

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

LLM Disability Rights (Coursework) (04252024)

Department Centre for Human Rights

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 200

NQF level 09

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

- A LLB/BProc degree or an equivalent degree from a foreign university that allows entrance to the formal legal profession.
- Foreign qualifications are subject to SAQA evaluation.
- A minimum average mark of 65% with respect to the prescribed final-year modules of the LLB/BProc degree.
- An acceptable level of proficiency in English is required.
- The maximum number of students admitted for this course is 15 per annum.
- 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.

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 legal 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: 70

Core modules

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

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

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

African regional disability rights protection 804 (DRL 804) - Credits: 25.00

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



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 130

Core modules

[Contemporary challenges in disability law, policy and practice in Africa 805](#) (DRL 805) - Credits: 25.00

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

[Research proposal 803](#) (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

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