

BCom (Law)

If you have a strong interest in commercial and economic disciplines and eventually would like to practice law in one of these fields, it is recommended to first enrol for a BCom (Law) degree, followed by an LLB degree. To excel in this programme, prospective students should possess the required aptitude, passion and skills for commercial, economical, numeracy and mathematical disciplines.

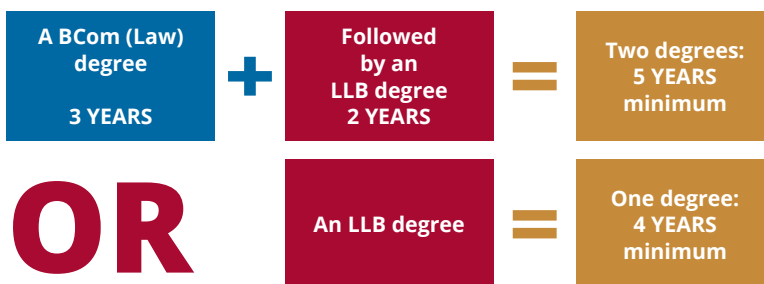
The BCom (Law) degree, followed by an LLB degree, offers a combination of BCom and law subjects with the aim of preparing students for the law profession, with a broad commercial academic background and providing an alternative route to the eventual attainment of an LLB degree. The combination of BCom (Law) and LLB degrees is highly recommended for students that have a dual interest in business and law. The BCom (Law) degree allows one to pursue other options upon completion, depending on specific career goals and legal fields.



Do you have what it takes to become a successful law student and lawyer?

- Committed to a successful, honourable career in law and justice
- Good listening and interpersonal skills
- Logical reasoning, persuasiveness and sound judgement
- Value honesty and integrity
- Ability to digest and convert loads of information, scientific data and paperwork generated by cases
- Emotional intelligence to view a challenge objectively and address it proactively
- Attention to detail
- Ability to prioritise tasks and manage time effectively

The University of Pretoria offers several paths toward the legal profession:



Note: This is one of several paths to secure professional employment and advance in the workplace. Combined programmes are more expensive and take longer to complete than the four-year LLB degree programme. Please consult the websites of the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Humanities (www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-humanities) and the Faculty of Law (www.up.ac.za/law) for information about alternative routes to obtaining an LLB.

Career opportunities

An LLB degree, and preferably admission as an attorney or advocate, irrespective of whether you wish to practice one day as an attorney or advocate, is currently the minimum requirement to join the organised legal profession in South Africa. Some of the careers you may pursue include:

Officers of the court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Attorneys ■ Advocates
Court administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Registrars of the High Court ■ Clerks of the Magistrates Court
Judiciary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Magistrates ■ Judges
Other officials in the administration of justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Masters of the High Court (administration of estates) ■ Registrars of deeds, companies, patents and trademarks
Legal aid and advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Legal Aid Board ■ Legal Resource Centre/Justice Centres

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC and IEB for 2023		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
BCom (Law) [3 years] Close on availability of space: As soon as the number of places available for this programme are filled, it will be closed for further applications. Careers: First step towards becoming attorneys, legal advisors, advocates, prosecutors, presiding officers (magistrates or judges) and academics in the legal field	5	5	32

Note: Accounting at school is not a subject requirement for any of the BCom and BAdmin programmes.