

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

Research: Essay and seminar 410 (SKY 410)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty Faculty of Law

Module credits 30.00

Programmes LLB

Prerequisites RHP 320

Contact time 1 lecture per week, 3 seminars per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Department Law Deans Office

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

(a) The essay deals with a subject from the field of law.

(b) The supervisor advises final-year students of the date on which the subject of the essay must be submitted to him for approval.

(c) The head of department responsible for the subject, or a lecturer designated by him/her, acts as project leader and as examiner: Provided that the head of department may appoint an external examiner should he/she deem it necessary.

(d) Two typed, duplicated or printed copies of the essay of between 8 000 and 14 000 words (with an indication of the amount of words on the last page of the essay), must be submitted. The date when the essay must be submitted will be communicated.

Each lecturer supervises a maximum of 15 students annually. The topics chosen by these students must preferably be thematically linked. At the beginning of the year, all registered students as a group attend one compulsory lecture on the approach to and writing of an essay. Following this, each lecturer organises one seminar of two hours with his or her group of students, during which students submit the topics and basic structure of their essays.

After completion of the essays, a copy of each essay is made available to students. For this purpose, one copy must be handed in at the library, and the other at the supervisor. The lecturer then organises a further series of seminars, where each student presents his or her conclusions for the group to criticise. At these seminars, the lecturer also involves another faculty member or expert.

The evaluation is as follows:

Written document: 70%

Participation in seminar: 30%

Draft essay: 10%



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