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Legal interpretation 210 (RVW 210)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty Faculty of Law

Module credits 10.00

Programmes BAdmin Public Management and International Relations

BA Law

LLB

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Public Law

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB, BAdmin, BA specialising in law and BCom Taxation Statute law:

- (a) General introduction: relationship between text and context
- (b) What is legislation: categories and types of legislation
- (c) The structure and format of legislation (enacted law texts)
- (d) Commencement, amendment and demise of legislation

Principles of interpretation:

- (a) How to interpret legislation: various theories and methods of interpretation and
- the influence of the supreme Constitution on statutory interpretation
- (b) Internal and external aids to determine the legislative purpose
- (c) So-called peremptory and directory provisions
- (d) Statutory interpretation and judicial lawmaking
- (e) Basic principles of constitutional interpretation

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