

**BENEFITS OF MEDIATION FOR UNDERGRADUATES
MAJORING FOR SPECIALTY 293 “INTERNATIONAL LAW”
AT MODERN UNIVERSITIES**

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Features of the training of students of legal specialties include in-depth study of the theory and practice of law, the formation of analytical and critical skills, as well as the development of communicative and professional qualities. Training should be aimed at training specialists who are able to apply knowledge in real conditions, which involves an emphasis on legal rhetoric, ethics, as well as work with regulatory legal acts and judicial practice (Honcharenko, 2024).

Academic component: in-depth study of the theoretical foundations of law, including constitutional, civil, criminal, administrative and other branches of law. Emphasis on the study of sources of law and their correct interpretation. Consideration of practical aspects of the application of legal norms in judicial practice and law enforcement activities (Bratkova, 2022).

Development of professional skills: formation of analytical, logical and critical skills necessary for solving legal problems. Development of skills in legal writing, preparation of documents (claims, contracts, opinions). Training in legal rhetoric skills, conducting discussions and defending a position.

Practical orientation: performing legal practice in state bodies, courts, law firms, local government bodies. Studying real cases, preparing for court hearings and writing legal opinions. Application of modern information technologies in the legal field.

Professional ethics and communication: educating high moral qualities and ethical standards of behavior of a lawyer. Formation of skills in effective communication, teamwork and with clients.

Continuous learning: emphasis on independent work, self-development and constant updating of knowledge in connection with changes in legislation (Bratkova, 2021).

Mediation offers law students numerous benefits by enhancing their conflict resolution abilities, conserving time and financial resources, maintaining relationships among parties, and providing more adaptable, interest-oriented solutions, which can serve as a competitive edge in the job market. Engaging in the study of mediation encourages one to view situations through the lens of interests rather than solely legal stances, thereby facilitating an understanding of how to fulfill the client's needs even in intricate cases (Cambridge Assessment Webinar on Mediation, 2025).

Professional and career advantages

Competitive edge: acquiring mediation skills renders you a more appealing candidate within the legal services sector and broadens the array of services you can provide.

Additional resource: mediation serves as a significant complement to conventional legal practice, enabling you to discover resolutions that better satisfy the parties than judicial rulings.

Client interest comprehension: this approach allows for a deeper understanding and fulfillment of the genuine needs and interests of the client, beyond merely their legal stance, which is crucial for a successful attorney.

Communication: it aids in honing communication skills and rebuilding trust among the conflicting parties.

Savings in time and costs: mediation typically represents a considerably quicker and less expensive process compared to litigation, which is a notable advantage for both the attorney and their clients (Mediation in Teaching, Learning and Assessment: A current ECML, 2023).

Solution flexibility: participants have control over the process and can devise personalized, flexible solutions, which is not always feasible in a courtroom setting.

Future-oriented approach: it encourages parties to concentrate on future possibilities and mutually advantageous solutions, rather than dwelling on past disputes.

Conflict de-escalation: mediation contributes to lowering emotional tension and aggression levels.

Relationship maintenance: it enables parties to sustain constructive relationships, which is particularly vital in familial, commercial, or other enduring connections (Mediation in Teaching, Learning and Assessment: A current ECML, 2023).

Reputation safeguarding: the confidentiality of the mediation process helps protect the parties' reputations.

To conclude, the mediation descriptors hold significant importance for the classroom, especially in relation to small group collaborative tasks. These tasks can be structured in a manner that requires learners to exchange various inputs, articulate their information, and collaborate to reach a common objective. Their relevance is heightened when this is conducted within a studied syllabus context.

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