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# Postgraduate Prospectus 2019

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## A GLOBAL LAW FACULTY IN AFRICA POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

The Faculty of Law is widely recognized as a leader in the field of postgraduate programmes. The LLM and LLD programmes presented by the Faculty enable students to specialize in their chosen fields by engaging with experts at an advanced level. A postgraduate qualification in law offers appointments for personal and professional growth, and provides a competitive edge in respect of employment and promotion.

Students from South Africa, other parts of Africa and the rest of the world are invited to apply for admission to the postgraduate programmes at the Faculty in Law of the University of Pretoria.

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria offers the following postgraduate programmes:

### **Master of Laws (LLM) through coursework**

A vast variety of specialized Masters programmes are offered. These programmes require students to complete at least three taught modules, attend a module in Research Methodology, submit a research proposal and submit a mini-dissertation. Class attendance is compulsory. Class meetings are usually on weekdays from 17:30 - 19:30 and most of the class meetings take place once a week. The duration of the programme is one or two years.

### **Master of Laws (LLM) through research**

Students registered for the Master of Laws through research programme are required to (under the auspices of a supervisor):

1. Attend the compulsory 3-day block session in Research Methodology;
2. Write and discuss with an examination panel and submit a final research proposal (before the end of the first year of registration);
3. Write a dissertation based on the final research proposal; and
4. Submit at least one approved (by the supervisor) article to a journal.

### **Master of Philosophy (MPhil) through coursework**

Students who do not have a prior qualification in law, but who have at least an honours degree, may apply for any of the MPhil programmes offered by the Faculty of Law. These programmes require students to complete at least three taught modules, attend a module in Research Methodology, submit a research proposal and submit a mini-dissertation. Class attendance is compulsory. Class meetings are usually on weekdays from 17:30 - 19:30 and most of the class meetings take place once a week. The duration of the programme is one or two years.

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2. Write and discuss with an examination panel and submit a final research proposal (before the end of the first year of registration);
3. Write a dissertation based on the final research proposal; and
4. Submit at least one approved (by the supervisor) article to a journal.

### **Doctor of Laws (LLD)**

Students registered for the Doctor of Laws programme are required to (under the auspices of a supervisor):

1. Attend the compulsory 3-day block session in Research Methodology;
2. Write and discuss with an examination panel and submit a final research proposal (before the end of the first year of registration);
3. Submit a thesis based on the final research proposal; which makes an original contribution to legal science and
4. Submit at least one article to an accredited journal (the supervisor may be a co-author of this article).

### **Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil)**

Students registered for the Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) programme are required to (under the auspices of a supervisor):

1. Attend the compulsory 3-day block session in Research Methodology;
2. Write and discuss with an examination panel and submit a final research proposal (before the end of the first year of registration);
3. Submit a thesis based on the final research proposal; which makes an original contribution to legal science and
4. Submit at least one article to an accredited journal (the supervisor may be a co-author of this article).

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## LLM/MPhil Applications

### What LLM coursework programmes will be offered in 2019 and what is the closing date for applications?

The following LLM programmes will be offered in 2019, more information on each programme is provided below:

Department	Plan Code	Plan Description	Closing Date	
			RSA	International
<b>LLM's</b>				
<b>Centre for Human Rights</b>	04252016	Multidisciplinary Human Rights	15 January 2019	
<b>Mercantile Law</b>	04250103	Banking Law	15 January 2019	
	04252006	Mercantile Law	15 January 2019	
	04252011	Consumer Protection Law	15 January 2019	
	04252012	Corporate Law	15 January 2019	
	04252007	Insolvency Law	15 January 2019	
	04252005	Labour Law	15 January 2019	
	04252015	Tax Law	15 January 2019	
<b>Private Law</b>	04252000	Private Law	15 January 2019	*Not available
	04252009	Child Law	15 January 2019	*Not available
	04252001	Estate Law	15 January 2019	*Not available
	04252003	Intellectual Property	15 January 2019	
<b>Procedural Law</b>	04252013	Procedural Law	15 January 2019	*Not available
<b>Public Law</b>	04252014	Constitutional & Admin Law	15 January 2019	
	04252017	Environmental Law	15 January 2019	
	04252018	Extractive Industry Law in Africa	31 October 2018	
	04252008	International Law	15 January 2019	
<b>MPhils</b>				
	04251024	Multidisciplinary Human Rights	15 January 2019	
<b>Public Law</b>	04251008	Environmental Law	15 January 2019	
	04251027	Extractive Industry Policy, Management & Regulation	31 October 2018	
<b>Research (LLM's)</b>				
<b>Research (LLM's)</b>	04250003	LLM Research (100% Thesis)	No closing date	
<b>Research (MPhil's)</b>				
<b>Research (MPhil's)</b>	04250004	Mphil Research (100% Thesis)	No closing date	

