

# LL.M. in Aviation Law





## About the Law School

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True to its name, Dhirubhai Ambani University – School of Law stands for vision, ambition, and progress. It is dedicated to preparing a new generation of legal professionals who can live up to the opportunities and responsibilities of a rapidly developing India. At the School, law is not only studied but practiced as a living force that shapes society, governance, and business.

The School of Law combines strong foundations in legal theory with a sharp focus on the areas where India's growth is creating new opportunities. With the country advancing deeper into the digital economy, there is a rising demand for expertise in data privacy, artificial intelligence, and technology law. As India commits to sustainability and ESG goals, legal understanding of regulatory frameworks is becoming vital. The nation's expanding infrastructure and global connectivity also call for skilled lawyers in construction and arbitration law, aviation law, and international trade. The curriculum captures this diversity, offering students and professionals the ability to develop both traditional legal grounding and expertise in fast-growing, practice-oriented domains.

Learning at the School is rigorous, relevant, and linked closely with industry. Executive development programmes are designed to upskill working professionals and meet sectoral needs, while advanced LL.M. training opens pathways for leadership roles across law, policy, and business. Every course connects academic knowledge with practical application, preparing learners not only for careers but for a role in shaping India's future legal and regulatory landscape.

The vision of the School aligns with the national mission of Viksit Bharat 2047. It aims to nurture lawyers who are globally aware, ethically strong, and capable of guiding India through its economic, digital, and social transformation. Students here are encouraged to dream big, think critically, and use the law as a means of impact.

At Dhirubhai Ambani University – School of Law, ambition is turned into action, curiosity into expertise, and learning into leadership. It is more than academic study—it is a journey to contribute to India's growth and to shape the global future of law.

## Message from the Founding Director

At Dhirubhai Ambani University – School of Law, we believe that law is much more than rules and regulations; it is a powerful tool to shape the future we want to see. India is at a pivotal moment, with rapid growth and digital transformation opening new doors every day. This creates a unique need for legal professionals who are curious, courageous, and committed to making a real difference.

Our School is built to meet this moment. We offer programmes that combine legal knowledge with hands-on experience in fields that matter most to India's development: data privacy, artificial intelligence, sustainability, construction arbitration, aviation law, and more. Here, you will not just study the law; you will engage with it, challenge it, and learn how to apply it in the real world.

Education here is a journey that connects academic excellence with professional skills and ethical grounding. Whether you come to us as a fresh graduate or an experienced professional, our goal is to equip you with the tools to lead, innovate, and contribute to India's growth story.

As we look ahead to Viksit Bharat 2047, we are proud to nurture lawyers who think globally and act locally. Lawyers who carry ambition in one hand and responsibility in the other. I invite you to join us on this path, to be part of a community that values integrity, curiosity, and impact. Let's shape the future of law and the future of India together.



**Prof. (Dr.) Avinash Dadhich**  
Founding Director  
Dhirubhai Ambani University  
School of law

## Message from the Vertical Head

Aviation today is more than connectivity. It drives economic growth, ensures safety, upholds sustainability, and operates under complex international and domestic regulations. In this context, the law plays a vital role, requiring professionals who act with both vision and responsibility.

For India, poised to become one of the world's largest aviation markets, the demand for skilled aviation law experts has never been greater. This LL.M. in Aviation Law is not just an academic milestone but a step toward preparing lawyers and policymakers who can serve national needs while contributing globally.

Our goal is to create a space where rigorous study meets practical engagement, where ideas transform into solutions, and where India's aviation ambitions are matched by legal expertise.



**Mr. Sivadath Madhu Menon**  
Assistant Professor of Law  
School of law



# About our LL.M. Programme

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The One-Year Regular LL.M. programme at Dhirubhai Ambani University – School of Law is carefully designed to meet the evolving needs of legal professionals in India and beyond. This rigorous, academic programme combines in-person classes, structured research assignments, and a mandatory international research tour to offer a well-rounded learning experience. By addressing emerging market demands, the programme bridges important gaps in India's LL.M. offerings and prepares graduates to navigate complex legal challenges at both national and global levels.

