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# MEDIATION LL.M PROGRAM

# Mediation – the art of conflict resolution

Join us on an exciting journey, discovering new perspectives toward conflicts and acquiring new knowledge and skills for fostering more effective social interaction!



### **KEY INFO**

Location	MRU (Vilnius, Lithuania)
Field of studies	Law
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### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Interdisciplinary studies combining law and psychology. The program is designated for contemporary lawyers and other professionals who are full of faith in peaceful dispute resolution and ready to cope with interpersonal conflicts by means of mediation.

### **UNIQUE CAREER PERSPECTIVES**

Advance your career opportunities by gaining necessary legal knowledge in the field of mediation, improving communication and conflict resolution soft skills, and enhancing your ability to resolve the most complex disputes in a collaborative way.

### **PROGRAM GOALS**



To gain extensive and systematic knowledge about different ways of resolving disputes, their peculiarities, applicability, pros and cons.



To be able to advise the parties to the dispute on the most appropriate way to resolve a particular dispute.



To have the necessary knowledge and practical skills to carry out the mediation process professionally or to properly represent their clients in mediation

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The growing demand for effective dispute resolution practitioners offers a unique opportunity to start or advance your career by becoming:



International dispute resolution specialist or analyst



Productive negotiator, mediator or conciliator



Competitive modern lawyer

### SOCIAL PARTNERS



Lithuanian Chamber of Mediators



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Prof. Dr. Agnė Tvaronavičienė

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Mediation LL.M studies at MRU are inspired by the strong belief in the power of human communication and the conviction that a settlement is the most effective and sustainable way to resolve a dispute.

Mediation LLM studies are tailored to the working person. Alumni of our program, judges, lawyers, notaries, and corporate lawyers, enjoyed the opportunity to combine studies and work. Distance studies at the end of every semester are crowned with two weeks of intensive practical training at the campus of Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania). This creates an opportunity not only to apply learned knowledge and improve skills, but also to personally meet fellow students and teachers. In addition to this, the intensive training program is significantly supplemented by visits to various government and law enforcement institutions of the Republic of Lithuania. Usually students are provided with an opportunity to visit the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the Vilnius District Court, the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania, the Ministry of Justice and the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service also discussion with representatives of the Lithuanian Administrative Disputes Commission, The Probation Service, members of the Lithuanian Chamber of Mediators and other mediators are organized.

Join us in a program integrating the latest knowledge in the field of dispute resolution and practice-oriented experiential learning provided by a team of leading international mediation experts. Every member of our teaching staff is an experienced mediator with internationally recognized expertise. We offer innovative study methods, which highly involve students. Take part in role plays, simulations of conflict situations, international mediation tournaments, inter-cultural mediation experiences using online mediation study platforms, endless possibilities to network, and much more. Discover mediation for your career and personal development!



### STUDY CONTENT

1ST SEMESTER	2ND SEMESTER
Mediation Theory and Practice	Family Mediation
Negotiation in Legal Disputes	Peculiarities of International Dispute Resolution
Restorative Justice	Parties' Evaluation and Characterization in Mediation
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Alternatively Business Mediation or Intercultural Communication
Conflict Management	Final Exam (mediation simulation)

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### MEET OUR TEACHING STAFF

The program is taught by a charismatic team of highly accredited mediators (CEDR, MiKK, Network of Cross-Border Family Mediators, etc.) and internationally recognized scholars. All lecturers are experienced mediation trainers and practitioners with exceptional legal, psychological, and educational backgrounds, working together with full faith in mediation and peaceful dispute resolution.

