

# 2020

Faculty of Law

Official start of the academic year  
for first-year students

Amptelike begin van die akademiese jaar vir  
eerstejaarstudente

Kamogelo semmušo ya baithuti ba pele  
ya ngwaga wa thuto



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## Message from the Dean and Deputy Dean: Faculty of Law

**As Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, I welcome you – our 2020 intake of law students – to a faculty of which we are most proud and which ranks as one of the best in the country and in Africa. In fact, in 2019, the Faculty ranked in the world’s top 80 rankings, and the highest in Africa according to the Times Higher Education global rankings. Whether you have enrolled for the LLB, BA Law or BCom Law degree, we are proud to call you a law student of the University of Pretoria. And so you should be.**

We strive to remain an internationally recognised leader in socially relevant legal research and education in South Africa and in Africa. In pursuing its vision, the Faculty of Law has as its mission the creation and sustenance of a research and education environment that is grounded in values of social justice and excellence.

The Faculty delivered a record number of 35 doctoral degrees and 179 master’s degrees in 2017, and in 2018, 27 doctoral degrees and 173 master’s degrees were conferred. It currently employs 70 dedicated full-time academics, of which approximately more than two-thirds have doctoral degrees in various fields of law. They are supported by highly motivated administrative and support staff, and together they serve and prepare our student community, as preferred employees, for the various law-related career opportunities.

The Faculty is also in the unique position where three law professors from the Faculty serve as international experts on key United Nations bodies in Geneva, making them responsible for the development and application of international law. This affords our students great opportunities to benefit from the expertise of our academic staff.

A critical path for developing the professional skills and sets of competencies required from lawyers is by testing such skills in a collaborative and supportive environment. Most notably, our engaged, diverse and inclusive

community of outstanding students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are all here for you. Our commitment to both diversity and inclusion is a real strength of our community, as is our culture of looking out for one another and respecting each other’s ideas and beliefs.

We aim to produce LLB graduates with the required knowledge, critical thinking abilities, awareness of socio-economic and ethical responsibilities and the legal skills to follow any of the established career paths in law. With this aim in mind, the Faculty is progressively placing greater emphasis on a collaborative and supportive environment, with greater emphasis on an inquiry-led approach in teaching, aiming to improve the research and problem-solving skills of our students.

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As lawyers, we should all be involved in social justice efforts. Engaging in your UP Law community or outside will not only develop you as a well-rounded individual, but concerted efforts will make a difference towards those lives that you will positively impact on, and will prepare you for your life outside varsity. Use your law studies as a platform to bring about

much-needed change.

In your first year of law studies, we will expose you to questions such as ‘What is the law?’ ‘Where do we find the law?’ ‘Is there a difference between law and justice?’ ‘What is the role of law in addressing South Africa’s pressing socio-economic problems?’ We will teach you the origins and history of South African law, and the foundational principles of the Law of persons and Family law. Above all, you should create and utilise all opportunities to acquire as many skills as you may need to excel as a lawyer one day: crucial skills such as reading, writing, inner locus of control, tenacity, mental agility, analytical and problem-solving skills.

We strongly encourage you to reach out to the UP Law community members and ask for support and guidance. We are all on your side and we want you to succeed. In short, the reason of our existence is our students. Become involved in the Faculty’s activities and moot competitions facilitated by the UP Moot Society. Attend your lectures and tutor sessions, ask questions, engage with peers and lecturers, and make the most of the privilege to study law at UP.

We look forward to your contributions as UP Law graduates in the national and international legal arena one day. Until then - enjoy the journey and make every day matter!

**Prof Elsabe Schoeman**  
Dean: Faculty of Law

## FACULTY OF LAW

GROUP 13: LLB (200)

Group leader:

	11:30–13:30		14:00–16:00	
Monday 2020-01-27	AIM session <b>TECHNICAL SERVICES BUILDING</b> <i>Ms C van Zyl</i>		Programme information on LLB, BA Law and BCom Law and all non-law electives <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Dr C Maimela and Ms J Church</i>	
Tuesday 2020-01-28	10:00–12:00	12:00–13:00	13:50–14:30	14:30–15:30
	Ethics and the legal profession, first years' oath, code of conduct and learning community – case law <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Prof E Schoeman and Mr E Hanekom</i>	<b>TECHNOLOGY@UP</b> Social media, UP mode of delivery, UPO and UP Surveys <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b>	<b>TRANSITIONS@UP</b> Mentoring and work readiness <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b>	<b>SUPPORT@UP</b> Counselling, health services and disability <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b>
Wednesday 2020-01-29	08:00–08:40	08:40–09:20	09:20–10:00	10:00–10:30
	Dean's welcome and law practice <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Prof E Schoeman and Mr E Hanekom</i>	Sex, Power & Love <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> CSA&G <i>Ms F Hassan</i>	FSA services and academic support <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Ms F Hassan</i>	Security <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Mr R Watson</i>
Thursday 2020-01-30	08:00–09:30	09:30–10:30	11:30–12:30	12:30–14:30
	Law student life (Law House, Moots, Legal Shebeen, PSJR, SLSJ, SDAP and Constitutional Tribunal) <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b>	Law's role in South African society, Justice for All and Law Clinic <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Mr E Hanekom</i>	Timetable explanation, rules, regulations and procedures (combined EMS, Humanities and Law) <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Ms M Sesing-Letsike</i>	Transferring students: Information, accreditation and registration session <b>LAW BUILDING COMPUTER LAB</b> <i>Faculty Administration</i>
				15:00 onwards
				First year's welcome social <b>VENUE: TBC</b> <i>Law House</i>
Lunch				
Break				

