitration, mediation, and conciliation within both domestic and international contexts.
  - 3.To apply arbitration rules and legal doctrines to disputes involving cargo claims and contractual breaches
  - 4.To evaluate the effectiveness of maritime arbitration mechanisms in resolving disputes compared to litigation, considering factors such as cost, time, confidentiality, and enforceability.
  - 5.To empower students to draft arbitration clause or arbitration agreement to facilitate robust dispute resolution mechanism for the maritime conflicts
  - 6.To equip students to arbitrate the maritime disputes seamlessly.
- Module 1: (2 Credits)**  
Maritime Disputes and Resolution Mechanisms  
**Module 2: (2 Credits)**  
Maritime Arbitration – Institutions, Rules and Legal Frameworks  
**Module 3: (2 Credits)**  
Arbitration Procedure and Enforcement of Maritime Awards  
**Module 4: (2 Credits)**  
Maritime Mediation and ADR Techniques  
**Module 5: (2 Credits)**  
Emerging Trends and Jurisdictional Challenges in Maritime Disputes Resolution

## Fee Structure

Category of Fee	Applicability	For Indian Nationals (INR)	For Foreign Nationals / NRI (INR)
Admission Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	Total for all the four courses or Entire PGDML Programme – to be paid at the time of Admission	10,000	15,000
Programme Fee (Non-Refundable)	For Each of the 4 Certificate Courses – At the time of Registration for each course	7,500	10,000 for each of the 4 Courses
Tuition Fee (Non-Refundable)	For Each of the 4 Certificate Courses – At the time of Registration of each course	10,000	15,000