\*These programmes are not available to students who did not complete their LLB/BProc in South Africa.

LLM/MPhil through research: Entails a research programme on an approved topic in law (please see the full set of documents that need to be submitted)

LLD/PhD: Entails a research programme on an approved topic in law

### What are the minimum entry requirements for the LLM degree?

- A LLB/BProc degree or an equivalent degree from a foreign university that allows entrance to the formal legal profession with a minimum average mark of 65% with respect to the prescribed final-year modules of the LLB/BProc degree.

### I do not meet the above requirements, should I bother to apply?

- Yes, candidates who do not meet the minimum entry requirements are encouraged to apply however, it must be borne in mind that it will be the HOD's/Dean's discretion to admit you or not.

### How do I apply for the LLM degree and how much is the application fee?

1. Prospective student who is **NOT currently registered** at the University of Pretoria:

All applications must be lodged **online**, there is no paper-based application system:

- Go to [www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za) (Study at UP >> Apply at UP>> Apply at UP)

**The application fee is R300 and is payable directly into the University's bank account.**

2. Prospective student who is **currently registered** at the University of Pretoria:

- Lodge an internal application on your student portal (Student Centre >> Admissions >> Internal applications) and attach a letter of motivation and CV.

**No application fee is payable.**

### Where and how do I pay the application fee?

- The application fee may be deposited into university's bank account
- Account Name: University of Pretoria  
**ABSA** - Account number: 214 000 0054, Hatfield, 632005, Reference: Student number  
**Standard Bank** - Account number: 012 602 604, Hatfield, 011545, Reference: Student number

### I have paid the application fee but I am told that my applications was unsuccessful, can I be reimbursed?

- The application fee is a non-refundable handling fee and has no bearing on whether an applicant gets admitted or not.

### I am lodging my application online but I am experiencing technical difficulties when I try to submit the application and/or supporting documents?

- If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the Student Service Centre at 012 420 3111 or [csc@up.ac.za](mailto:csc@up.ac.za) or contact Ms Erna Esterhuizen at 012 420 5143 or [erna.esterhuizen@up.ac.za](mailto:erna.esterhuizen@up.ac.za)

### What documents must I submit along with my application form?

DOCUMENTS
The complete University of Pretoria application form ( <a href="http://www.up.ac.za">www.up.ac.za</a> )
Proof of payment: Application fee
Previous academic records/transcripts
Previous studies' degree certificates
CV
Copy of ID/Passport
Letter of motivation by prospective student <b>for each programme applied for</b> (why do you wish to register for this particular programme?)
SAQA certificate <b>in case of foreign qualifications (i.e. any qualification which was completed at an institution outside of South Africa)</b> . For more information, go to <a href="http://www.saga.org.za">www.saga.org.za</a>

Only complete applications are considered. Incomplete applications will be set aside and revisited when all required documents have been received.

### How will I know whether I have been admitted or not?

- A system generated acknowledgement of application will be sent to you which contains your student number. The student number can be used to access the Student portal. It is important that you visit the online UP Portal (MyTUKS login) regularly to track your admission status as well as to see all relevant letters under the "Communications" tab.

**NB: You will not receive a letter in your post box, or an e-mail or SMS informing you of the outcome of your application.**

To visit the Student Centre, go to [www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za) and click on **MyTUKS login** where you will be prompted for a username and password.

**New applicants** should click on the "**New User**" link under the username and password fields. The link will prompt the user for a username and either a South African national ID number or a passport number (in the case of non-South Africans). This should be entered under the student number (starting with a "u"). The portal will then lead the user through the process of creating a new password for future use. Please wait 48 hours after the receipt of this letter before accessing the MyTuks login as your student number needs to be activated during this period. Once this period has lapsed you may use your **student number (e.g. u12345678)** and new password to access the system.