Spread over three trimesters within one year, the programme is tailored for working legal professionals including advocates, in-house counsel, judicial aspirants, and recent law graduates. The curriculum balances core courses, specialised electives, and a dissertation, all supplemented by substantial research components that enhance critical thinking and analytical abilities. A key feature is the international research tour, which expands students' perspectives through exposure to comparative legal systems and global best practices.

The programme offers five focused streams that align with India's development priorities and global trends: ESG, Carbon Markets and Sustainability; Aviation Law; AI, Data Protection and Technology Law; Construction Law, Contracts and Arbitration; and Judicial Administration and Justice. It would equip our students with both a strong legal foundation and practical expertise in areas where demand for skilled professionals is rapidly increasing, enabling them to serve diverse sectors and cross-border legal issues.

Benefiting from strong academic leadership, industry collaboration, and international guest, the programme provides access to advanced legal databases and dedicated research support. A selective admissions process ensures a high-quality cohort, while research and publication, guidance, and career support enhance the student experience and professional outcomes.

In summary, the One-Year LL.M. programme at Dhirubhai Ambani University – School of Law offers a unique opportunity for legal professionals to advance their expertise through a compact, globally relevant curriculum. This programme is positioned to create legal experts who are prepared to contribute meaningfully to India's legal ecosystem and participate confidently on the international stage, fully aligned with the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*.





# Programme Features

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Intensive one-year LL.M



Specialise in high-demand fields: AI & Data Protection, ESG, Aviation, Construction Arbitration, and more



Hands-on research with practical assignments embedded in every course



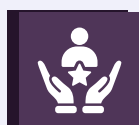
Mandatory international research tour offering global exposure and comparative insights



Expert faculty including industry leaders and international guest lecturers



Selective admissions ensuring a motivated, high-caliber peer group



Career mentoring tailored to advance your professional journey



World-class academic quality and practical relevance



Prepare to lead India's legal future and compete on the global stage



# About the LL.M. in Aviation Law

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Air travel has become an integral part of modern life, connecting people, businesses, and economies worldwide. India is the third-largest aviation market, handling over 350 million passengers annually and supporting more than 7.7 million jobs, with expectations to become the largest market in the coming decade. This rapid growth, combined with global challenges such as passenger rights, aircraft leasing and financing, aviation safety and liability, cybersecurity, climate responsibilities, and operational complexities, has created a strong demand for legal professionals who understand both the regulatory and commercial dimensions of aviation.

A distinctive feature of the programme is its industry engagement. Experts from aircraft manufacturers, OEMs, airlines, regulators, and airport operators share insights on current practices, emerging trends, and operational realities, giving students a practical understanding of the sector. The curriculum is structured across three trimesters. The first covers the aviation ecosystem, international air law, domestic regulations, aerospace management, contracts, and aircraft leasing and financing. The second focuses on safety, along with specialised modules tailored to industry needs, including aircraft and UAVs, airports, and ground handling. The final trimester concludes with a dissertation or capstone project, supported by optional internships at airlines, airports, regulatory authorities, or law firms.

Graduates of the programme are well-prepared for careers with aviation practices in law firms, regulatory and compliance teams, commercial operations, dispute resolution, policymaking, and aerospace management. With its blend of legal training, industry exposure, and practical skill-building, the LL.M. in Aviation Law equips students to thrive in a rapidly growing and evolving sector.



# Course Structure

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## Trimester 1

- Research Methodology (3 credits)
- Global Aerospace Legal Framework (2 credits)
- Aviation Economics, Strategy, and Management (2 credits)
- Aviation Contracts, Leasing, and Financing (2 credits)
- Optional apprenticeships or internships with manufacturers, OEMs, airlines, regulators, or law firms with aviation practice.



## Trimester 2

- Law and Justice in a Globalised World (3 credits)
- Aviation Security, Safety and Liability (2 credits)
- Aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) (2 credits)
- Airports and Ground Handling Operations (2 credits)
- Mandatory International Research Tour and report (2 credits)
- Optional apprenticeships or internships with manufacturers, OEMs, airlines, regulators, or law firms with aviation practice.



