LLB (04130012)

Department	Law Dean's Office
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	501
NQF level	08

Programme information

Refer to General Academic Regulations G1-G15.

The LLB is the first professional qualification for legal practitioners and provides qualifiers with the necessary theoretical knowledge and practical skills to gain entry into the formal legal profession (eg attorneys/advocates), or to follow other careers in law.

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 2022

- The admission requirements apply to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications.**
- **Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to:
  ○ **Brochure:** Undergraduate Programme Information 2022: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at click here.
- **Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens)** should also refer to:
  ○ **Brochure:** Newcomer's Guide 2021, available at click here.
  ○ **Website:** click here.
- **School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development Test (GED):** The University of Pretoria no longer accepts qualifications awarded by these institutions.
- **National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme at the University of Pretoria (UP) –

- is a registered student at another tertiary institution, **or** was previously registered at another tertiary institution and did not complete the programme enrolled for at that institution, and is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, **or** has completed studies at another tertiary institution, but is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, **or** has started with tertiary studies at UP, then moved to another tertiary institution and wants to be readmitted at UP.

A transferring student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); **and** meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; **or** having completed a higher certificate at a tertiary institution with faculty-specific subjects/modules passed (equal to or more than 50%), as well as complying with faculty rules on admission;
- previous academic performance (must have passed all modules registered for up to the closing date of application) or as per faculty regulation/promotion requirements;
- a certificate of good conduct.

Note: Students who have been dismissed at the previous institution due to poor academic performance, will not be considered for admission to UP.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme –

- is a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP, **or** was previously registered at UP and did not complete the programme enrolled for, and did not enrol at another tertiary institution in the meantime (including students who applied for leave of absence), **or** has completed studies at UP, but is not currently enrolled or was not enrolled at another tertiary institution after graduation.

A returning student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); **and** meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; **or** previous academic performance (should have a cumulative weighted average of at least 50% for the programme enrolled for);
- having applied for and was granted leave of absence.

Note: Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP. The Admissions Committee may consider such students if they were not dismissed more than twice. Only ONE transfer between UP faculties will be allowed, and a maximum of two (2) transfers within a faculty.

Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2022

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline for non-selection programmes. Once a non-selection programme is full and has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- The following persons will be considered for admission: Candidates who have a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement; candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution, and candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Grade 11 results are used for the conditional admission of prospective students.
- A valid qualification with admission to degree studies is required.
- Minimum subject and achievement requirements, as set out below, are required.
- All modules will be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.
- Applicants complying with the minimum admission requirements are admitted as they apply according to the places available. The application process will allow for diversity in admissions. Ideally the faculty strives to admit at least 50% first-year black (African, Indian and coloured) students. The admission process should not lead to a situation where less than 50% first-year black (African, Indian and coloured) students are admitted. If

this should happen, the admissions should be adjusted to give preference to the most meritorious black (African, Indian and coloured) candidates.

- Candidates who have graduated and candidates with an APS of 38 or higher and an achievement level of at least 5 in English, may be selected if there are places available, at the discretion of the faculty's Admissions Committee, based on the NSC or equivalent qualification results, the complete university academic record and certificate of conduct.

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Minimum requirements Achievement level	
English Home Language or English First Additional Language	**APS**
NSC/IEB 5	**32**

* Spaces are limited and candidates are **urged to apply as early as possible in the year**.

Other programme-specific information

The Dean determines which elective modules will be presented each year, taking into consideration the availability of lecturing personnel, space and financial implications and/or other circumstances. The Dean may determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module. The Dean may, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular fourth-year elective module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures nine or fewer students are registered for the module.

A student may only register for a final-year elective module in the LLB if the student qualifies as a finalist for that year of study. Students who are not finalists may only enrol for a final-year elective where, upon written application, the Dean of the Faculty of Law allows such a registration based on the student's academic record and circumstances.

The Dean has the discretion to credit any other legal module of equal standard passed at another institution as an elective.

