University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

LLM (04250003)

Department	Law Dean's Office
Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	200
NQF level	09

Programme information

Also consult General Regulations G.30-G.56 as well as the LLM Policy Document of the Faculty of Law.

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

1. Research methodology (RHP 802) 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 804)
An oral defence of the research proposal including an assessment of the feasibility of the dissertation statement, research question or questions and argument to be developed in the LLM dissertation is required. A draft research proposal including a bibliography that covers the main fields to be covered by the study, the dissertation 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 dissertation. (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 806) (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.

Admission requirements

1. LLB degree **or** BProc degree **or** relevant degree from a foreign university that allows entrance to a master's

degree
2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level **or** a weighted average of below 65%:
   - relevant work experience
   - other academic qualifications
3. An admissions examination may be required
4. A portfolio consisting of:
   - recent research-based essays or assignments
   - a letter of motivation

Research information

With regard to the abovementioned curriculum, the relevant General Regulations. apply and the dissertation counts 100% for the final mark. The dissertation consists of 36 000-48 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography. The final copy of the dissertation must be accompanied by a proof of submission of an article to a journal. The article must be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation 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 mini-dissertation is properly prepared by the student.

Pass with distinction

For the degree to be awarded with distinction a student must obtain a minimum of 75% for the dissertation.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 205

Core modules

Dissertation: Law 890 (LLM 890)

Module credits	200.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Research methodology 802 (RHP 802)

Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	40 seminars
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
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 804 (RHP 804)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 205

Core modules

Dissertation: Law 890 (LLM 890)

Module credits	200.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal 804 (RHP 804)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

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