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Jurisprudence 110 (JUR 110)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Law](#)

Module credits 15.00

Programmes [BCom Law](#)

[BA Law](#)

[LLB](#)

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week, 4 seminars

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Jurisprudence

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in law

The module has both a theoretical and skills component. All elements described below will encompass conceptual knowledge combined with practical application.

UNDERLYING JURISPRUDENTIAL ASPECTS OF LAW / THE LAW IN GENERAL

- (a) A first-year definition of law / the Law
- (b) The relationships between law and society, law and history, law and politics, law and language
- (c) Being a law student or lawyer in South Africa
- (d) Introduction to different perspectives on the law

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL SYSTEM AND ITS HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

SOURCES OF SOUTH AFRICAN LAW AND THEIR HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

- (a) Introduction to characteristics and components of the South African legal system
- (b) Mixed legal systems
- (c) The South African Constitution and its historical development
- (d) Customary law and its historical development
- (e) Common law and its historical development
- (f) Primary and other sources of modern South African law
- (g) Applying the sources of law to a set of facts and relying on the sources of law to answer a jurisprudential question.

THE ABOVE CONTENT FORMS THE BASIS OF THE SKILLS COMPONENT (INCORPORATING ACADEMIC LITERACY SKILLS) WHICH CONSISTS OF:

- (a) Conducting research in the library
- (b) Finding, reading and applying the sources of law
- (c) Reading, understanding and summarising texts on topics of law
- (d) Analysing, criticising and improving ("edit") a piece of writing on the law in a theoretical sense; and
- (e) Writing a well-constructed essay or paragraph on legal problems and topics of law or legal history.

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