The following aspects should be kept in mind:

- Students have to familiarise themselves with the prerequisites for modules from other faculties.
- The modules must fit in on the timetable.
- Number limits of some modules.

The Dean has the discretion to also credit any other legal module of equal standard presented at the University of Pretoria as an elective on an ad hoc basis where this module is not provided for in the current LLB offering, subject to prior approval of the Dean.

Advisory note: Students who intend to pursue an LLB degree must note that to obtain the LLB degree they will be required to obtain at least 24 credits from the following list of language modules: ENG 118, ENG 110, ENG 120.

General requirements

1. Repeating of modules and maximum number of modules per year

- Students who fail modules must repeat the modules in the following year.

- Students will, however, not be allowed to take more than 150 credits per year. (This will mean that in certain instances students will not be allowed to take all the modules required for a specific year as the outstanding modules must first be repeated and passed.) The Dean may, however, exercise discretion to grant exemption from this provision.
- Upon registration for a specific year of study, a student must first register for all modules still outstanding from the curriculum of previous study years, before the student may register for modules from the curriculum of the current or later years of study.
- BA (Law) and BCom (Law) students who register concurrently for the LLB must adhere to their primary faculty's rules regarding concurrent registration.
- It is the student's responsibility to choose modules that will not lead to class, test or examination timetable clashes

2. Credit for modules

Students transferring from another university can only obtain credit for at the most 50% of the modules needed for the degree and must complete at least 50% of the modules at the University of Pretoria.

Dean's merit list

The Student Administration office publishes the Dean's merit list by March of every calendar year. The list contains the student numbers, in chronological sequence, of those LLB students who achieved a weighted average (ie in accordance with the credit value of each module) of at least 75% in the preceding calendar year.

The weighted average is calculated as follows: The final mark obtained for each module for which the student registered in the preceding calendar year is multiplied by the credit value for that particular module. The sum of the values so obtained for each module are added together and divided by the total of the credit values of all modules for which the student registered in the preceding calendar year. The average so calculated is not rounded off.

A student who failed module(s) or who failed to gain entrance to the exam in the module(s) in a given calendar year may not appear on the Dean's merit list for that calendar year.

Although modules credited from other universities are not considered for calculating the weighted average, a student with an average of 75% will qualify for the Dean's merit.

A transferring student will qualify for the Dean's merit list with the average of 75% for all modules passed at UP for that calender year.

Examinations and pass requirements

Please consult the Examination and Test policy as contained in the Faculty Regulations.

Promotion to next study year

(According to Regulation G3 the Faculty Board may set promotion requirements which students must adhere to before they will be promoted.)

- A student must pass modules to the value of 66% in order to be promoted to the next year of study. A student who passed fewer than 4 semester modules will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Law. (BA (Law) and BCom (Law) students who register concurrently for the LLB will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Law if they pass less than 50% of the LLB modules.) A student, who has forfeited readmission to the Faculty, may apply in writing to the Admissions Committee of the Faculty for conditional readmission to the Faculty – with the proviso that the Admissions Committee may stipulate further requirements for progress. A student's application for conditional readmission to the Faculty may be refused. A student who registered concurrently for the LLB and

who is dismissed at the primary faculty will not be allowed to register for the LLB either.

- A student who has been conditionally readmitted to the Faculty will have his/her studies monitored after the first-semester examination in order to determine whether such student has met the set conditions.
- Re-registration will only be permitted if a student is capable of completing the degree in the prescribed minimum period of 4 years plus a further 2 years according to the opinion of the Admissions Committee.
- For BA (Law) and BCom (Law) students who register concurrently with the LLB or continue with the LLB after graduating with the BA (Law) or BCom (Law), re-registration will be permitted if the student is capable of completing the LLB in a further 2 years of study, after taking into account the number of years it took the student to complete the BA (Law) or BCom (Law), and the student's academic record. An additional year may be granted by the Admissions Committee.

