

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

Legal interpretation 210 (RVW 210)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Law](#)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 06

Programmes [BA \(Law\)](#)

[LLB](#)

Prerequisites Admission to the relevant programme.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Public Law

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB, BAdmin, BA specialising in law and BCom Taxation

Statute law:

- General introduction: relationship between text and context
- What is legislation: categories and types of legislation
- The structure and format of legislation (enacted law texts)
- Commencement, amendment and demise of legislation

Principles of interpretation:

- How to interpret legislation: various theories and methods of interpretation and the influence of the supreme Constitution on statutory interpretation
- Internal and external aids to determine the legislative purpose
- So-called peremptory and directory provisions
- Statutory interpretation and judicial lawmaking
- Basic principles of constitutional interpretation

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