

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

## Business law 838 (GIA 838)

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| <b>Qualification</b>          | Postgraduate   |
| <b>Faculty</b>                | <a href="#">Gordon Institute of Business Science</a> |
| <b>Module credits</b>         | 12.00  |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>          | No prerequisites.                                    |
| <b>Contact time</b>           | 28 contact hours per 3 week cycle                    |
| <b>Language of tuition</b>    | English  |
| <b>Academic organisation</b>  | Gordon Institute of Business S                       |
| <b>Period of presentation</b> | Semester 1 or Semester 2                             |

### Module content

A working knowledge of the law is an incredibly empowering tool. The law operates in the daily lives of all of us, as a natural product of our interaction with one another. Sometimes in our dealings with other people we encounter problems that may be brought about by any one of a variety of factors: incompetence, dishonesty and misunderstanding are the most common causes. The consequences of these problems can, at times, be rather severe. Business transactions, for example, carry high risks. The consequences of a mistake in the business world can be costly. Knowledge of the law becomes a very useful tool when it helps us to recognise the potential dangers so that we can avoid them, and equip us with a means of dealing with mistakes once they have already happened. A sound understanding of the law is both a privilege as well as an advantage in coping with the various problems that life in the business world may throw our way.

The course aims to equip candidates with an understanding of these dangers and an ability to identify what to do when things go wrong.

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