

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

MPhil Disability Rights (Coursework) (04251026)

Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	200
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Programme information

This programme is available for international students.

Closing date for applications: SA applicants – 30 November; non-SA applicants – 31 August.

The duration of the programme will be four semesters (2 years).

Admission requirements

- At least an honours degree in an academic discipline relevant to legal aspects in South Africa or Africa as well as to the contents of the specific MPhil coursework programme OR any other qualification in an academic discipline relevant to legal aspects in South Africa or Africa as well as to the contents of the specific MPhil coursework programme that allows admission to a master's programme at the institution where the undergraduate qualification was obtained. If the duration of that qualification is less than four years, substantial proven practical or professional experience in legal aspects in South Africa or Africa will furthermore be required, subject to the discretion of the Dean.
- Foreign qualifications are subject to SAQA evaluation.
- A minimum average mark of 65% with respect to the prescribed modules of the honours programme is required for admission to the MPhil coursework programmes.
- An acceptable level of proficiency in English is required.
- In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students:
- In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students: geographic representation; gender representation; and equitable representation of persons from vulnerable communities (such as persons with disabilities, persons belonging to indigenous communities and LGBTI persons).
- Applicants may be required to write an essay within a restricted time period of being given the topic, which is assessed and taken into account in the admission process.
- The maximum number of students admitted for this course is 15 per annum.

Other programme-specific information

This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.

Mini-dissertation (MND 800)

An approved research proposal must be submitted before registration for the mini-dissertation.

The mini-dissertation must comprise 13 000 to 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography. It must deal with the subject content of one of the modules registered for and should reflect a multidisciplinary perspective on disability rights.

Any request for an extension of the period for the submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Dean on recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee.

Research information

The relevant head of department must recommend a supervisor and title for a mini-dissertation and these must be approved by the Postgraduate Committee. The mini-dissertation must be assessed and finalised as set out in the Faculty Board-approved LLM Policy Document of the Faculty. Mini-dissertations, where required, must be submitted in the format determined by the supervisor and approved by the Postgraduate Committee. The supervisor may likewise and subject to the approval of the Postgraduate Committee also determine the research topic and the scope of the proposed research.

Pass with distinction

For the degree to be awarded with distinction a student must obtain an average of at least 75% for all the coursework modules together, as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation. The modules must have been written for the first time.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Principles of international human rights law 801 (DRL 801) - Credits: 10.00

Principles of social science 802 (DRL 802) - Credits: 5.00

Research methodology for human rights 801 (NRM 801) - Credits: 5.00

Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

[Protection of persons with disabilities in a global context 803](#) (DRL 803) - Credits: 25.00

[Mini-dissertation 800](#) (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00

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