Pass with distinction

For the 4-year LLB degree to be awarded with distinction, a student must obtain a grade point average (ie in accordance with the credit value of each module) of at least 75% in respect of all the modules prescribed for the third and fourth years of the LLB degree, completed at this University. The grade point average is calculated as follows: The final mark obtained for each third- and fourth-year module prescribed for the LLB degree, including the electives, is multiplied by the credit value of that particular module. The sum of these values are added together and divided by the total of the credit values of all prescribed third- and fourth-year LLB modules. The average so calculated is not rounded off. A student who failed a third- or fourth-year LLB module, including any of the electives, may not be awarded the degree with distinction.

BA (Law) graduates

For the LLB degree to be awarded with distinction to a BA (Law) (UP) graduate, a student must obtain a grade point average (ie in accordance with the credit value of each module) of at least 75% in respect of the following modules completed at this University:

RPK 210 and 220

VBB 220

BLR 310

BWR 310 and 320

IGZ 320

ISR 310

ODR 320

PBL 310 and 320

SAR 310

VHD 320

ABR 410

PBL 410 and 420

PVR 420

SIP 412 and 421

ESS 400

SPR 411 and 421

Four final-year electives

The grade point average is calculated as follows: The final mark obtained for each of the modules listed above, including the electives, is multiplied by the credit value of that particular module. The sum of these values are added together and divided by the total of the credit values of the modules listed above. The average so calculated is not rounded off. A BA (Law) (UP) graduate who failed any of the modules listed above, including any

of the electives, may not be awarded the LLB degree with distinction.

BCom (Law) graduates

For the LLB degree to be awarded with distinction to a BCom (Law) (UP) graduate, a student must obtain a grade point average (ie in accordance with the credit value of each module) of at least 75% in respect of the following modules completed at this University:

FMR 121
PBL 200
RPK 210 and 220
RPR 210
RVW 210
BLR 310
BWR 310 and 320
IGZ 320
JUR 310
PBL 310 and 320
ABR 410
PBL 410 and 420
PVR 420
SIP 412 and 421
ESS 400
SPR 411 and 421
Four final-year electives

The grade point average is calculated as follows: The final mark obtained for each of the modules listed above, including the electives, is multiplied by the credit value of that particular module. The sum of these values are added together and divided by the total of the credit values of the modules listed above. The average so calculated is not rounded off. A BCom (Law) (UP) graduate who failed any of the modules listed above, including any of the electives, may not be awarded the LLB degree with distinction.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 121

Fundamental credits: 38
Core credits: 59
Elective credits: 24

- Select only two of the ENG modules
- Select two electives from the below mentioned list
- If FRK is selected as electives, INF 183 has to be selected as well

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Family law 121 (FMR 121) - Credits: 15.00
Jurisprudence 110 (JUR 110) - Credits: 15.00
Jurisprudence 120 (JUR 120) - Credits: 15.00
Law of persons 110 (PSR 110) - Credits: 10.00
Roman law 120 (ROM 120) - Credits: 10.00
Academic orientation 104 (UPO 104) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00
English for specific purposes 118 (ENG 118) - Credits: 12.00
English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

Afrikaans 110 (AFR 110) - Credits: 12.00
Afrikaans 114 (AFR 114) - Credits: 12.00
Afrikaans 120 (AFR 120) - Credits: 12.00
Philosophy 110 (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00
Philosophy 120 (FIL 120) - Credits: 12.00
Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111) - Credits: 10.00
Financial accounting 122 (FRK 122) - Credits: 12.00
History 110 (GES 110) - Credits: 12.00
History 120 (GES 120) - Credits: 12.00
Informatics 183 (INF 183) - Credits: 3.00
Criminology 110 (KRM 110) - Credits: 12.00
Criminology 120 (KRM 120) - Credits: 12.00
Sociology 110 (SOC 110) - Credits: 12.00
Sociology 120 (SOC 120) - Credits: 12.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Law of succession 222 (ERF 222) - Credits: 15.00
Specific contracts 220 (KTH 220) - Credits: 15.00
Law of contract 211 (KTR 211) - Credits: 15.00
Public Law 210 (PBL 210) - Credits: 10.00
Public Law 220 (PBL 220) - Credits: 10.00
Legal practice 210 (RPK 210) - Credits: 10.00
Legal practice 220 (RPK 220) - Credits: 10.00
Legal pluralism 210 (RPR 210) - Credits: 10.00
Legal interpretation 210 (RVW 210) - Credits: 10.00
Consumer protection 220 (VBB 220) - Credits: 15.00