**Users of the website who were UP students before** and who have previously accessed the portal can sign in with their existing username and password.

### How much does it cost to study towards the LLM degree?

- LLM Coursework costs ±R36 000 per programme for South Africans and students from the SADC region. Students from other countries pay double the amount.

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- LLM Research costs ±R15 000 per year for South Africans and students from the SADC region. Students from other countries pay double the amount.

#### What is the difference between a LLM Coursework and a LLM Research?

- The LLM coursework is a combination of coursework /modular work (100 credits) and a mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words/100 credits). The LLM research is an approved research project with a full dissertation (40 000 – 50 000 words/200 credits).

#### Is the LLM offered on a part-time basis?

- Yes, all LLM's are offered on a part-time basis, please note the table below:

At least one contact session per week (17:30 – 19:30)	Block sessions for up to two weeks at a time (08:00 – 16:30)	6-Week block session (June/July/August) (08:00 – 16:30)
Multidisciplinary Human Rights Banking Law Consumer Protection Law Corporate Law Insolvency Law Labour Law Mercantile Law Child Law Private Law Intellectual Property Law Estate Law Procedural Law International Law Constitutional & Administrative Law	LLM/MPhil Environmental Law Tax Law	LLM/MPhil Extractive Industry Law in Africa

#### When does the academic year commence?

- The academic year commences at the beginning of February and ends at the end of November?

#### Does the University of Pretoria offer any bursaries or scholarships?

- Yes, for more information please go to <http://www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding> .

#### Does the University of Pretoria offer accommodation?

- Yes, for more information please go to <http://www.up.ac.za/student-accommodation> .

## LLM: Coursework programmes offered in the various departments

### CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

LLM Option: Multidisciplinary Human Rights (04252016) (Programme may be taken by international students)		
	Module code	Credits
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography)  The methodology and content of the mini-dissertation should reflect legal perspectives of human rights) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
Multidisciplinary human rights and any TWO of the following modules of which at-least one should be a module marked with a # and one with a module marked with ##	MHR 801	30
## Global perspectives on law, justice and development	LRD 802	30
## History and philosophy of human rights	HPH 801	30
## Post-apartheid jurisprudence	PAJ 801	30
## Law and Sustainable Development	LRD 801	30
# Socio-economic rights under comparative and international law	SRI 801	30
#An analysis of the SA Constitution and human rights	CMR 801	30
#Socio-economic rights in the SA Constitution	SRC 802	30
# One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		

### DEPARTMENT OF MERCANTILE LAW

LLM Option: Banking Law (04250103) (Programme may be taken by international students)		
	Module code	Credits
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
Banking law	BNK 802	30
Banking law – Capita Selecta	BNK 803	30
# Advanced consumer credit law	AML 802	30
# This module may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Consumer Protection Law (04252011)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
# ♦ Advanced consumer credit law	AML 802	30
# ♦ Advanced consumer protection	AML 803	30
# ♦ International consumer protection	AML 804	30
♦ Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree # One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Corporate Law (04252012)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words –including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
♦ Company law [prerequisite: must pass entrance test]	MKR 801	30
#♦ International take-overs and reorganisations [prerequisite: must pass entrance test]	TOR 802	30
♦ Law of securities [prerequisite: must pass entrance test]	LRR 801	30
# This module may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department. ♦ Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Insolvency Law (04252007)</b> <b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
Insolvency law	ISR 801	30
#International insolvency law	IIL 801	30
Liquidation and business rescue	LBR 802	30
# This module may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		



<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Labour Law (04252005)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
♦Collective labour law	CLL 802	30
♦Individual labour law	IVL 801	30
and ONE of the following modules:		
#International labour law	ITA 802	30
#♦Advanced social security law	GSR 802	30
# One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		
♦ Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Mercantile Law (042502006)</b> <b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
and any THREE of the following modules:		
#♦Advanced social security law	GSR 802	30
#♦Advanced income tax law	ITL 801	30
# Advanced transnational business law [prerequisite: TBR 420]	TBL 802	30
#Banking law	BNK 802	30
#Information and communications technology	KUB 802	30
#♦Indirect tax	IDT 802	30
#International insolvency law	IIL 801	30
#♦Law of specific contracts	SKC 802	30
#Statutory competition law	SCL 801	30
# One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		
♦ Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Tax Law (04252015)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (minimum of 15 000 words including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 804	70
Technical research reports	TAX 804	25
And		
General principles of tax	TAX 801	40
Current issues in taxation [prerequisite: TAX 801]	TAX 802	15
Income and consumption taxes [prerequisite: TAX 801]	TAX 803	40
This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.		