Lecturer		Bio	Title of the course	Quotation
	Agnieszka Góra & Jacek Czaja (Poland)	Mediators, negotiation and mediation university lecturers, coaches for successful mediation and negotiation teams as well as practicing lawyers in Poland.	Alternative Dispute Resolution	"Just like with people, every conflict is like all other conflicts, some other conflicts and no other conflict. Therefore, modern lawyers need to know the variety of dispute resolution mechanisms. In our opinion, ADR is no longer just an alternative'."
	Dr. Mary Lou Bryant Frank (USA)	Psychologist, court approved mediator, mediation trainer, and consultant. Publishes in journals and textbooks on peace-making, psychology, negotiation, gender, and mediation.	Conflict Management	"As future mediators and peacemakers, you take this journey with many others. It is an adventure full of challenges, opportunities, and personal awareness. Each fellow traveler on this path has been willing to look at themselves, work to encourage understanding, and realize the dedication needed to create a more peaceful world. I am honored that we are on this path together."
	Dr. Agnė Tvaronavičienė (Lithuania)	Fulltime professor at MRU, the Head of Mediation and Sustainable Dispute Resolution Laboratory. CEDR-certified mediator, and experienced mediation trainer.	Mediation Theory and Practice	"Listen, encourage, and empower. Solutions are always hidden somewhere near us. We just need to be attentive and open-minded to see them."
	Indrė Korsakovienė (Lithuania)	Lecturer, practicing lawyer and mediator. Secretary of the Ethics Committee at IMI, former participant and current judge of international mediation tournaments.	Mediation Theory and Practice	"Mediation is an effective way to turn conflicts into new opportunities. I believe that respectful and constructive dialogue helps to fashion creative solutions that represent real needs and interests of conflicting parties."
-	Tatsiana Bialiayeva (Lithuania)	An accomplished international mediator and lawyer, holds an LLM in Dispute Resolution (Mediation). Extensive experience in mediation training, mediator supervision, negotiations, and soft skills training. Certified psychotherapist specializing in psychological trauma and crisis intervention, as well as group therapy.	Parties' Evaluation and Characteri- zation in Mediation	"Mediation challenges my beliefs and attitudes, fostering personal growth. By understanding others, I learn more about myself."

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	Dr. Natalija Kaminskienė (Lithuania)	Professor at MRU, experienced negotiator and attorney at law (2005-2019), CEDR-certified mediator. Currently serves as a Director at the National Courts Administration of Lithuania (since 2019).	Negotiation in Legal Disputes	"Success occurs when opportunity meets preparation" (unknown author)
	Dana Rone (Latvia)	A sworn attorney at law and certified mediator. She has worked as a volunteer conciliator in the State Probation Service of Latvia, leading settlement agreement processes in criminal cases for restorative justice.	Restorative Justice	"Mediation is a peace-building process, through which we are positively transforming the world."
	Dr. Elena Koltsaki (Greece)	A lawyer-mediator, the Academic Director of the MSc in Business for Lawyers at ALBA Graduate Business School. A lead mediation trainer at the Bar of Athens' Mediation Training Institute.	Business Mediation	"Socrates once said: "I cannot teach anyone anything. I can only make them think". Teaching mediation is all about empowering people to think about perspectives, ideas, options and solutions they may never have thought existed and about finding ways to move forward. This is exactly what the business world needs."
	Eleni Charalambidou (Cyprus/Greece)	A practicing accredited mediator and a mediator trainer. Focuses on commercial negotiations & mediations and specializes in deal facilitation and designing internal dispute systems for companies with international activity.	Business Mediation	"Mediation is an incredible tool for businesses. It can smooth internal relationships, expedite transactions that get stuck, open the way for new agreements and efficiently resolve disputes with customers!"
	Dr. Yuliya B. Radanova (Bulgaria)	A practicing lawyer and mediator. Currently enrolled in a post-doctorate program at MRU. International guest lecturer in a number of universities across Europe, and a Fulbright exchange researcher.	Peculiarities of International Dispute Resolution	"Mediation is the art of building bridges across the different universes we inhabit."
	Odeta Intė (Lithuania)	MiKK-accredited family mediator, cross border mediator. Experienced mediation trainer, and family mediation supervisor. Expert in the child rights protection field.	Family Mediation	"Mediation is an opportunity to peel the conflict like an onion- removing the first layer often causes strong emotions - even tears. The closer to the core, the easier it feels. It is an opportunity to understand the reasons and discuss the new possibilities."
	Alina Serhieieva (Ukraine)	Experienced mediator and negotiator. IMI Certified Mediator, Mediator at the Ukrainian National Office of Intellectual Property and Innovation, contact person at CEPEJ for mediation in Ukraine. Founder and President of the Ukrainian National Section of GEMME EUROPE. Professional judge for mediation competitions at ICC, VIAC, INADR.	Negotiation in Legal Disputes	"Negotiation and Mediation are civilised ways of resolving conflicts. The right questions pave the way for a constructive resolution of the dispute, taking into account the interests and needs of both parties, creating the possibility of a sustainable solution."





