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Legal interpretation 210 (RVW 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Module credits	10.00
Programmes	BAdmin Public Management and International Relations BA Law LLB
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB, BAdmin, BA specialising in law and BCom Taxation

Statute law:

- (a) General introduction: relationship between text and context
- (b) What is legislation: categories and types of legislation
- (c) The structure and format of legislation (enacted law texts)
- (d) Commencement, amendment and demise of legislation

Principles of interpretation:

- (a) How to interpret legislation: various theories and methods of interpretation and the influence of the supreme Constitution on statutory interpretation
- (b) Internal and external aids to determine the legislative purpose
- (c) So-called peremptory and directory provisions
- (d) Statutory interpretation and judicial lawmaking
- (e) Basic principles of constitutional interpretation

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