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 127

Core modules

Tax law 310 (BLR 310) - Credits: 10.00
Law of evidence 310 (BWR 310) - Credits: 8.00
Law of evidence 320 (BWR 320) - Credits: 7.00
Law of delict 320 (DLR 320) - Credits: 15.00
Intellectual property law 320 (IGZ 320) - Credits: 10.00
Insolvency law 310 (ISR 310) - Credits: 10.00
Jurisprudence 310 (JUR 310) - Credits: 10.00
Entrepreneurial law 320 (ODR 320) - Credits: 12.00
Public law 310 (PBL 310) - Credits: 10.00
Public law 320 (PBL 320) - Credits: 10.00
Research methodology 320 (RHP 320) - Credits: 5.00
Law of things 310 (SAR 310) - Credits: 15.00
Payment methods 320 (VHD 320) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 140

Select 4 electives to the value of 40 credits.

Core modules

Labour law 410 (ABR 410) - Credits: 10.00
Essay and seminar 400 (ESS 400) - Credits: 25.00
Public law 410 (PBL 410) - Credits: 10.00
Public law 420 (PBL 420) - Credits: 10.00
Private law 420 (PVR 420) - Credits: 10.00
Civil procedure law 412 (SIP 412) - Credits: 8.00
Civil procedure law 421 (SIP 421) - Credits: 7.00
Criminal procedure law 411 (SPR 411) - Credits: 8.00
Criminal procedure law 421 (SPR 421) - Credits: 7.00

Elective modules

Law and transformation 410 (AMR 410) - Credits: 10.00
Deeds and notarial practice 410 (ANO 410) - Credits: 10.00
Tax practice 420 (BLP 420) - Credits: 10.00
Law and the community 420 (CLW 420) - Credits: 10.00
Construction and engineering law 420 (CNL 420) - Credits: 10.00
Introduction to disability rights 420 (DRL 420) - Credits: 10.00
Extractive industry law 420 (EIL 420) - Credits: 10.00
Land and related reform 420 (GHR 420) - Credits: 10.00
Medical law 410 (GRG 410) - Credits: 10.00
Private international law 410 (IPR 410) - Credits: 10.00
Capita selecta of insurance law 420 (ISL 420) - Credits: 10.00
Jurisprudence 420 (JUR 420) - Credits: 10.00
Child law 410 (KID 410) - Credits: 10.00
Information and communications technology law 420 (KUB 420) - Credits: 10.00
Law of banking and financial institutions 410 (LBF 410) - Credits: 10.00
Media law 420 (MDR 420) - Credits: 10.00
Municipal law 410 (MRG 410) - Credits: 10.00
Environmental law 410 (OMR 410) - Credits: 10.00
Education law 420 (ONR 420) - Credits: 10.00
Legal problems of HIV and AIDS 410 (RHV 410) - Credits: 10.00
Law of competition 420 (SCL 420) - Credits: 10.00
Law of damages 410 (SGR 410) - Credits: 10.00
Statutory crimes 410 (SMI 410) - Credits: 10.00
Social security law 420 (SOR 420) - Credits: 10.00
Sports law 420 (SRR 420) - Credits: 10.00
Transnational business law 420 (TBR 420) - Credits: 10.00
Trusts and estates 410 (TBS 410) - Credits: 10.00

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The General Academic Regulations (G Regulations) and General Student Rules apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.