## DEPARTMENT OF PRIVATE LAW

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Child Law (04252009)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
♦Aspects of criminal and criminal procedural law pertaining to children	SSK 802	30
♦Aspects of private law pertaining to children	PLC 801	30
♦Constitutional and international law pertaining to Children	GIK 801	30
♦Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Law of Contract (04252010)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
♦Capita Selecta of the general principles of contract Law	GPC 801	30
♦Interpretation of contracts [prerequisite: GPC801]	GPC 802	30
♦Advanced drafting theory [prerequisite: GPC 802]	GPC 803	30
♦Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Estate Law (04252001)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
♦Administration of estates	AOE 801	30
♦Aspects of the law of succession	ASC 801	30
♦Aspects of the law of trusts	AVT 802	30
♦ Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Intellectual Property Law (04252003)</b> <b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and RHP 803]	MND 800	100
and all THREE of the following modules:		
Intellectual property, creative industries and expression of ideas	IGZ 804	30
Intellectual property, branding and advertising	IGZ 803	30
Intellectual property, new technologies and innovation	IGZ 802	30
Note: This programme is number limited.		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Private Law (04252000)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
and any THREE of the following modules		
#♦Aspects of divorce law	DLA 801	30
#♦Aspects of the law of succession	ASC 801	30
#♦Aspects of the law of trusts	AVT 802	30
#♦Aspects of private law pertaining to children	PLC 801	30
#Education law and policy	DLP 802	30
#♦Matrimonial property law	MPL 802	30
#♦Recognised and alternative life-partnerships	EAL 802	30
#Sports law	SRP 801	30
#♦Capita Selecta of the general principles of contract law	GPC 801	30
#♦Law of specific contracts	SKC 802	30
# One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		
♦ Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree		

## DEPARTMENT OF PROCEDURAL LAW

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Procedural Law (04252013)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
Advanced law of evidence	LOE 802	30
#♦Civil litigation	CLG 801	30
#♦Criminal procedure litigation	CCP 801	30
# One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		
♦ Not offered to students without a South African LLB or BProc degree		

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Constitutional and Administrative Law (04252014)</b> <b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (13 000-15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
and		
Administrative law	ASL 802	30
Constitutional law	CSL 801	30
and ONE of the following modules:		
#Environmental law	ENL 802	30
#Land and land reform law	GGH 802	30
#An analysis of the SA Constitution and human rights	CMR 801	30
#Socio-economic rights in the SA Constitution	SRC 802	30
#One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: Extractive Industry Law in Africa (04252018)</b>		
Closing date for applications: 30 November <b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and RHP 803]	MND 800	100
Rights to and regulation of natural resources	EIL 801	30
Sustainability aspects of extractive industries	EIL 802	30
and ONE of the following modules:		
The South African Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)	EIL 803	30
International law aspects of extractive industries	EIL 804	30
Civil liability aspects of extractive industries	EIL 805	30
This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.		

<b>LLM</b> <b>Option: International Law (04252008)</b> <b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
and		
Advanced international law	AIL 802	30
Applied international law	MCL 801	30
and ONE of the following modules:		
#Advanced transnational business law [prerequisite: TBR 420]	TBL 802	30
#International criminal law	ICL 802	30
#International environmental law	IEL 801	30
#International insolvency law	IIL 801	30

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<b>LLM</b>		
<b>Option: Environmental Law (04252017)</b>		
<b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (13 000-15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
Environmental law	ENL 802	30
International environmental law	IEL 801	30
and ONE of the following modules:		
#Administrative law	ASL 802	30
#Socio-economic rights in the SA Constitution	SRC 802	30
#One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		

## MPHil programmes offered in the various departments

### What are the minimum entry requirements for the LLM degree?

At least an honours degree in an academic discipline relevant to legal aspects in South Africa or Africa as well as to the contents of the specific MPHil (coursework) programme **OR** any other qualification in an academic discipline relevant to legal aspects in South Africa or Africa as well as to the contents of the specific MPHil (coursework) programme that allows admission to a master's programme at the institution where the undergraduate qualification was obtained. If the duration of that qualification is less than four years, substantial proven practical or professional experience in legal aspects in South Africa or Africa will furthermore be required, subject to the discretion of the Dean.

