University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

LLD Law (04260001)

Duration of study 2 years

Programme information

Registration and renewal of registration
If admitted, a student can register immediately for the LLD programme. The following two or three modules must be registered for and completed within one year of registration:

1. Research methodology (RHP 902) offered by the Faculty of Law.
If the student can show sufficient evidence of competence in research skills required at postgraduate level the Postgraduate Committee of the Faculty of Law on recommendation of the supervisor, may exempt the student from this module.

2. Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal (RHP 904).
An oral defence of the research proposal including an assessment of the feasibility of the thesis statement, research question or questions and argument to be developed in the LLD thesis is required. A draft research proposal including a bibliography that covers the main fields to be covered by the study, the thesis statement, research question or questions and argument must be sent to the examination panel three weeks prior to the oral defence. (Such a draft research proposal must first be approved by the supervisor.) The student must convince the adjudicating panel of the feasibility of the topic and his or her knowledge of the research subject and ability to conduct the research. Where required by the panel, the draft proposal must be further reworked in light of the comments at the oral defence and a final proposal submitted to the satisfaction of the supervisor before the student may embark on the writing of the thesis. (No exemption can be granted from this requirement).

A student who does not complete the abovementioned two modules within one year of registration may be excluded from the Faculty and if he/she seeks readmission to the Faculty, may submit a written request to the Dean that his/her application for readmission to the Faculty be considered in terms of the set procedure.

3. Structured research proposal preparation (RHP 906) (non-credit-bearing)
The supervisor may prescribe that a particular student must follow a structured programme to be determined by the supervisor and approved by the Postgraduate Committee. The supervisor may also set the requirements, as approved by the Postgraduate Committee, for complying with the module.

The criterion for the award of the doctorate is original research. The degree will not be conferred until work equivalent to at least two years of study has been completed.

Admission requirements

Subject to the stipulations of the General Regulations, a candidate for the LLD programme must be in possession of at least an LLM degree or an equivalent degree from a foreign university.

Foreign qualifications are subject to SAQA evaluation.

Admission to the different funding groups takes place according to a selection process based *inter alia* on a candidate’s academic record experience and the merit of the research topic.

A candidate will only be admitted to the LLD programme if he/she complies with a standard of competence in applicable subjects as determined by the head of department also taking into account the candidate's academic record and any applicable experience.

A candidate will only be admitted to the LLD programme if the Faculty can provide a suitable supervisor in light of the applicant's preliminary research proposal.

Research information

Thesis and article

The LLD degree is conferred by virtue of a thesis, and an oral defence of the thesis. The topic of the thesis must be selected from the fields of study, and be approved by the Dean. (See the relevant General Regulations for finalisation of the thesis.)

The final copy of the thesis must be accompanied by a proof of submission of an article to an accredited journal. The article must be based on the research that the student has conducted for the thesis and be approved by the supervisor.

Agreement

A written agreement between the student and supervisor should be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and making it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other. The supervisor has the responsibility to ensure that the thesis is properly prepared by the student.

Oral defence of the thesis

After receipt of the reports of the external examiners, the supervisor arranges an oral defence opportunity for the candidate chaired by the head of department, during which the candidate is required to do a presentation in defence of the thesis (see the relevant General Regulation).

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 400

Fundamental modules

Research methodology 902 (RHP 902)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	40 seminars
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and Semester 2

Module content

(a)Planning and organising a research project (b) Drafting a research proposal: Hypotheses and Research question (c) Theory in research and Methodological approaches to legal research (d) Language (e) Citation and ethics of citation (f) Drafting of chapters and presentation (g) Substantive themes in legal research

Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal 904 (RHP 904)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal. A draft proposal must be approved by the supervisor. The student must convince the adjudicating panel of the feasibility of the topic and his or her knowledge of the research subject and ability to conduct the research. This module must be completed within one year after registration.

Core modules

Thesis and oral defence: Law 990 (LLD 990)

Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 400

Core modules

Thesis and oral defence: Law 990 (LLD 990)

Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The General Regulations (G Regulations) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the General Rules section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.