University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

Faculty of Law

Welcome to the Faculty of Law

Seen from one perspective, the Faculty of Law consists of staff, students and the building. It is, however, also much more than that: It represents an idea, namely the idea of a society governed by the rule of law and not by individuals. Our Faculty pursues this idea by focusing on the law and on excellence in all divisions of jurisprudence. It is also pursued by focusing on jurists and by preparing our students to become leaders of their communities where they can promote the law and its principles effectively.

Faculty regulations and information

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

The General Academic 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.

1. Exemption/credits for undergraduate modules passed at other institutions

Also refer to G1.5 and G9.

Students must apply on the prescribed form that is electronically available from the Student Administration office or on the following link: https://www.up.ac.za/students/article/2745831/forms-request-to-change-information.

The complete syllabus of the module concerned must accompany the application.

Students transferring from another university must complete at least half (50%) of the modules needed for the LLB degree at this University and must be a registered student of this University for at least two years before graduation.

2. Examination policy

2.1 General

The examinations in first-semester modules usually takes place in May/June, while examinations in second-semester modules usually takes place in October/November. Each student has the responsibility

to ascertain when modules will be written according to the official examination timetable.

The use of correction fluid in tests, examinations and assignments is prohibited.

Where venue-based sit-down tests or examinations take place, no cell phones or any other electronic means of communication are allowed in test or examination venues.

2.2 Examination admission and pass requirements

A semester mark of at least 40% is required in order to be admitted to the examination in any module, with the exception of first-semester modules at 100 level for which the minimum requirement is 30%.

A final mark of at least 50% is required in order to pass a module. The final mark is the average mark of the semester and the examination mark but a subminimum of 40% is required in the examination in each module. Should the student fail to achieve the required subminimum, the lecturer could grant a supplementary examination, provided that the final mark is at least 40%.

The pass mark for essays, seminars, etc. is at least 50%.

2.3 Ancillary/discretionary examinations

After completion of an examination and before the examination results are released, the examiners may summon a student for a special examination on particular aspects of the work of that module. This will rest within the discretion of the head of department and the lecturer concerned.

2.4 Feedback and re-marking of examination papers

After an examination, departments provide feedback to students about the framework that was used by the examiners during the examination. The way in which feedback is given, is determined by the head of the department in consultation with the subject head. Students may apply for re-marking of an examination paper after perusal of such paper within 14 calendar days after commencement of lectures in the next semester. The prescribed fee has to be paid**.** The paper will then be re-marked by an alternate examiner appointed by the head of the department concerned. If the supplementary examination in the relevant module has already been written by the time that the result of the re-mark becomes available, a student will not be granted a supplementary examination based on the results of the re-mark but the head of the department in consultation with the subject head can award an ancillary/discretionary examination based on the results of the re-mark.

2.5 Supplementary examinations

Supplementary examinations in first-semester modules usually takes place after the May/June examinations, while those in second-semester modules usually takes place after the October/November examinations.

To pass a supplementary examination, a student must obtain a minimum of 50% in the supplementary examination – the semester mark does not count and the supplementary mark is the final mark. The highest final mark that may be awarded to a student in a supplementary examination is 50%.

All students with a final mark of 40%-49% will qualify to write the supplementary examination. Additional supplementary examinations are not available for students who are unable to write the examination at the times scheduled.

2.6 Special examinations

Students who do not write their examinations on the scheduled day, may apply for a special examination at the Student Administration office. Each request is referred to the Dean in consultation with the Student Matters Committee for a decision. Lecturers are not allowed to grant any permission for this category of examination. It is the responsibility of the student to ascertain whether his/her request has been successful. If permission has been granted, the student must write the special examination during the supplementary examination. Such a student will not qualify for a further supplementary examination.

Application for the above examination must be handed in at the Student Administration office together with a valid medical certificate not later than three working days after the module should have been written. The worn excuses of having overslept or read the timetable incorrectly will not be accepted.

A student who has been granted permission to write a special examination and who then fails to write the examination will not qualify to submit any such application at a later stage.

In the case of illness, a doctor who treated the student must certify on a medical certificate that the particular student was, in the doctor's opinion, not in a fit state to prepare for or to sit for the test as a result of ill health. A medical certificate indicating that the student was, according to his/her own opinion, unfit to prepare for or to sit for the test is unacceptable.

A medical certificate will not be accepted if it does not contain the physical address, telephone number and stamp of the doctor/medical practice. The practice number should also be indicated on the medical certificate.

Where in the course of his/her studies at the University of Pretoria a student applies for a special examination in a law module for the fifth (or further) time, that student may be requested to appear before the Student Matters Committee of the Faculty to substantiate why he/she should be allowed to write another special examination.

