**Postgraduate programmes open to foreign students**

**For LLD the requirements for admission are:**

A South African Master of Laws or an equivalent degree from a foreign University (this is usually to be determined by [SAQA](http://www.saqa.org.za) and applicants must apply for such determination).

Admission takes place according to a selection process based *inter alia* on the candidate’s academic record, experience, and the merit of the research topic. A Master’s degree in law is a pre-requisite.

**For DPhil the requirements for admission are:**

A South African Masters or an equivalent degree from a foreign University (this is usually to be determined by [SAQA](http://www.saqa.org.za) and applicants must apply for such determination).

Admission takes place according to a selection process based *inter alia* on the candidate’s academic record, experience, and the merit of the research topic. A Master’s degree in the related field is a pre-requisite.

**For LLM by Research (i.e. by dissertation):**

A candidate must be in possession of a South African LLB or B Proc degree OR an equivalent degree from a foreign University that allows entrance to the formal legal profession (this is usually to be determined by [SAQA](http://www.saqa.org.za) and the applicant must apply for such determination).

Admission takes place according to a selection process based inter alia on the candidate’s academic record, experience, and the merit of the research topic. A Bachelor of laws degree is a pre-requisite.

**For MPhil by Research (i.e. by dissertation):**

A candidate must be in possession of a South African Honours degree OR an equivalent degree from a foreign University that allows entrance to the doctoral admission (this is usually to be determined by [SAQA](http://www.saqa.org.za) and the applicant must apply for such determination). Admission takes place according to a selection process based inter alia on the candidate’s academic record, experience, and the merit of the research topic. An Honour’s degree is a pre-requisite.

**For the LLM by Coursework:**

**General admission requirements:**

A candidate must be in possession of a South African LLB or B Proc degree OR an equivalent degree from a foreign University that allows entrance to the formal legal profession (this is usually to be determined by [SAQA](http://www.saqa.org.za) and the applicant must apply for such determination.)

The Dean may on recommendation of the relevant head of a department limit the number of students to be allowed to register for any LLM programme. Where such limitation applies, prospective students must be informed about the limitation when they apply.

Where the Dean allows such a limitation, the head of the department will, in consultation with the course leader, select students who otherwise comply with the admission requirements for an LLM coursework degree, according to the following guidelines:

1. Academic performance in the undergraduate degree and relevant undergraduate degree module/s.
2. Any academic qualifications other than the prescribed undergraduate degree.
3. Relevant practical experience and training.
4. Diversity.
5. Whether the relevant LLM is the applicant's first choice.
6. Where an admission examination is prescribed, the results of such examination may be considered in addition to the above criteria.
7. Date on which a complete application was received.\*

(Where applicants satisfy the criteria set out above, they will be accepted on the date of receipt of application in order of preference).

\* Only comprehensive applications will be considered. Incomplete applications will be set aside and not considered until such time that a comprehensive application is received.

**Centre for Human Rights Programmes:**

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General entrance requirements will apply i.e. a candidate must be in possession of a South African LLB or B Proc degree OR an equivalent degree from a foreign university that allows entrance to the formal legal profession (this is usually to be determined by [SAQA](http://www.saqa.org.za) and the applicant must apply.) But note these programmes are subject to selection and applicants must apply in accordance with the time frames as published on an annual basis.

The MPhil options are available to non-lawyers with suitable qualifications as well. The admission requirements for the MPhil options are:

At least an honours degree in an academic discipline relevant to the option for which the student apply

OR

any other qualification in an academic discipline relevant that allows admission to a master’s programme at the institution where the undergraduate qualification was obtained. If that qualification has duration of less than four years, substantial proven practical or professional experience in the discipline will furthermore be required, subject to the discretion of the Dean.

The following options are available but note that some modules may not be offered in a specific year and applicants must enquire at the student administration office if the intended courses are offered during the next academic year. (Head Student Administration, Faculty of Law: Mrs Bessie Slabbert – [bessie.slabbert@up.ac.za](mailto:bessie.slabbert@up.ac.za))

**LLM Coursework options available:**

1. Constitutional and Administrative Law (04250105)
2. Environmental Law (04251004)
3. Extractive Industry law in Africa (04251007)
4. Insolvency Law (04250097)
5. Socio Economic Rights: Theory and Practice (04250093)
6. Mercantile Law (04250096) - limited to three of the following modules:
   1. Information and Communication Technology Law (KUB 802);
   2. International Insolvency Law (IIL 801);
   3. Statutory Competition Law (SCL 802);
   4. Banking Law (BNK 802); and
   5. Sports Law (SRP 801) (with prior approval).
7. International law (04250098)
8. International Law

Option: Air, Space and Telecommunication Law (04250070)

1. International Law

Option: International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations (04250076)

1. Private Law

Option: Intellectual Property Law (04250088)

1. Human Rights

Option: Multidisciplinary Human Rights (04251003)

**LLM: Coursework options to which special requirements apply**

1. International Trade and Investment Law in Africa (04251018)
2. Human Rights

Option: Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (04251017)

1. Human Rights

Option: Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa (04251010)

**MPhil Options**

1. Human Rights

Option: Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (04251020)

1. Human Rights

Option: Multidisciplinary Human Rights (04251021)

1. Human Rights

Option: Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa (04251022)

1. Public law

Environmental law (04251006)

1. Public law

Medical law and Ethics (04250078)

1. Jurisprudence

Law and Political Justice (04250094).