
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

LLB (04130012)

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 506

Programme information

The LLB is the first professional qualification for legal practitioners and provides qualifiers with the necessary theoretical knowledge and practical skills to gain entry into the formal legal profession (eg attorneys/advocates), or to follow other careers in law.

Admission requirements

- In order to register for degree programmes, NSC/IEB/Cambridge candidates must comply with the minimum requirements for degree studies as well as the minimum requirements for the relevant programme.
- Life Orientation and all other non-20-credit NSC subjects are excluded in the calculation of the Admission Point Score (APS).
- The following persons may also be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Candidates who obtained a BA (Law) or BCom (Law) degree at the University of Pretoria, within the 3-year minimum duration period, will not be subjected to a selection process; and will automatically be admitted to register for the LLB degree.
- Transferring applicants who graduated
 1. Closing date: 30 January of the academic year for which the student is applying for.
 2. Candidates who have previously been registered at UP or another university and who have graduated (excluding BA (Law) and BCom (Law) graduates) may be admitted to the first year of the LLB, if there are places available, at the discretion of the Faculty's Admissions Committee, based on the candidate's Grade 12 results and complete university academic record plus final Certificate of Conduct.
 3. Candidates who have been awarded a BA (Law) or BCom (Law) degree by any South African university, including UP, may be admitted on application, at the discretion of the Faculty's Admissions Committee, based on the candidate's Grade 12 results and complete university academic record. Students transferring from other universities may be admitted to the third year of the LLB. UP students may be admitted to the first year of the LLB 04130010 (after having completed the BCom (Law) and to the first year of the LLB 04130011 (after having completed the BA (Law)).
- International applicants with foreign qualifications
 1. Applicants have to apply to the Matriculation Board of Universities South Africa (www.universitiessa.ac.za/matriculation-board) for a certificate of complete exemption, which must be



submitted together with their application forms.

2. A conditional exemption certificate does not grant admission to LLB studies.
 3. A minimum achievement level of 5 for English Grammar and a minimum APS of 32 is required, calculated according to the UP conversion table.
 4. Applicants have to submit the results of a SAT1 and/or TOEFL test, if required by the Dean.
- The LLB is a full-time four-year programme. Students are not permitted to obtain full-time employment while registered for the LLB.
 - Applicants are admitted on a **'first-come, first-served'** basis until all places are filled. Therefore, apply early!
 - Only applicants who comply with all the admission requirements will be considered for admission.

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home Language or English

First Additional Language

APS

NSC/IEB

AS Level

5

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32

* Candidates with an APS of 32 or higher will, on receipt of their applications, be accepted on a continuous basis until 30 September or until all available places have been taken. Candidates with an APS of 38 or higher will be accepted on a continuous basis until registration in January of the next academic year, irrespective of the number of candidates already accepted.

* *Cambridge A level candidates who obtained at least a D in the required subjects, will be considered for admission. International Baccalaureate (IB) HL candidates who obtained at least a 4 in the required subjects, will be considered for admission.

Other programme-specific information

The Dean determines which elective modules will be presented each year, taking into consideration the availability of lecturing personnel, space and financial implications and/or other circumstances. The Dean may determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module. The Dean may, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular fourth-year elective module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures nine or fewer students are registered for the module.

The Dean has the discretion to credit any other legal module of equal standard passed at another institution as an elective.

The following aspects should be kept in mind:

- Students have to familiarise themselves with the prerequisites for modules from other faculties.
- The modules must fit in on the timetable.
- Number limits of some modules.

The Dean has the discretion to also credit any other legal module of equal standard presented at the University of Pretoria as an elective on an ad hoc basis where this module is not provided for in the current LLB offering, subject to prior approval of the Dean.

Advisory note: Students who intend to pursue an LLB degree must note that to obtain the LLB degree they will be required to obtain at least 24 credits from the following list of language modules: AFR 110, AFR 120, AFR 114, ENG 118, ENG 110, ENG 120.

Elective modules for fourth year of study:



4 modules selected from the following list:

- Law and transformation 410 (AMR 410)
- Alternative dispute resolution 420 (AGF 420)
- Child law 410 (KID 410)
- Deeds and notarial practice 410 (ANO 410) [prerequisite: SAR 310]
- Education law 420 (ONR 420)
- Environmental law 410 (OMR 410)
- Information and communications technology law 420 (KUB 420)
- International elective module 1 (IET 411)
- International elective module 2 (IET 412)
- International elective module 3 (IET 413)
- International elective module 4 (IET 414)
- International humanitarian law 420 (PUR 420)
- Jurisprudence 420 (JUR 420)
- Land and land reform law 420 (GHR 420)
- Law and the community 420 (CLW 420)
- Law of banking and financial institutions 410 (LBF 410)
- Law of damages 410 (SGR 410)
- Law of securities 410 (LOC 410)
- Legal problems of HIV and Aids 410 (RHV 410)
- Media law 420 (MDR 420)
- Medical law 410 (GRG 410)
- Moot Court 420 (SKH 420)(students representing UP in the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition or in the Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition)
- Municipal law 410 (MRG 410)
- Practical law 400 (PRR 400)(see # below) (20 credits; 2 electives)
- Private international law 410 (IPR 410)
- Social security law 420 (SOR 420)
- Sports law 420 (SRR 420)
- Statutory crimes 410 (SMI 410)
- Tax practice 420 (BLP 420)
- Transnational business law 420 (TBR 420)
- Trusts and estates 410 (TBS 410)

Practical law 400

The number of students who may be admitted to the module Practical law (PRR 400) is predetermined by the Dean, in consultation with the Head of the Department of Procedural Law.

