

# FACULTY

*At a Glance 2024*



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA  
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA  
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA

**Faculty of Law**

Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid  
Lefapha la Molao

Make today matter

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## THE UP WAY

The University of Pretoria (UP) is one of Africa's top universities and the largest contact university in South Africa. We produce socially impactful research to find solutions for the world's most pressing issues. We have a high quality of teaching and learning inside the classroom, online and in communities. We also have support in place for our students to graduate on time as well-rounded, responsible citizens – fully prepared for the world beyond university.



### VISION

To be a leading research-intensive university in Africa, recognised internationally for its quality, relevance and impact, as also for developing people, creating knowledge and making a difference locally and globally.



### MISSION

In pursuing recognition and excellence in its core functions of research, teaching and learning, and integrating engagement with society and communities into these, the University of Pretoria will use quality, relevance, diversity and sustainability as its navigational markers.

*With UP behind your name, you can rely on a competitive, recognised qualification.*

122

Undergraduate  
programmes

806

Postgraduate  
programmes

660<sup>+</sup>

Industry-relevant  
short courses

*Our degrees are locally accredited and internationally recognised. We have agreements in place with the relevant legal accreditation bodies around the world to ensure the recognition of our programmes.*



## Fostering excellence in teaching and learning

Our educational approach has a strong focus on inclusivity and equitable access to education, but ultimately on equity of outcomes. Our committed academics have multiple approaches to teaching to ensure that students with a variety of learning strengths succeed.

Our teaching and learning approach is based on inquiry-based learning, hybrid learning and community-based learning. This means that students can ask questions and do research in their field to learn and discover answers on their own; be taught in a classroom or other formal contact environment, but also find additional activities, notes, resources and videos to supplement their classes online; or apply their knowledge in a practical way to help communities around university campuses.



## Enabling student success for an equitable future

UP is dedicated to fostering an environment where students can thrive and achieve success. We are fully committed to providing support and opportunities to our students in order to get them ready for work.

**Learn more:** [www.up.ac.za/education-innovation](http://www.up.ac.za/education-innovation)



## Promoting research with real-world impact

UP's research is focused on making a lasting impact and on changing the lives of people. Our theme-based approach leverages knowledge fields and research platforms for the greatest impact. Transdisciplinary research projects with the potential to make a real-life difference are strongly encouraged.

# FACULTY OF LAW

The Faculty of Law strives to be an internationally recognised leader in socially relevant legal research and education in South Africa and the world. In pursuing its vision, the Faculty's mission is the creation and sustenance of a research and education environment that is grounded in the values of social justice and excellence.



## ACADEMIC OFFERING

**LLB**

FOUR-YEAR  
UNDERGRADUATE  
PROGRAMME

**LLM/MPhil**

*Master's programmes available  
through course work or research*

**LLD/PhD**

Niche programmes in human rights, children's rights, trade and investment law, intellectual property law, education law, banking law and extractive industries law as these fields relate to Africa.

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## EXCEPTIONAL RESEARCHERS

**74%**

Academic staff  
members with  
a doctorate

**26**

NRF-rated  
researchers

# ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS



Department  
of Jurisprudence



Department  
of Mercantile Law



Department  
of Private Law



Department  
of Procedural Law



Department  
of Public Law



Centre for  
Human Rights

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## RESEARCH EXCELLENCE



### RESEARCH CHAIRS, CENTRES, UNITS AND INSTITUTES

- ABSA Chair in Banking Law in Africa
- UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa
- SARCHI Chair in International Constitutional Law
- Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA)
- Centre for Intellectual Property Law
- Centre for Sport and Entertainment Law
- Centre for Child Law (CCL)
- Centre for Medicine and Law
- International Development Law Unit (IDLU)
- Extractive Industry Law in Africa Unit (EILA)
- Unit for Insurance Law in Africa
- Unit for Banking Law in Africa
- Unit for Business Rescue and Insolvency Law (UBRIL)

# RANKINGS



## #1

**TOP-RANKED LAW FACULTY IN AFRICA  
RANKED 78<sup>TH</sup> GLOBALLY**

*2023 TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD RANKINGS  
AND 2023 QUACQUARELLI SYMONDS WORLD  
RANKINGS BY SUBJECT AREA*

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## LAW CLINIC

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### 1980

Established in 1980  
by UP law students  
to serve indigent  
community members

### 2

Community-based  
branches in  
Hatfield and  
Hammanaskraal

### TOP

Ranked among the  
best in South Africa

LAW

## OLIVER R TAMBO LAW LIBRARY

- Largest Law of Africa collection in the world
- Free access to South African online acts and regulations
- Houses the Emeritus Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke Commons

# AN ENGAGED AND CONNECTED FACULTY IN AFRICA



Inquiry-led approach to teaching with a research essay for final-year LLB-students



Highly sought-after graduates who are aware of their social and ethical responsibilities



Vibrant student life and active student bodies (law students have the opportunity to serve on student bodies such as the Student Representative Council, Law House, UP Moot Society, Constitutional Tribunal, Student Disciplinary Advisory Panel, Pretoria Student Law Review (PSLR), Legal Shebeen, Black Lawyers Association Student Chapter, National Association of Democratic Lawyers Chapter, Women in Law, etc.



Delivers top alumni who protect legal rights and the Constitution, and who ensure a just society for all

## MOOT COURTS

UP Law has a distinguished and unequalled national and international track record in moot court competitions over the past decades. UP Law students are achieving excellent results at moots, given the fact that the UP Moot Society's team members consist mostly of undergraduate students, who rely on peer training by former mooters. The Faculty has also been responsible for the conceptualisation and creation of national and international moot court competitions such as the Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition, South African Schools Moot Court Competition, and the Child Law Moot Court Competition.

# THE PRETORIA UNIVERSITY LAW PRESS (PULP)

PULP, an independent press based in the Centre for Human Rights, seeks to strengthen the rule of law and promote legal scholarship on the African continent by publishing primary materials and scholarly texts on law and its related disciplines in Africa. It publishes five law journals:

1. *African Human Rights Law Journal*
2. *De Jure Law Journal*
3. *African Disability Rights Yearbook*
4. *African Human Rights Yearbook*
5. *The Pretoria Student Law Review* – a student-driven initiative that provides a non-conventional forum for students, academics and legal practitioners to discuss topical legal matters.



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## ENQUIRIES

General registration queries

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Student administration queries

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