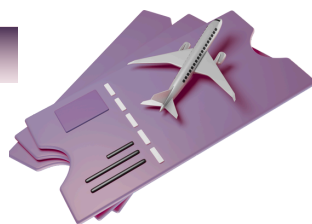
## Trimester 3

- Comparative Public Law (3 credits)
- Dissertation / Capstone Project (5 credits) with supervised research
- Optional apprenticeships or internships with manufacturers, OEMs, airlines, regulators, or law firms with aviation practice.



# Teaching Methodologies

The LL.M. in Aviation Law combines classroom learning with direct exposure to the aviation industry. Lectures and discussions provide a solid grounding in air law, regulatory frameworks, and commercial aspects. Case studies based on aviation disputes, safety issues, and regulatory developments help students apply concepts to real situations. Simulations such as contract negotiations and compliance exercises offer practical experience with sector-specific challenges. Policy round tables with airlines, regulators, manufacturers, and airport operators give students an opportunity to engage with current industry debates. Workshops, internships, and other experiential learning avenues link academic study to professional practice, while research projects develop critical thinking and subject expertise.



# Credit Breakdown

Component	Teaching Hours	Research Hours	Total Hours	Credits
Core Courses (3 × 45 hrs and 3 X 90 hrs)	135	270	405	9
Electives (6 × 30 hrs and 6 x 60 hrs)	180	360	540	12
Dissertation (per UGC norms, max 5 credits)	–	75	75	5
International Research Tour	–	30	30	2
Total	315	735	1050	28

# International Research Tour

As a mandatory component of Trimester 2, the International Research Tour provides 1–2 weeks of immersive global exposure. Students will visit aircraft manufacturer’s Final Assembly Line and engage with international aviation regulators and key legal institutions to explore regulatory frameworks, compliance standards, and operational practices worldwide. This experience deepens their understanding of international aviation law and prepares them to address complex cross-border legal challenges in aircraft operations, safety, and aviation policy.



# Our Faculty



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In addition to the above, students will be taught by senior industry professionals from aircraft manufacturers, OEMs, civil aviation authorities, and aviation law experts from India and around the world.

# Eligibility and Admission Process

## Eligibility

- ▶ The programme is open to law graduates (LL.B. 3 or 5 years) with a minimum of 50% marks (45% for SC/ST candidates).
- ▶ Preference will be given to legal professionals with work experience, including advocates, in-house counsel, judicial aspirants, and legal officers.

## Admission Process

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### Application Submission

Fill the online application form with your **Statement of Purpose** and **CV**

Applications Open:  
04<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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### Entrance Exam

Appear for the **National Level Entrance Examination** to be conducted by **DAU - SoL** that will test your knowledge in the compulsory subjects of **LL.B.**

Application Deadline:  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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### Personal Interaction

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a personal interaction

Programme Commences:  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2026





## Other Specialisation Streams

In addition to the LL.M. in Aviation Law, the School of Law also offers specialisation in:



**ESG, Carbon Markets  
and Sustainability**



**AI, Data Protection  
and Technology Law**



**Construction Law,  
Contracts and Arbitration**



**Judicial Administration  
and Justice**

## Other Academic Programmes

### Ph.D. in Law

The School of Law at Dhirubhai Ambani University has launched its doctoral programme in law with a focus on advanced interdisciplinary research and contemporary legal challenges. The programme received an overwhelming response, with over 100 applications in its inaugural cycle. After a rigorous selection process, five candidates were admitted.



The selected cohort includes:

- Part-time scholars: Two specializing in AI, Data Protection and Technology Law.
- Full-time scholars: One each in ESG, Carbon Markets and Sustainability, AI, Data Protection and Technology Law, and Construction Law, Contracts and Arbitration.

This reflects the Law School's emphasis on cutting-edge areas of law, fostering both academic scholarship and applied legal research.

# SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED EDPs

## Executive Leadership Development Program on International Aviation Management & Laws | Toulouse, France | June 2025

Organised in collaboration with **Université Toulouse Capitole** & **Spaviatech Law**, in **Toulouse**, this programme featured compliance experts from **Airbus** and **Safran**. Participants engaged in immersive sessions on international aviation law, safety, and compliance, complemented by visits to the Aeroscopia Museum and Airbus assembly lines. Delegates included representatives from leading law firms, heliport operations, and Reliance Industries – Aviation Projects.



## Senior Executive Programme in Arbitration, Mediation & Legal Leadership | London & Cambridge, UK | July 2025

In association with **Queen Mary University of London** and **Gatehouse Chambers, London**, this program focused on the evolving architecture of cross-border dispute resolution and high-impact legal leadership. Participants of this programme included **law firm partners, in-house counsels, arbitrators** and **practitioners** from Supreme Court of India and various High Courts.



## Senior Executive Leadership Programme On Tax Law & Regulatory Strategy for the Board Room | Mumbai, India | August 2025

This two-day executive program at **IMC Chamber of Commerce & Industry**, jointly organized by **Dhirubhai Ambani University - School of Law** and **International Law Institute, Washington D.C.** was designed for senior boardroom leaders. The Programme witnessed guest speakers from the **Big 4s** namely **Deloitte, KPMG, PwC & EY**, as well as senior leadership from firms including **Dhruva Advisors, Katalyst Advisors & D-Serve Legal**. The topics addressed were **Income Tax, International Tax, Transfer Pricing, GST, Litigation Avoidance**, and **Boardroom Strategies**.



## ONGOING EDPs



**Data Protection & Artificial Intelligence: Law, Policy & Practice** In partnership with the Indian National Association of Legal Professionals (INALP) | September 20 – December 14, 2025

Engage with regulatory landscapes, data ethics, and AI governance. This program explores how law can shape the frontiers of technology while safeguarding rights, compliance, and innovation.



**Construction Law, Contracts and Arbitration** In partnership with Society of Construction Law, India | September 20 - December 14, 2025

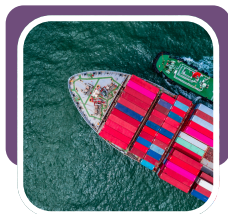
Develop expertise in managing complex construction contracts and resolving disputes through arbitration.



**ESG, Carbon Markets & Sustainability** In partnership with Axis Max Life Insurance, Varaha and Dhir & Dhir Associates | September 20 – December 14, 2025

Gain mastery over legal frameworks and real-world tools to integrate ESG mandates into corporate policy, governance mechanisms, and investment strategies.

## UPCOMING EDPs



**Sr. EDP in Global Trade Strategies in Partnership with International Law Institute, Washington DC and Economic Laws Practice** | On-Site | Sofitel BKC, Mumbai | 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

EDP in Global Trade Strategies in Partnership with International Law Institute, Washington DC and Economic Law Practice. participants will engage with seasoned trade negotiators, government officials, leading lawyers, and industry experts on the most pressing issues shaping India's & global trade landscape.



**Sr. EDP in International Aviation Laws & Management in Partnership with Université Toulouse Capitole & Spaviatech Law** | On-site | Pullman, Aerocity, New Delhi | 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

The aviation industry is evolving rapidly, with new regulations, technological advancements, and global challenges redefining the way it operates. This programme brings together renowned legal and industry experts to provide participants with a global perspective on aviation law, compliance, and management.



**Sr. EDP on Tax Law & Regulatory Strategy for the Boardroom in Partnership with International Law Institute, Washington DC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition** | On-site | Le Meridien, Delhi | 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025

A strategic boardroom-focused program decoding tax frameworks, fiscal regulation, and legal risk navigation for corporate decision-makers and advisors.



## FEES & OTHER APPLICATION DETAILS

**Total Seats:** 10 | **Last Date to Apply:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Selection Communication & Online Interview:** On Rolling Basis

**Commencement of Course:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Tuition Fees:** INR 3,50,000

*(This fee is not inclusive of any hostel or mess fee as this is a non-residential programme)*

Prospective candidates can submit their application by visiting the link or by scanning the QR code below:



[www.admissions.sol.daiict.ac.in/llm](http://www.admissions.sol.daiict.ac.in/llm)



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