Prospective students must apply for admission to the module.

Should more students apply for admission to the module than can be accepted, a selection process will take place on the basis of a student's previous performance and an interview with the Director of the Law Clinic.

Students are promoted on the basis of tests, satisfactory execution of assignments, sessions in the Law Clinic and an oral examination.

Practical law (PRR 400) counts 20 credits and counts as two electives.

Certain modules are only applicable to exchange students.

General requirements

1. Repeating of modules and maximum number of modules per year



- Students who fail modules must repeat the modules in the following year.
- Students will, however, not be allowed to take more than 150 credits per year. (This will mean that in certain instances students will not be allowed to take all the modules required for a specific year as the outstanding modules must first be repeated and passed.) The Dean may, however, exercise discretion to grant exemption from this provision.
- BA (Law) and BCom (Law) students who register concurrently for the LLB must adhere to their primary faculty's rules regarding concurrent registration.
- It is the student's responsibility to choose modules that will not lead to class, test or examination timetable clashes.

2. Credit for modules

Students transferring from another university can only obtain credit for at the most 50% of the modules needed for the degree and must complete at least 50% of the modules at the University of Pretoria.

Dean's merit list

The Student Administration office publishes the Dean's merit list by March of every calendar year. The list contains the student numbers, in chronological sequence, of those students who achieved a weighted average (ie in accordance with the credit value of each module) of at least 75% in the preceding calendar year.

The weighted average is calculated as follows: The final mark obtained for each module for which the student registered in the preceding calendar year is multiplied by the credit value for that particular module. The sum of the values so obtained for each module are added together and divided by the total of the credit values of all modules for which the student registered in the preceding calendar year. The average so calculated is not rounded off.

A student who failed module(s) or who failed to gain entrance to the exam in the module(s) in a given calendar year may not appear on the Dean's merit list for that calendar year. A student who registered for less than nine modules in a calendar year may not appear on the Dean's merit list for that calendar year. Modules passed at other universities are not considered in calculating the weighted average.

Examinations and pass requirements

Please consult the Examination and Test policy as contained in the Faculty Regulations.

Promotion to next study year

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(According to Regulation G.3 the Faculty Board may set promotion requirements which students must adhere to before they will be promoted.)

1. A student must pass modules to the value of 60 credits in order to be promoted to the next year of study. A student who passed fewer than 4 semester modules will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Law. (BA (Law) and BCom (Law) students who register concurrently for the LLB will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Law if they pass less than 50% of the LLB modules.) A student, who has forfeited readmission to the Faculty, may apply in writing to the Admissions Committee of the Faculty for conditional readmission to the Faculty – with the proviso that the Admissions Committee may stipulate further requirements for progress. A student's application for conditional readmission to the Faculty may be refused. A student who registered concurrently for the LLB and who is dismissed at the primary faculty will not be allowed to register for the LLB either.
2. A student who has been conditionally readmitted to the Faculty will have his/her studies monitored after the first-semester examination in order to determine whether such student has met the set conditions.



3. Re-registration will only be permitted if a student is capable of completing the degree in the prescribed minimum period of 4 years plus a further 2 years according to the opinion of the Admissions Committee.
4. For BA (Law) and BCom (Law) students who register concurrently with the LLB or continue with the LLB after graduating with the BA (Law) or BCom (Law), re-registration will be permitted if the student is capable of completing the LLB in a further 2 years of study, after taking into account the number of years it took the student to complete the BA (Law) or BCom (Law), and the student's academic record. An additional year may be granted by the Admissions Committee.

Pass with distinction

For the 4-year LLB degree to be awarded with distinction, a student must obtain a grade point average (ie in accordance with the credit value of each module) of at least 75% in respect of all the modules prescribed for the third and fourth years of the LLB degree, completed at this University. The grade point average is calculated as follows: The final mark obtained for each third- and fourth-year module prescribed for the LLB degree, including the electives, is multiplied by the credit value of that particular module. The sum of these values are added together and divided by the total of the credit values of all prescribed third- and fourth-year LLB modules. The average so calculated is not rounded off. A student who failed a third- or fourth-year LLB module, including any of the electives, may not be awarded the degree with distinction.

BA (Law) graduates

For the LLB degree to be awarded with distinction to a BA (Law) (UP) graduate, a student must obtain a grade point average (ie in accordance with the credit value of each module) of at least 75% in respect of the following modules completed at this University:

RPK 210 and 220

VBB 220

BLR 310

BWR 300

IGZ 320

ISR 310

ODR 320

PBL 310 and 320

SAR 310

VHD 320

ABR 410

PBL 410 and 420

PVR 420

SIP 400

SKY 410

SPR 400

Four final-year electives

The grade point average is calculated as follows: The final mark obtained for each of the modules listed above, including the electives, is multiplied by the credit value of that particular module. The sum of these values are added together and divided by the total of the credit values of the modules listed above. The average so calculated is not rounded off. A BA (Law) (UP) graduate who failed any of the modules listed above, including any of the electives, may not be awarded the LLB degree with distinction.