Foreign qualifications are subject to SAQA evaluation.

A minimum average mark of 65% with respect to the prescribed modules of the honours programme is required for admission to the MPHil coursework programmes.

<b>MPHil</b>		
<b>Option: Multidisciplinary Human Rights (04251024)</b>		
<b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (13 000-15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography). (The methodology and content of the mini-dissertation should reflect a multidisciplinary perspective on human rights) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and RHP 803]	MND 800	100
Multidisciplinary human rights	MHR 801	30
And		
Any TWO of the following modules to the value of 60 credits, of which at least one should be a module marked with an asterisk (*):		
*History and philosophy of human rights	HPH 801	30
*Global perspectives on law, rights and development	LRD 802	30
*Post-apartheid jurisprudence	PAJ 801	30
An analysis of the SA Constitution and human rights	CMR 801	30
Socio-economic rights under comparative and international law	SRI 801	30
Socio-economic rights in the SA Constitution	SRC 802	30

For more information go to <http://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-law> or e-mail [llmapplications@up.ac.za](mailto:llmapplications@up.ac.za) with LLM/MPHil enquiries and [lldapplications@up.ac.za](mailto:lldapplications@up.ac.za) with LLD/PhD enquiries.

<b>MPhil</b>		
<b>Option: Environmental Law (04251008)</b>		
<b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology	RHP 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (13 000-15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and 803]	MND 800	100
And		
Environmental law	ENL 802	30
Environmental law	ENV 816	20
Strategic Environmental Management	ENS 822	20
and ONE of the following modules:		
#Administrative law	ASL 802	30
#Socio-economic rights in the SA Constitution	SRC 802	30
# One of these modules may be substituted with any other LLM coursework module as recommended by the programme coordinator and approved by the head of department.		

<b>MPhil</b>		
<b>Option: Extractive Industry Policy, Management &amp; Regulation (04251027)</b>		
<b>(Programme may be taken by international students)</b>		
	<b>Module code</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Research methodology for human rights	NRM 801	5
Research proposal	RHP 803	5
Mini-dissertation (15 000 – 20 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography) [prerequisites: RHP 801 and RHP 803]	MND 800	100
Rights to and regulation of natural resources	EIL 801	30
Sustainability aspects of extractive industries	EIL 802	30
and ONE of the following modules:		
The South African Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (MPRDA)	EIL 803	30
Socio-economic development and management of non-renewable natural resources	EIL 812	30
This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.		

## LLD/PhD Applications

LLD/PhD: Entails a research programme on an approved topic in law, students registered for the Doctoral programme are required to (under the auspices of a supervisor):

1. Attend the compulsory 4-day long block session in Research Methodology (In either February or June of the first year of registration);
2. Write, discuss with an examination panel and submit a final research proposal (before the end of the first year of registration);
3. Write a thesis based on the final research proposal; which makes an original contribution to legal science and
4. Write and submit at least one article to an accredited journal (the supervisor should be a co-author of this article). The Faculty publishes a guide on where to publish articles on the law, available on [www.pulp.up.ac.za](http://www.pulp.up.ac.za)

### What are the minimum entry requirements for the doctoral degree?

A candidate for the doctoral programme must be in possession of at least a Master's degree, or an equivalent degree

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

- LLD
  - A Master's degree in Law
- PhD
  - An appropriate Master's degree is a pre-requisite

### How do I apply for the Doctoral degree and how much is the application fee?

3. Prospective student who is **NOT currently registered** at the University of Pretoria:
  - Online at [www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za) (Study at UP >> Apply at UP>> Apply at UP)  
**The application fee is R300 and is payable directly into the University's bank account.**
4. Prospective student who is **currently registered** at the University of Pretoria:
  - Lodge an internal application on your student portal (Student Centre >> Admissions >> Internal applications)