In cases where a reason other than sickness is relied upon, the student must submit an affidavit that reflects the reason for his/her absence from the examination. Further evidentiary documents or supporting affidavits as determined by the subject head must also be submitted.

The general rule is that a student does not qualify for a special examination if the student elected to write the scheduled examination while ill. In exceptional circumstances the Student Matters Committee may rule otherwise, taking into account factors such as the nature of the illness, the student's academic record and the student's performance in the scheduled examination.

2.7 Chancellor's examinations

A final-year student who has not complied with all the requirements for the LLB degree, with four or less modules will qualify for a chancellor's examination in January of the following year. The Chancellor's exam

fee must be paid before sitting for the examination. Should the student fail the module(s), the particular module(s) must be repeated in full. For all four (or fewer) modules the student must have obtained at least examination entrance in the final year of registration. However, if a student has a single module outstanding to complete the LLB degree, she/he will be allowed to write the January Chancellor's examination if she/he had at any time during her/his studies obtained at least examination entrance for that outstanding module.

2.8 Class attendance

Class attendance in all law modules and for the full duration of the LLB programme is compulsory for all students. The course coordinator of a particular law module must publish the attendance requirements of that module in the study guide and must set out how class attendance will be monitored.

A student may be refused admission to the examination in a particular law module if he/she failed to fulfil the published attendance requirements in that module.

3. Test policy

3.1 Semester tests/assignments

There will be at least two evaluation opportunities per semester or year module in the first three years of the LLB programme and at least one evaluation opportunity per semester for the final-year semester or year modules.

Exceptions:

- Modules in which the Faculty has given permission in advance that the semester mark may be calculated in another manner.
- Where a student is only taking a special test as described hereunder.

The dates of official semester tests may only be changed with the permission of all members of a class group present during a scheduled lecture. If such a change of schedule occurs, the onus is on each student to find out about it. Absence from the class in which such arrangements were made will not serve as an excuse.

Students are entitled to perusal of test scripts and assignments but not to a re-mark by either the lecturer or an external examiner. However, in exceptional circumstances the head of the relevant department may, in consultation with the deputy dean, make a ruling regarding the re-marking of a test script or assignment. In general, an application for a re-mark must be brought within two weeks after the test script or assignment has been made available to the student.

3.2 Special tests

There is only one special test opportunity and this takes place at the end of the semester. Students must obtain the details from the lecturer. The test will cover all the work completed up to the date of the test, unless the lecturer concerned, in consultation with the relevant head of department, indicates otherwise.

A student who is unable to write an official semester test on the scheduled date or at the scheduled time,

must apply in writing for a special test.

Application must be made in writing before the date of the test to the lecturer responsible for the administration of the module concerned or at the departmental secretary. Where this is not possible, the application must be made within three working days after the date of the test.

In the case of a student being required to write two semester tests that are scheduled to take place on the same day and time, the student must write the scheduled semester test in the module that he/she is repeating, and the extraordinary test in the module that he/she is not repeating.

In the case of illness, a doctor who treated the student must certify on a medical certificate that the particular student was, in the doctor's opinion, not in a fit state to prepare for or to sit for the test as a result of ill health. A medical certificate indicating that the student was, according to his/her own opinion, unfit to prepare for or to sit for the test is unacceptable.

A medical certificate will not be accepted if it does not contain the physical address, telephone number and stamp of the doctor/medical practice. The practice number should also be indicated on the medical certificate.

In cases where a reason other than sickness is relied upon, the student must submit an affidavit that reflects the reason for his/her absence from the test. Further evidentiary documents or supporting affidavits from persons who may be able to give evidence regarding the situation must also be submitted. In the event of a funeral, a copy of the death certificate of the deceased or other substantiating evidence is required together with an explanation of the relationship between the student and the deceased.

The worn excuses of having overslept or read the timetable incorrectly will not be accepted.

Students must confirm with the lecturer that a special test has been granted. A student, who cannot get hold of the lecturer in person, must preferably hand the documentation to the relevant departmental secretary.

A record is kept of every application for a special test. This information may later be disclosed to prospective employers who seek letters of reference from the Faculty.

A student who has been granted permission to write a special test and who then fails to write the test, will not qualify for any such test at a later stage unless the head of department determines otherwise.

Where a student wishes to write two or more special tests that are scheduled to take place on the same day and time, the student must apply in writing to the Student Matters Committee to be allowed to write special test in all relevant modules. The Student Matters Committee must consider the application and may grant or deny the application to write one or more aerostats/extraordinary tests. If the application to write all relevant special tests is granted, the Committee must rule on how the clash is to be resolved.