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**GROUP 11:**  
**Group leader:** BA Law (210)  
 Dr C Maimela

Monday 2020-01-27	08:00-09:00	Humanities Dean's welcome and announcements <b>AMPHITHEATRE</b>	08:00-09:30	AIM session <b>TECHNICAL SERVICES BUILDING</b> <i>Ms C van Zyl</i>	11:30-13:30	Programme information on LLB, BA Law and BCom Law and all non-law electives <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Dr C Maimela and Ms J Church</i>
	Tuesday 2020-01-28	08:00-09:30	Law Dean's welcome and law practice <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Prof E Schoeman and Mr E Hanekom</i>	10:00-12:00	12:00-13:00	14:00-16:00
Wednesday 2020-01-29	08:00-08:40	FLY@UP workshop <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Ms F Hassan</i>	08:40-09:20	Ethics and the legal profession, first years' oath, code of conduct and learning community – case law <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Prof E Schoeman and Mr E Hanekom</i>	10:30-12:30	13:00-14:15
	08:00-09:30	Sex, Power & Love <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>CSA&amp;G</i>	09:20-10:00	Timetable explanation, rules, regulations and procedures (combined EMS, Humanities and Law) <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Ms M Sesing-Letsike</i>	11:30-12:30	13:30-14:15
Thursday 2020-01-30	08:00-09:30	Law student life (Law House, Moots, Legal Shebeen, PSJR, SLSJ, SDAP and Constitutional Tribunal) <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Mr E Hanekom</i>	09:30-10:30	Plazza walk – student life and campus tour <b>PIAZZA</b>	12:30-14:30	14:15-15:30
						15:00 onwards

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GROUP 18: BCom Law (100)  
Group leader: Ms J Church

		09:30–11:00		11:30–13:30		14:00–16:00	
Monday 2020-01-27	EMS Dean's welcome and division into groups <b>AMPHITHEATRE</b>			AIM session <b>TECHNICAL SERVICES BUILDING</b> Ms C van Zyl		Programme information on LLB, BA Law and BCom Law and all non-law electives <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Dr C Maimela and Ms J Church</i>	
		08:00–09:30		10:00–12:00		12:00–13:00	
Tuesday 2020-01-28	Law Dean's welcome and law practice <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Prof E Schoeman and Mr E Hanekom</i>	08:00–09:30		Ethics and the legal profession, first years' oath, code of conduct and learning community – case law <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Prof E Schoeman and Mr E Hanekom</i>		<b>TRANSITIONS@UP</b> Mentoring and work readiness <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b>	
		08:00–08:40	08:40–09:20	10:30–12:30		14:30–15:30	
Wednesday 2020-01-29	FLY@UP workshop <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Ms F Hassan</i>	08:00–08:40		Timetable explanation, rules, regulations and procedures (combined EMS, Humanities and Law) <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Ms M Sesing-Letsike</i>		<b>SUPPORT@UP</b> Counselling, health services and disability <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b>	
		08:00–09:30	09:20–10:00			13:00–13:30	
Thursday 2020-01-30	Law student life (Law House, Moots, Legal Shebeen, PSLR, SLSJ, SDAP and Constitutional Tribunal) <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b>	08:00–09:30				Security <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Mr R Watson</i>	
		09:30–10:30		11:30–12:30		12:30–14:30	
				Plazza walk – student life and campus tour <b>PIAZZA</b>		Transferring students; Information, accreditation and registration session <b>LAW BUILDING COMPUTER LAB</b> <i>Faculty Administration</i>	
						Career choices and skills development <b>THUTO BUILDING ROOM 3-2</b> <i>Ms E Hurter</i>	
						Amendments to registrations <b>LAW BUILDING COMPUTER LAB</b> <i>Faculty Administration</i>	
						First year's welcome social <b>VENUE: TBC</b> <i>Law House</i>	

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