**No application fee is payable.**

### Where and how do I pay the application fee?

- You may pay in person, at the cashiers in the Student Service Centre at the University of Pretoria, or
- You can deposit the application fee into the university's bank account (Account Name: University of Pretoria)  
 ABSA - Account number: 214 000 0054, Hatfield, 632005, Reference: Student number  
 Standard Bank - Account number: 012 602 604, Hatfield, 011545, Reference: Student number

### I have paid the application fee but I am told that my applications was unsuccessful, can I be reimbursed?

- The application fee is a non-refundable handling fee and has no bearing on whether an applicant gets admitted or not.

### I am lodging my application online but I am experiencing technical difficulties when I try to submit the application and/or supporting documents?

- If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the Student Service Centre at 012 420 3111 or [ssc@up.ac.za](mailto:ssc@up.ac.za) or contact Ms Erna Esterhuizen at 012 420 5143 or [erna.esterhuizen@up.ac.za](mailto:erna.esterhuizen@up.ac.za)

### What documents must I submit along with my application form?

Proof of payment: Application fee
Previous studies degree certificates Bachelors/Honours/Masters
Previous academic records/transcripts Bachelors/Honours/Masters
Curriculum Vitae (CV)
Copy of ID/Passport
Letter of motivation by prospective student (why do you wish to register for this particular program?)
Copy of your Masters (mini) dissertation and/or additional proof of your own written work.
Preliminary research statement At least a five hundred (500) word description of your proposed research field indicating a research topic and the broad scope of your proposed study.
<b>International students/foreign qualifications:</b>
SAQA certificate of both undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications <a href="http://www.saqa.org.za">http://www.saqa.org.za</a>
TOEFL test results (not a requirement if studied through the medium of English) <a href="http://www.toefl.org">http://www.toefl.org</a>

Only complete applications are considered. Incomplete applications will be set aside and revisited when all required documents have been received.



### How will I know whether I have been admitted or not?

- A candidate will only be admitted to the doctoral programme if the Faculty can provide a suitable supervisor in light of the applicant's preliminary research proposal.
- A system generated acknowledgement of application will be sent to you which contains your student number (**Receiving a student number (EMPLID) does NOT imply that you have been accepted by the University of Pretoria yet**). The student number can be used to access the Student portal. It is important that you visit the online UP Portal (MyTUKS login) regularly to track your admission status as well as to see all relevant letters under the "Communications" tab.

**NB: You will not receive a letter in your post box, or an e-mail or SMS informing you of the outcome of your application.**

To visit the Student Centre, go to [www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za) and click on **MyTUKS login** where you will be prompted for a username and password.

**New applicants** should click on the "**New User**" link under the username and password fields. The link will prompt the user for a username and either a South African national ID number or a passport number (in the case of non-South Africans). This should be entered under the student number (starting with a "u"). The portal will then lead the user through the process of creating a new password for future use. Please wait 48 hours after the receipt of this letter before accessing the MyTuks login as your student number needs to be activated during this period. Once this period has lapsed you may use your **student number (e.g. u12345678)** and new password to access the system.

**Users of the website who were UP students before** and who have previously accessed the portal can sign in with their existing username and password.

### When is the closing date?

- Applications are open throughout the year with registrations starting January – February for admitted students.

### How much does it cost to study towards the doctoral degree?

- All research doctorates are currently R 16 200.00 (2017).

### When does the academic year commence?

- The academic year commences at the beginning of February and ends at the end of November?

### Does the University of Pretoria offer any bursaries or scholarships?

- Yes, for more information please go to <http://www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding> .

### Does the University of Pretoria offer accommodation?

- Yes, for more information please go to <http://www.up.ac.za/student-accommodation> .

## Registration and renewal of registration

If admitted, the following two modules must be registered for and completed within the first 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 thesis is required. *(No exemption can be granted from this requirement).*
- 3 Thesis and article  
The degree is conferred by virtue of a thesis, and an oral defence 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 should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the thesis and be approved by the supervisor.