



**MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY  
NAGPUR**  
and  
**KAVIKULAGURU KALIDAS SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY  
RAMTEK**



# Certificate Course

in

# SHAASTRIC METHOD OF ARGUMENTATION

February 2022 - April 2022  
(Online Weekend Course)





### **Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur**

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur was established by the Government of Maharashtra vide Maharashtra National Law University Act (Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014). The University is the nineteenth National Law University in India. Hon'ble Shri Justice Bhushan R. Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India is the Chancellor of the University. It is a residential University and engages in promoting quality legal and justice education. Further, it also conducts research on thriving issues of law, social science and humanities. The University offers B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five-Year Integrated Degree Course; B.A.LL.B.(Hons. in Adjudication and Justicing); One-year LL.M. (Postgraduate) Degree Course and; Ph.D. Programme in law and allied subjects having interface with law. The University has a competent team of teachers and staff, who are qualified, experienced, and committed to create an institution of excellence in legal education in the country. The University is recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC), and received necessary affiliation from the Bar Council of India (BCI). It is also a member of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Consortium of National Law Universities (CNLUs).

### **Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek**

Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University is the first Sanskrit University of Maharashtra and Central India. It has its headquarter at Ramtek. The University was established in 1997. It is a University having affiliatory powers within and without India with core jurisdiction of State of Maharashtra. KKSU is unique in nature and is entirely different from all the existing Sanskrit Universities in academic nature. The other Sanskrit Universities cater to traditional learning in Sanskrit like *Veda*, *Vedanta*, *Vyakarana*, *Nyaya*, *Mimamsa*, *Dharmashastra*, *Sahitya* etc. KKSU has innovative academic programmes and curriculum having modern subjects associated with traditional Sanskrit. On one hand, the courses emphasise on modernity and on the other hand they strive to preserve traditionality. All the courses of KKSU are consultancy-oriented. The University lays special emphasis on Science and Technology in ancient India as preserved in the Sanskrit texts.

## **Centre for Shaastric Studies and Research in Law (CSSRL), MNLU, Nagpur**

The University established CSSRL to promote quality teaching learning pedagogy and research in Indic studies. Through the Centre, the University offers certificate courses, undertakes research activities to develop necessary literature and understanding of the interface between Shaastras and modern law in association with Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek.

### **Vision**

#### **“Innovation in Law by Exploring Shaastric Wisdom”**

The Centre is dedicated to promote legal and justice education, lawmaking process, legal and factual inquiries, argumentation, interpretation, and justice dispensation by exploring the Indic jurisprudence in the context of modern legal studies.

### **Mission**

To explore Indic knowledge, create novel expertise, and develop resources compatible with contemporary socio-legal issues.

### **About the Course**

The Course aims to explore intellectual discourses on argumentation meant for creation, processing, and synthesis of knowledge. Methods, logic, reasoning, and fallacies explored in Indic texts are studied in this Course. It is based on the logic of *Nyayashastra* and Indic Jurisprudence. This Course is specifically designed to develop skills involved in method, structure, presentation, fallacies, ethics of argumentation and logical reasoning.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the course are:

- To encourage use of Indic methods and techniques of conducting inquiries into facts for the purpose of argumentation;
- To conceptualise and classify intellectual exchanges with specific focus on *Vaadah* as a variety of arguments;
- To inculcate the practice of developing a systematic thought and critical thinking to master stages of argumentation (*Vaada-Vidhi*);
- To develop skills of logical argumentation and presentation by *Nyaayashastra's* syllogistic approach vis-a-vis Aristolian syllogism; and
- To create awareness about various fallacies and points of defeat in argumentation.

### **Course Structure**

This course shall be offered in an Online Mode. There shall be three papers of 100 marks each and the passing marks for each paper shall be 50.

### **Paper I: Fundamentals of Vaadah**

This paper aims to introduce a variety of intellectual exchanges and understand arguments with focus on *Vaadah* as a form of arguments. It also aims to expose the fundamental concepts and logic necessary for the conception and formulation of an argument.

## **Paper II: Vaada-Vidhi (Method and Analysis of Argumentation)**

The focus of this paper is on the Indic method of exchange of arguments in the system of argumentation i.e., *Vaada-Vidhi*. It further aims to introduce various checkpoints in argumentation; the fallacies, points of defeat etc., apart from sensitizing about the ethical aspects of argumentation.

## **Paper III: Applied Indic Logic and Argumentation**

This is a seminar paper which shall be completely research based wherein the focus will be on the application of the various concepts of Indic logic, arguments, argumentation, and the contemporary challenges.

## **Teaching Methodology**

In order to cater to the needs of this *sui generis* interdisciplinary course, multi-faceted teaching methods will be employed. Since the course content itself promotes development of a scientific temper and spirit of inquiry, the system of lecture method shall be coupled with participatory andragogy and co-operative teaching in most of the modules. Teaching methodology will involve seminars, lectures, focus group discussions etc. Enrolled students will be required to attend classes (online) on weekends i.e. on Saturdays and Sundays.

## **Eligibility**

The eligibility for admission to Certificate Course shall be any graduate with not less than 50% marks (45% in case of reserved categories) from a recognised University. Fourth and fifth year students of five-year integrated Degree Courses shall be eligible for admission. There is no age limit. Professionals and Employees are also eligible for the admission. Interested candidates have to submit the duly filled application along with prescribed enclosures and fee.

## **Duration, Attendance and Termination**

The duration of the course shall be three months (February 2022 - April 2022) and classes will be conducted on Saturdays and Sundays. A candidate shall be required to attend at least 65% of total lectures/classes including guest lectures and practical training before appearing for the examination in each paper.

## **Fee Structure**

Total fee after 50% reduction due to COVID-19 (Only for this session) is **Rs. 7,000/-** (Seven Thousand only).

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Date of Advertisement**

December 24, 2021

#### **Last Date to Submit Application through the link**

January 24, 2022

#### **Commencement of Session**

February 05, 2022 (Saturday)

### **Mode of Application**

The candidates shall submit admission form online and the prescribed enclosures and fee softcopies through email.

### **Link for the Admission Form**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Jy5IRm3wfkYu0Hs7jtAHUv04aJFffYhIrrUIRM6p1g5UQ01XN1JCWURHVVDR0RaNzZUTE5ZNkhDNi4u>

### **Note**

The fee once paid is non-refundable and cannot be carried forward under any circumstances. Incomplete application will not be considered for admission. Any concealment of required information or furnishing wrong information will amount to cancellation of admission at any time. All the admissions are provisional and the University reserves the right not to consider the candidature of any candidate for admission and /or to cancel the admission at any time. The University reserves the right to modify / revise the admission procedure, course curriculum, the examination pattern and the fee structure from time to time.

### **For more details**

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