A student does not qualify for a special test if the student elected to write the scheduled test while ill. In exceptional circumstances the head of department may rule otherwise, taking into account factors such as the nature of the illness, the student's academic record and the student's performance in the scheduled examination.

4. Releasing of assessment feedback

Lecturers will advise students where test scripts will be made available. The lecturer will give the students feedback on semester tests, either by way of a written memorandum or a class discussion. Each department will also make known to students the process by which changes to marks, will be handled in that department.

Lecturers will advise students in advance of the date on which perusal of examination papers will take place. At such a perusal session there will be a written memorandum or the lecturer must otherwise, by a method that he/she shall determine, give the students feedback on the paper. Students who are unable to attend the official perusal session may apply to the lecturer, in the same manner as for a special test, for an opportunity to see the examination script. No lecturer is under any obligation to grant any student such a perusal opportunity more than two weeks after the commencement of the following semester. (Refer to G14 Perusal and re-marking of examination scripts.)

Final marks will be available on the student portal.

Lecturers are entitled to destroy examination scripts one year after the completion of the relevant examination session.

5. Handling of problems and consulting hours of the Dean and lecturers

Students who have a problem must first determine whether the problem relates to their registration with the University or to the module. In both instances the Student Administration should be consulted first.

A problem regarding the content of a particular module must first be taken up with the specific lecturer responsible for the module. If the student cannot be assisted with his/her problem at this level, he/she must consult with the relevant head of department and afterwards with the Dean, if necessary.

Lecturers in a specific department work under the guidance of a head of department. Lecturers or the head of the department can be consulted during their consulting hours or otherwise, by appointment. If a lecturer must be consulted by appointment, the appointment must be arranged with the relevant lecturer or the departmental administrator.

Students may consult the Dean by making an appointment, in advance, with the Dean’s office.

6. Testimonials required for good conduct

Students suspected of dishonest conduct maybe charged with misconduct. If the student is found guilty, disciplinary steps maybe taken, of which suspension from the university is one possibility. Dishonest conduct may include but is not limited to copying of work during tests or examinations; copying of assignments/plagiarism; the illegal use of notes during tests and examinations; the submission of forged medical certificates or false affidavits.

Prospective law students must note that the governing bodies of the legal profession require every prospective candidate who applies for admission to the profession to submit a testimonial from the Faculty of Law to satisfy the governing body that he/she is fit and proper to do so. The testimonial should

disclose any previous criminal convictions or disciplinary steps taken against the applicant. In such instances a decision will be taken by the governing body and it is possible that the application can be refused. Please note that it may take up to 10 working days for the Faculty of Law administrative staff to have such a testimonial prepared.

Undergraduate Degree

Bachelor of Laws [LLB] (04130012)

Minimum duration of study	4 years

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 2023

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications. Click here for this Faculty Brochure.**

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

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

You will be considered for final admission to degree studies if space allows, and if you have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to bachelor's degree studies, and comply with the minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of your chosen programme.

Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned should refer to the Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2023: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at click here.

International students: Click here.

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

Closing dates: Same as above.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

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, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

Closing date for applications from returning students

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

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 is 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 is 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 is 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.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

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
Jurisprudence 110 (JUR 110) - Credits: 15.00
Jurisprudence 120 (JUR 120) - Credits: 15.00
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
Family law 121 (FMR 121) - Credits: 15.00
Law of persons 110 (PSR 110) - Credits: 10.00
Roman law 120 (ROM 120) - Credits: 10.00

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
Politics 101 (PTO 101) - Credits: 24.00
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
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
Advanced legal pluralism 410 (RPR 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

Master's

LLM (04250005)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Regulations G.30-G.56 as well as the LLM Policy Document of the Faculty of Law.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline document of the Faculty of Law.

The primary purpose of an LLM by dissertation is to educate and train law graduates as researchers who can contribute to the development of knowledge at an advanced level which is predominantly focused on one or more legal disciplines or prepare graduates for advanced and specialised professional employment.

The minimum duration of the programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Registration and renewal of registration
If admitted, a student can register immediately for the LLM by dissertation programme. The following two or three modules must be registered for and completed within one year of registration:

1. Research methodology (RHP 802) (non-credit bearing) offered by the Faculty of Law
If the student can show sufficient evidence of competence in research skills required at postgraduate level the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, on recommendation of the supervisor, may exempt the student from this module.

2. Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal (RHP 804) (non-credit-bearing)
An oral defence of the research proposal including an assessment of the feasibility of the dissertation statement, research question or questions and argument to be developed in the LLM dissertation is required.

The supervisor convenes an adjudicating panel which is chaired by the head of department and includes the supervisor, at least one more internal adjudicator and at least one external adjudicator. An adjudicator should hold at least a master’s degree.

