

FACULTY

At a Glance

2023



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA

Faculty of Law

Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid
Lefapha la Molao

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1918

The Faculty of Law was established in 1918, and hosted its centenary celebrations in 2008.

LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

1908

The University of Pretoria was established in 1908. Today, it is one of the largest research universities in South Africa. UP has transformed into a dynamic university community of staff and students who come from a range of diverse backgrounds and cultures showcasing South African and global societies.



TEACHING & LEARNING



Our educational approach has a strong focus on inclusivity and equitable access to education, but ultimately on equity of outcomes.

UP effectively uses contact sessions in lectures, seminars and practical sites, together with online learning platforms. This has enabled access and success for an increasing number of students. The 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; while also being taught in a classroom environment and accessing additional resources online.

VISION & GOALS



OUR VISION IS TO BE

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



OUR GOALS ARE TO

1. Enhance access and successful student learning
2. Strengthen the University's research and international profile
3. Foster and sustain a transformed, inclusive and equitable University community
4. Optimise resources and enhance institutional sustainability
5. Strengthen the University's social consciousness and its impact on society



HYBRID LEARNING

Through UP's hybrid model of teaching and learning, part of the learning is dependent on access to the online learning management system known as ClickUP.

A system is in place for students to buy their own devices at very competitive rates but more than **6 000** computers are available in computer laboratories across all campuses and within residences for student use. There are Wi-Fi hot spots across all campuses for use by students with their own devices.



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.

EXCEPTIONAL RESEARCHERS

64

Academic
staff
members

76%

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

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 Development Law and African Economic Relations
- 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
FOR THE **FIFTH** CONSECUTIVE YEAR
AND RANKED **TOP 60** IN THE WORLD

A feat unequalled in Africa

2022 Times Higher Education World University Rankings

LAW CLINIC

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1980

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

2

Community-based
branches in
Hatfield and
Hammanskraal

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 Remembrance 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, 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, academic and legal practitioners to discuss topical legal matters.



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queries and contracts

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