

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

LLM Insurance Law and Governance (Coursework) (04252025)

Department Mercantile Law

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 200

NQF level 09

Programme information

This programme is available for international students.

Closing date for applications: SA applicants – 30 September; non-SA applicants – 31 August.

The duration of the programme will, in general, be four semesters (two years), subject to fulfilment of all the requirements for the degree and payment of the full amount prescribed for the LLM degree.

The two-year period may only be extended by the Postgraduate Committee on the recommendation of the relevant head of department based on good reason shown and if it is clear that the student will be able to complete the programme in a further year of study.

Please contact the Faculty with regard to specific regulations pertaining to LLM degree programmes.

Admission requirements

1. LLB degree **or** BProc degree **or** relevant degree from a foreign university that allows entrance to the formal legal profession
2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level

Other programme-specific information

This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.

Mini-dissertation

The mini-dissertation must comprise 13 000 to 15 000 words – including footnotes, but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

Any request for an extension of the period for the submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Dean on the recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee.

Research information

The relevant head of department must recommend a supervisor and a 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 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

Core modules

General principles of insurance law 801 (MRL 801)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The aim of this module is to equip students with a thorough understanding of the general principles of insurance law.

The topics covered include:

- Technique and history of insurance
- Sources of insurance law
- Insurance contract law
- Insurance intermediaries

Insurance regulation and governance 802 (MRL 802)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	MRL 801
Contact time	30 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The aim of this module is to equip students with a thorough understanding of the way in which insurance companies are regulated and the governance principles applicable to insurance companies.

The topics covered include:

- Supervision and governance
- Insurance claims handling
- Dispute resolution



Research methodology 801 (RHP 801)

Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	8 seminars or block sessions
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

- Planning and organising a research project
- Drafting a research proposal: Hypotheses and research question
- Theory in research and methodological approaches to legal research
- Language
- Citation and ethics of citation
- Drafting of chapters and presentation

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800)

Module credits	100.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	RHP 801 and RHP 803
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

- The student must submit a research proposal during his/her first year of registration for the LLM degree to the supervisor prior to commencing with the writing of the mini-dissertation.
- A mini-dissertation (MND 800) of 13 000 to 15 000 words inclusive of footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography, is required. The mini-dissertation must be submitted to the supervisor not later than August of the second year of registration for the LLM programme. The mini-dissertation must deal with the subject content of one of the modules or a combination of the modules registered for by the student for his/her LLM degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Dean on recommendation of the LLM Committee

Capita Selecta of Insurance Law 803 (MRL 803)

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	MRL 802
Contact time	30 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The topics covered include:

- Microinsurance
- Reinsurance
- Aspects of international insurance law

Research proposal 803 (RHP 803)

Module credits	5.00
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NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Development and presentation of a research proposal. (A research proposal must be submitted to the supervisor and accepted in the first semester of the second year of study before the student will be allowed to register for the mini-dissertation.)

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.