A draft research proposal including a bibliography that covers the main fields to be covered by the study, the dissertation statement, research question or questions and argument must be sent to the examination panel three weeks prior to the oral defence. (Such a draft research proposal must first be approved by the supervisor.) The student must convince the adjudicating panel of the feasibility of the topic and his or her knowledge of the research subject and ability to conduct the research. Where required by the panel, the draft proposal must be further reworked in light of the comments at the oral defence and a final proposal submitted to the satisfaction of the supervisor before the student may embark on the writing of the dissertation. (No exemption can be granted from this requirement.)

A proposal may only be submitted for oral defence with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee considers the request and may allow the proposal to be submitted for defence or may turn down the request. Should the Faculty Postgraduate Committee turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Dean, who must consider the matter based on

reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

A student who does not complete the abovementioned two modules within one year of registration may be excluded from the Faculty and if he/she seeks readmission to the Faculty, may submit a written request to the Dean that his/her application for readmission to the Faculty be considered in terms of the set procedure.

3. Structured research proposal preparation (RHP 806) (non-credit-bearing)
The supervisor may prescribe that a particular student must follow a structured programme to be determined by the supervisor and approved by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The supervisor may also set the requirements, as approved by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, for complying with the module.

Admission requirements

1. LLB degree **or** BProc degree **or** relevant degree from a foreign university that allows entrance to a master's degree
2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level **or** a weighted average of below 65%:
   - relevant work experience
   - other academic qualifications
3. An admissions examination may be required
4. A portfolio consisting of:
   - recent research-based essays or assignments
   - a letter of motivation

Research information

With regard to the abovementioned curriculum, the relevant General Academic Regulations. apply and the dissertation counts 100% for the final mark. The dissertation consists of 36 000-48 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the table of contents and the bibliography. The final copy of the dissertation must be accompanied by a proof of submission of an article to a journal accredited by the Department of Higher Education and Training. The article must be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation and be approved by the supervisor. The Faculty of Law guideline document on co-authorship with students applies.

Agreement
A written agreement between the student and supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other. The supervisor has the responsibility to ensure that the dissertation is properly prepared by the student.

Pass with distinction

For the degree to be awarded with distinction a student must obtain a minimum of 75% for the dissertation.

General information

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Dissertation: Law 890 (LLM 890) - Credits: 200.00
Research methodology 802 (RHP 802) - Credits: 0.00
Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal 804 (RHP 804) - Credits: 0.00

LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) (04252114)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.

b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: “I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree ……at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution.”
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner’s decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation.

Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.

c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination

copies of the mini-dissertation.

c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate’s ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

d. Examiners’ reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to

review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.

iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.
iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports
i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.
ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.
iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.
iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.
v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module

will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module, the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

In addition to the compulsory core modules, choose one module of 30 credits from the elective modules.

Core modules

Administrative law 802 (ASL 802) - Credits: 30.00
Constitutional law 801 (CSL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

Environmental law 802 (ENL 802) - Credits: 30.00
Socio-economic rights in the South African Constitution 802 (SRC 802) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) (04252112)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

A limited number of approximately between 10 and 15 students are selected per year.
New applicants are only admitted every second year.
Applicants are required to write an admission test during October/November of the year in which the study commences. The test is designed to assess the basic competency of the candidates in respect of corporate and securities law and is also intended to equalise the different competencies, degrees and experience of students. Subject to the general selection guidelines, the 10-15 students with the highest marks will be admitted to the programme.

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and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

Admission requirements

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2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level
3. An admissions examination may be required

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

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b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he

or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.

e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

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a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the

graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

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b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

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a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
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   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.
b. Identity of members of the examination panel

i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

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   iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.
   v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty

Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module, the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Additional Information:
Students are allowed to choose any of the elective modules to the value of 30 credits.

Core modules

Law of securities 801 (LRR 801) - Credits: 30.00
Company law 801 (MKR 801) - Credits: 30.00

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules
Liquidation and business rescue 802 (LBR 802) - Credits: 30.00
General principles of income tax 801 (TAX 801) - Credits: 30.00
International take-overs and reorganisations 802 (TOR 802) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework) (04252117)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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
3. Written work on an aspect of environmental law motivating the desire to study in the field and to illustrate basic competence in working with legal texts

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation
In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the

Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: “I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution.”
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner’s decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the

Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.

c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

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The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

In addition to the compulsory core modules, choose one module of 30 credits from the elective modules.