### MRU – ONE OF THE LEADING SOCIAL SCIENCE UNIVERSITIES IN THE REGION

MRU enrolls 7500 students, including 600 international students, and employs over 400 academic staff. The University offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree study programs. The most popular study programs at MRU are law, management, public administration, psychology, social work, public security, etc.

### MRU INFRASTRUCTURE

Its modern, creative, and entrepreneurial academic community has helped MRU to become the leading university in social sciences and interdisciplinary research in Lithuania. MRU has modern and innovative infrastructure: recently built premises surrounded by green areas, the latest research and educational ICT equipment, one of the most modern academic libraries in Europe, open access to research resources, research and innovation management platforms, online studies facilities, etc. According to the latest Rotten Wi-Fi data the quality of its Wi-Fi places MRU in second place among all universities in the world. Explore the MRU campus virtually here.

### RANKINGS





According to the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022, MRU is in an honorable Top 250. MRU is No. 1 in Lithuania according to the criterion of Law Master's studies.

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## STUDENTS TESTIMONIALS

#### **Modern University**



MRU is an exciting and very modern university. We were provided with the opportunity to combine effective and time-saving online learning with well-structured and meticulously planned intensive face-to-face communication with teachers and other students. During all courses, a comfortable Moodle platform was used, and the innumerable resources of the MRU library were all available online. These studies are flexible and fully adapted for working legal professionals. You can easily combine your professional activity and studies. I understand now how wide and interesting the world of mediation is.

#### Maksym Khodakivskyi | MRU Alumni, Mediation LL.M Class of 2023

#### Soft Skills Crucial for the Successful Modern Lawyer



I would like to invite Ukrainian notaries and other lawyers to join the Mediation LL.M program at MRU. This program provides the knowledge and skills necessary for future mediators. In addition, it helps to improve soft competencies related to conflict management, creativity, teamwork, and time planning. These are very important for every lawyer, but especially for notaries. Especially now during wartime in Ukraine, every day brings new challenges which we need to cope with. I strongly recommend MRU Mediation LL.M studies. Thank you to all our professors who helped in shaping this unforgettable experience.

Nataliya Shershun | MRU Alumni, Mediation LL.M Class of 2023

#### Improve Your Legal English



From the very beginning, I was pleased to join the MRU Mediation LL.M. program. This was my first experience of education abroad in the English language. These studies were a chance for me to improve my English language skills. All professors were supportive and flexible, helping us to cope with the primary language barrier. I encourage you to take the leap and enrol in this program. One year of intensive studies in English will not only provide you with subject knowledge and skills, but will also definitely improve your legal English.

Svitlana Gariugina | MRU Alumni, Mediation LL.M Class of 2023

### Advanced Study Methods and Experienced Teachers



It was my honour to participate in the MRU Mediation L.MM Program. Teaching in this program fully corresponds to the highest level of modern methodological and scientific thought. Each course was structured, thoughtful, and systematic, and taught by the some of most renowned scholars and practitioners of the field. I am convinced that everyone who is interested in studying mediation will be able to gain all the necessary knowledge and improve skills that are crucial for their further personal and professional development in conflict management. Join this program at the MRU and you will not regret it.

Vasyl Ilkov | MRU Alumni, Mediation LL.M Class of 2023

#### Changing the Mindset of a Classical Lawyer



Thanks to MRU for opening the world of mediation for me. Before this LL.M. study program, I was quite sceptical about mediation. This year of study changed my mindset! Now I am sure that mediation is one of the best ways to resolve conflicts between people. Courses are filled not only with legal information, but also with training in different psychological skills that I will be able to use in the future in my daily personal life and in judicial practice. I invite everyone to participate in this course – it was an amazing year!

Vitalii Kalnyk | MRU Alumni, Mediation LL.M Class of 2023

More video with students testimonials are available here

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