



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

MPhil Disability Rights (Coursework) (04251026)

Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	200
NQF level	09
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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

- At least an honours degree in an academic discipline relevant to legal aspects in South Africa or Africa as well as to the contents of the specific MPhil coursework programme **OR** any other qualification in an academic discipline relevant to legal aspects in South Africa or Africa as well as to the contents of the specific MPhil coursework programme that allows admission to a master's programme at the institution where the undergraduate qualification was obtained. If the duration of that qualification is less than four years, substantial proven practical or professional experience in legal aspects in South Africa or Africa will furthermore be required, subject to the discretion of the Dean.
- Foreign qualifications are subject to SAQA evaluation.
- A minimum average mark of 65% with respect to the prescribed modules of the honours programme is required for admission to the MPhil coursework programmes.
- An acceptable level of proficiency in English is required.

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 multidisciplinary 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: 200



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

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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