Core modules

Environmental law 802 (ENL 802) - Credits: 30.00
International environmental law 801 (IEL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

Administrative law 802 (ASL 802) - Credits: 30.00
Socio-economic rights in the South African Constitution 802 (SRC 802) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) (04252020)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Further information on the complete study programme is available on www.chr.up.ac.za
This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.

A limited number of up to 30 students are selected per year. Depending on the availability of funding, scholarships covering at least tuition, accommodation and official programme activities are covered for as many of these students as possible. Students who do not receive scholarships may be admitted as self-funding students, provided they meet all the minimum criteria below, and provided they guarantee payment of all or at least a significant part of tuition, accommodation and official programme activities, to an amount set by the Centre annually.

Applicants must submit fully completed applications to the Centre for Human Rights by 31 July every year.

In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students:

i. a demonstrated professional, academic and personal interest in and commitment to human rights and democratisation in Africa;
ii. an indication that the applicant would be likely to put the qualification to good use in his or her future career,

preferably in his or her country of origin (the 'multiplier effect');
iii. geographic representation (in the sense that an overrepresentation of students from a particular African country will be avoided, given the pan-African scope and ambitions of the programme);
iv. gender representation (in the sense that an equitable balance between women and men is sought);
v. equitable representation of persons from vulnerable communities (such as persons with disabilities, persons belonging to indigenous communities and LGBTI persons).

All complete applications, received by 31 July of a particular year, are considered by Centre for Human Rights staff who shortlist applicants who are invited to write an essay within a set time period on a given topic. The final selection of students is done by the Admissions Committee consisting of the Chair of the Council of Directors of the LLM/MPhil Programme (if available), the Director of the Centre for Human Rights, the Assistant Director of the Centre for Human Rights, the LLM/MPhil Programme Manager and the Academic Coordinator of the programme.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Seven modules which are compulsory and has to be completed during the first year of registration.
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803).
- A mini-dissertation of 18,000 to 20,000 words.

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

Mini-dissertation
In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This

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a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

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a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
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c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

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c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

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i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

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   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
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   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied

with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.
d. Examiners' reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
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   v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner,

indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

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No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
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General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Accredited course in human rights 802 (ACH 802) - Credits: 15.00
Applied human rights 801 (AHR 801) - Credits: 15.00

Democratisation in Africa 801 (DIA 801) - Credits: 15.00
Human rights in Africa 801 (HRA 801) - Credits: 15.00
International and comparative human rights 801 (ICH 801) - Credits: 15.00
Mini-dissertation 802 (MND 802) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology for human rights 801 (NRM 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00
Introduction to the South African legal system and Bill of Rights 801 (RVM 801) - Credits: 15.00

LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) (04253124)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Information on the complete study programme is available on www.chr.up.ac.za
This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.
Applicants must submit fully completed applications to the Centre for Human Rights by 31 July.

- The maximum number of students admitted for this course is 15 per annum.
- In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students: geographic representation; gender representation; and equitable representation of persons from vulnerable communities (such as persons with disabilities, persons belonging to indigenous communities and LGBTI persons).
- Applicants may be required to write an essay within a restricted time period of being given the topic, which is assessed and taken into account in the admission process.

The curriculum consists of:

- Five core modules.
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Principles of international human rights law 801 (DRL 801) - Credits: 10.00
Principles of social science 802 (DRL 802) - Credits: 5.00
Protection of persons with disabilities in a global context 803 (DRL 803) - Credits: 25.00
African regional disability rights protection 804 (DRL 804) - Credits: 25.00
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 methodology for human rights 801 (NRM 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) (04253119)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Further information on the complete study programme is available on www.chr.up.ac.za.
This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.
Applicants must submit fully completed applications to the Centre for Human Rights by 31 July every year.
The maximum number of students admitted into the programme is 15 per year. Scholarships are available to several students depending on available funding, and self-funding students may be admitted provided they meet the general admission and course-specific requirements.
In addition to the general admission requirements, selection is also based on:

1. demonstrated professional, academic, and professional interest in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa
2. geographic representation, gender representation, and equitable representation from vulnerable communities.

Short-listed applicants will be required to write an essay on a given topic within a limited time, which is assessed and considered in the admission process.

The curriculum consists of:

- Six compulsory modules counting 15 credits each.
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801) - (non-credit-bearing) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803) - (non-credit-bearing).
- A mini-dissertation of 18,000 to 20,000 words.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation
In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master’s study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master’s study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master’s degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University’s service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and

for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.

e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

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a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.

- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

  If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

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The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.

vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

d. Examiners' reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
      E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
      F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.
   iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.
   iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports
   i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.
   ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.
   iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.
   iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.

v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module, the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

International human rights law relevant to sexual and reproductive rights in Africa 802 (HRA 802) - Credits: 15.00

Applying human rights principles to realise sexual and reproductive health rights claims 803 (HRA 803) - Credits: 15.00
Applying human rights principles to selected reproductive health issues in Africa 804 (HRA 804) - Credits: 15.00
Applying human rights principles to selected sexual rights and sexuality issues in Africa 805 (HRA 805) - Credits: 15.00
Applying human rights principles to selected rights of sexual minorities in Africa 806 (HRA 806) - Credits: 15.00
Research and adv to realise sexual, reprod health and sexual minority rights claims in Africa 807 (HRA 807) - Credits: 15.00
Mini-dissertation 802 (MND 802) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology for human rights 801 (NRM 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) (04252107)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

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Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

Admission requirements

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2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level

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c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
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- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
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by

ii. (Full name of the student)
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iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

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The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
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b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination

copies of the mini-dissertation.

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   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Additional Information:
It is preferred that students take IIL 801 with the rest of the Core modules. IIL 801 may be replaced with BNK 802 or MKR 801.

Core modules

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Liquidation and business rescue 802 (LBR 802) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

Banking law 802 (BNK 802) - Credits: 30.00
International insolvency law 801 (IIL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Company law 801 (MKR 801) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Intellectual Property Law) (Coursework) (04252103)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

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   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
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   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:

   A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
   B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
   C. editing and use of language;
   D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
   E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

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   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
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      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

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Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law) (Coursework) (04250107)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

A limited number of no more than 10 students are selected per year according to the general selection guidelines.
In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students:

i. a demonstrated professional, academic and personal interest in and commitment to international air, space and telecommunications law;
ii. an indication that the applicant would be likely to put the qualification to good use in his or her future career, preferably in his or her country of origin (the 'multiplier effect');
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   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.
b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate’s ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.
d. Examiners’ reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
      E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;

F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.

iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.

iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports

i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.

ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.

iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.

iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.

v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module, the student must

obtain a final mark of 50%.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Advanced international law 802 (AIL 802) - Credits: 30.00
Applied international law 801 (MCL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00
International air, space and telecommunications law 801 (SAL 801) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (International Law) (Coursework) (04252108)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

A limited number of approximately between 10 and 25 students are selected per year according to the general selection guidelines.
In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students:

1. a demonstrated professional, academic and personal interest in and commitment to international air, space and telecommunications law;
2. an indication that the applicant would be likely to put the qualification to good use in his or her future career, preferably in his or her country of origin (the ‘multiplier effect’);
3. geographic representation (in the sense that an overrepresentation of students from a particular African country will be avoided, given the pan-African scope and ambitions of the programme);
4. gender representation (in the sense that an equitable balance between women and men is sought);
5. equitable representation of persons from vulnerable communities (such as persons with disabilities, persons belonging to indigenous communities and LGBTI persons).

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (If a student completes his/her studies over the maximum time of 2 years, at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - 5 credits) (If a student completes his/her studies over the maximum time of 2 years, this module must be completed during the first year of registration).

- A research proposal (RHP 803 - 5 credits). The student must submit the research proposal to the supervisor prior to commencing with the writing of the mini-dissertation. If a student completes his/her studies over the maximum time of 2 years, this submission should take place no later than the end of the first semester of the second year of registration for the degree. This period may be extended with the approval of the relevant head of department.
- A mini-dissertation. 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/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

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
3. An average of at least 65% for Public International Law at bachelor's level

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the

mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."

e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
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      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
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e. Treatment of examiners' reports
   i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.
   ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.
   iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.
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Examinations and pass requirements

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No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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/MPhil 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, subject to the approval of the Postgraduate Committee, also determine the research topic and the scope of the proposed research. (Refer to the Faculty of Law regulations regarding mini-dissertations and also Postgraduate administrative processes brochure for the Faculty)

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

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Re-registration for modules
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

Period of registration
The minimum duration for all master's degrees is one year and the maximum is two years.

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contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

- MND 800, RHP 801 and RHP 803 are compulsory modules.
- Choose at least one module of 30 credits each from the elective modules.

Core modules

Advanced international law 802 (AIL 802) - Credits: 30.00
Applied international law 801 (MCL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

International criminal law 802 (ICL 802) - Credits: 30.00
International environmental law 801 (IEL 801) - Credits: 30.00
International humanitarian law and human rights in military operations 801 (IHM 801) - Credits: 30.00
International insolvency law 801 (IIL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Socio-economic rights under comparative and international law 801 (SRI 801) - Credits: 30.00
Advanced transnational business law 802 (TBL 802) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework) (04253108)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

A limited number of no more than 10 students are selected per year according to the general selection guidelines.