BCom (Law) graduates

For the LLB degree to be awarded with distinction to a BCom (Law) (UP) graduate, a student must obtain a grade point average (ie in accordance with the credit value of each module) of at least 75% in respect of the following modules completed at this University:

FMR 121
PBL 200
RPK 210 and 220
RPR 210
RVW 210
BLR 310
BWR 300
IGZ 320
JUR 310
PBL 310 and 320
ABR 410
PBL 410 and 420
PVR 420
SIP 400
SKY 410
SPR 400
Four final-year electives

The grade point average is calculated as follows: The final mark obtained for each of the modules listed above, including the electives, is multiplied by the credit value of that particular module. The sum of these values are added together and divided by the total of the credit values of the modules listed above. The average so calculated is not rounded off. A BCom (Law) (UP) graduate who failed any of the modules listed above, including any of the electives, may not be awarded the LLB degree with distinction.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 121

Fundamental modules

- Academic information management 102 (AIM 102) - Credits: 6.00
- Jurisprudence 110 (JUR 110) - Credits: 15.00
- Jurisprudence 120 (JUR 120) - Credits: 15.00
- Academic orientation 104 (UPO 104) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

- Afrikaans 110 (AFR 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Afrikaans 114 (AFR 114) - Credits: 12.00
- Afrikaans 120 (AFR 120) - Credits: 12.00
- English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00
- English for specific purposes 118 (ENG 118) - Credits: 12.00
- English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Family law 121 (FMR 121) - Credits: 15.00
- Law of persons 110 (PSR 110) - Credits: 10.00
- Roman law 120 (ROM 120) - Credits: 10.00

Elective modules

- Philosophy 110 (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Philosophy 120 (FIL 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111) - Credits: 10.00
- Financial accounting 122 (FRK 122) - Credits: 12.00
- History 110 (GES 110) - Credits: 12.00
- History 120 (GES 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Criminology 110 (KRM 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Criminology 120 (KRM 120) - Credits: 12.00
- Sociology 110 (SOC 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Sociology 120 (SOC 120) - Credits: 12.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Law of succession 222 (ERF 222) - Credits: 15.00

Specific contracts 220 (KTH 220) - Credits: 15.00

Law of contract 211 (KTR 211) - Credits: 15.00

Public law 200 (PBL 200) - Credits: 20.00

Legal practice 210 (RPK 210) - Credits: 10.00

Legal practice 220 (RPK 220) - Credits: 10.00

Legal pluralism 210 (RPR 210) - Credits: 10.00

Legal interpretation 210 (RVW 210) - Credits: 10.00

Consumer protection 220 (VBB 220) - Credits: 15.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 132

Core modules

- Tax law 310 (BLR 310) - Credits: 10.00
- Law of evidence 300 (BWR 300) - Credits: 10.00
- Law of delict 320 (DLR 320) - Credits: 15.00
- Intellectual property law 320 (IGZ 320) - Credits: 10.00
- Insolvency law 310 (ISR 310) - Credits: 10.00
- Jurisprudence 310 (JUR 310) - Credits: 10.00
- Entrepreneurial law 320 (ODR 320) - Credits: 12.00
- Public law 310 (PBL 310) - Credits: 10.00
- Public law 320 (PBL 320) - Credits: 10.00
- Research methodology 320 (RHP 320) - Credits: 5.00
- Law of things 310 (SAR 310) - Credits: 15.00
- Payment methods 320 (VHD 320) - Credits: 10.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 100

Core modules

- Labour law 410 (ABR 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Public law 410 (PBL 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Public law 420 (PBL 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Private law 420 (PVR 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Civil procedure law 400 (SIP 400) - Credits: 15.00
- Research: Essay and seminar 410 (SKY 410) - Credits: 30.00
- Criminal procedure law 400 (SPR 400) - Credits: 15.00

Elective modules

- Law and transformation 410 (AMR 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Deeds and notarial practice 410 (ANO 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Tax practice 420 (BLP 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Law and the community 420 (CLW 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Land and land reform law 420 (GHR 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Medical law 410 (GRG 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Private international law 410 (IPR 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Jurisprudence 420 (JUR 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Child law 410 (KID 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Information and communications technology law 420 (KUB 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Law of banking and financial institutions 410 (LBF 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Media law 420 (MDR 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Municipal law 410 (MRG 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Environmental law 410 (OMR 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Education law 420 (ONR 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Legal problems of HIV and AIDS 410 (RHV 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Law of damages 410 (SGR 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Statutory crimes 410 (SMI 410) - Credits: 10.00
- Social security law 420 (SOR 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Sports law 420 (SRR 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Transnational business law 420 (TBR 420) - Credits: 10.00
- Trusts and estates 410 (TBS 410) - Credits: 10.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.