In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students:

1. a demonstrated professional, academic and personal interest in and commitment to humanitarian and/or military law;
2. an indication that the applicant would be likely to put the qualification to good use in his or her future career, preferably in his or her country of origin (the ‘multiplier effect’);
3. geographic representation (in the sense that an overrepresentation of students from a particular African country will be avoided, given the pan-African scope and ambitions of the programme);
4. gender representation (in the sense that an equitable balance between women and men is sought);
5. equitable representation of persons from vulnerable communities (such as persons with disabilities, persons belonging to indigenous communities and LGBTI persons).

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty

Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he

or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.

e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
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graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
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6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
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by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

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The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
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a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
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   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
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i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

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   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
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      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

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   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
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   iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.
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   v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty

Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

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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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
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General information

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Advanced international law 802 (AIL 802) - Credits: 30.00
International humanitarian law and human rights in military operations 801 (IHM 801) - Credits: 30.00
Applied international law 801 (MCL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00

Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework) (04252022)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Further information on the complete study programme is available on www.chr.up.ac.za.

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

A limited number of approximately between 15 and 25 students are selected per year. Depending on the availability of funding, scholarships covering at least tuition, accommodation and official programme activities are covered for as many of these students as possible. Students who do not receive scholarships may be admitted as self-funding students, provided they meet all the minimum criteria below, and provided they guarantee payment of at least all or a significant part of tuition, accommodation and official programme activities, to an amount set by the Centre annually. New applicants are only admitted every second year. The programme is presented at the University of the Western Cape in the other alternate years.

In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students:

i. a demonstrated professional, academic and personal interest in and commitment to international trade and investment law
ii. an indication that the applicant would be likely to put the qualification to good use in his or her future career, preferably in his or her country of origin (the ‘multiplier effect’);
iii. geographic representation (in the sense that an overrepresentation of students from a particular African country will be avoided, given the pan-African scope and ambitions of the programme);
iv. gender representation (in the sense that an equitable balance between women and men is sought);
v. equitable representation of persons from vulnerable communities (such as persons with disabilities, persons belonging to indigenous communities and LGBTI persons).

All complete applications are processed and considered by the LLM programme coordinator, who identifies a number of eligible candidates three times the available positions, for consideration by the Director of the International Development Law Unit (IDLU). The Director of IDLU presents the suggested candidates to the Director of the Centre for Human Rights and the Assistant Director of the Centre for Human Rights, for their confirmation.

The curriculum consists of:

- Two modules counting 30 credits each.
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803).
- A mini-dissertation of 23,000 to 25,000 words.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4

semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in

regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

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Advanced international investment and business law 802 (GTB 802) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 803 (MND 803) - Credits: 130.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) (04252105)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

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2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level

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by

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iv. (Year and date of submission).
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   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied

with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
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      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
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Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Additional Information:
Students can replace International labour law (ITA 802) with MCA 810 or ASL 802 or CSL 801.

Core modules

Collective labour law 802 (CLL 802) - Credits: 30.00
Individual labour law 801 (IVL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

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LLM (Law and Political Justice) (Coursework) (04250110)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

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Examinations and pass requirements

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Pass with distinction

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- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Global perspectives on law, justice and development 802 (LRD 802) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Post-apartheid jurisprudence 801 (PAJ 801) - Credits: 30.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00
Socio-economic rights in the South African Constitution 802 (SRC 802) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Law of Contract) (Coursework) (04252110)

Minimum duration of study	1 year
Contact	Prof SJ Cornelius steve.cornelius@up.ac.za +27 (0)124203158

Programme information

A maximum number of 15 (fifteen) students are selected according to the general selection guidelines.

For admission to the LLM programme, students must have completed a South African LLB degree. Knowledge of the general South African Law of Contract is required as a prerequisite for the advanced LLM modules. For this reason, foreign students can only be accommodated in this coursework LLM in exceptional circumstances.

Subject to the general selection guidelines, the first 15 students who comply with the requirements will be admitted. Applications open in March of the year preceding the first module, and applications are evaluated during September of the aforementioned year.

A pass mark for the first module is a prerequisite for admission to the second module; and a pass mark for the second module is a prerequisite for admission to the third module. Modules are not all presented in each academic year.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty

of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

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Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

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- A mini-dissertation.

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

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c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.

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  If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
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by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
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b. Format and cover

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The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
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   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.

vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

d. Examiners' reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
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   iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

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   i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

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Advanced drafting theory 803 (GPC 803) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) (04252106)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

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   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.
b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.
d. Examiners' reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
      E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
      F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.
   iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student

Administration.

iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports

i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.

ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.

iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.

iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.

v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module, the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Additional Information:

- MND 800, RHP 801 and RHP 803 are compulsory modules.
- Students may choose any 3 of the elective modules to the value of 90 credits.
- Students may take MRL 801 when it is presented.
- No dissertation by students in the LLM Mercantile Law will be supervised by LLM Insurance Law staff due to the lack of supervisory capacity.

Core modules

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

Advanced consumer credit law 802 (AML 802) - Credits: 30.00
Advanced consumer protection 803 (AML 803) - Credits: 30.00
Banking law 802 (BNK 802) - Credits: 30.00
International insolvency law 801 (IIL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Insolvency law 801 (ISR 801) - Credits: 30.00
Information and communications and technology law 802 (KUB 802) - Credits: 30.00
General principles of insurance law 801 (MRL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Statutory competition law 801 (SCL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Law of specific contracts 802 (SKC 802) - Credits: 30.00
General principles of income tax 801 (TAX 801) - Credits: 30.00
Advanced transnational business law 802 (TBL 802) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) (04253111)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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
3. An admissions test may be required

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

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a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master’s study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master’s study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master’s degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University’s service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University’s service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as

supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.

e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied

with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.
b. Identity of members of the examination panel

i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

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      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

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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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Additional Information:
Students are allowed to choose any of the elective modules to the value of 30 credits.

Core modules

Banking law 802 (BNK 802) - Credits: 30.00
Banking law – Capita Selecta 803 (BNK 803) - Credits: 30.00

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules
Advanced consumer credit law 802 (AML 802) - Credits: 30.00
Insolvency law 801 (ISR 801) - Credits: 30.00
Information and communications and technology law 802 (KUB 802) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework) (04253125)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

This programme is available for international students.

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.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific requirements as set out in respect of each programme.

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

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

Mini-dissertation
In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

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b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.

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of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.

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- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
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6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.

b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.

c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.

d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.

e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.

f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

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The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

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The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
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vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel

i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

c. Criteria for evaluation

i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.

ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:

A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;

B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;

C. editing and use of language;

D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and

E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

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D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;

E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;

F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.

iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.

iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

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iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.

v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

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No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
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The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module, the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Additional Information:
Students are not allowed to substitute any of the modules in this programme due to the prerequisites of the modules.

Core modules

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
General principles of insurance law 801 (MRL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Insurance regulation and governance 802 (MRL 802) - Credits: 30.00
Capita Selecta of Insurance Law 803 (MRL 803) - Credits: 30.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Mercantile Law) *Consumer Protection Law* (Coursework) (04253112)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

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- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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
3. An admissions examination may be required

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
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f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
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Research information

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Mini-dissertations, where required, must be submitted in the format determined by the supervisor and approved by the Postgraduate Committee. The supervisor may likewise, subject to the approval of the Postgraduate Committee, also determine the research topic and the scope of the proposed research. (Refer to the Faculty of Law regulations regarding mini-dissertations and also Postgraduate administrative processes brochure for the Faculty)

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
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General information

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Additional Information:
It is preferred that students take AML 804 with the rest of the Core modules. AML 804 may be replaced with any elective module from the list.

Core modules

Advanced consumer credit law 802 (AML 802) - Credits: 30.00
Advanced consumer protection 803 (AML 803) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) (04252116)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

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of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

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- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.

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  If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

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by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

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The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
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b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

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   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
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      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

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Examinations and pass requirements

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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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

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Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

In addition to the compulsory core modules, choose at least two modules of 30 credits each from the elective modules.

Core modules

Multidisciplinary human rights 801 (MHR 801) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

History and philosophy of human rights 801 (HPH 801) - Credits: 30.00
Law and sustainable development 801 (LRD 801) - Credits: 30.00
Global perspectives on law, justice and development 802 (LRD 802) - Credits: 30.00
Post-apartheid jurisprudence 801 (PAJ 801) - Credits: 30.00
Socio-economic rights in the South African Constitution 802 (SRC 802) - Credits: 30.00
Socio-economic rights under comparative and international law 801 (SRI 801) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) (04252100)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
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Curriculum: Final year

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Core modules

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Elective modules

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Aspects of the law of trusts 802 (AVT 802) - Credits: 30.00
Aspects of divorce law 801 (DLA 801) - Credits: 30.00
Capita selecta of the general principles of the law of contract 801 (GPC 801) - Credits: 30.00
Interpretation of contracts 802 (GPC 802) - Credits: 30.00
Advanced drafting theory 803 (GPC 803) - Credits: 30.00
Intellectual property, new technologies and innovation 802 (IGZ 802) - Credits: 30.00
Intellectual property, branding and advertising 803 (IGZ 803) - Credits: 30.00
Intellectual property, creative industries and expression of ideas 804 (IGZ 804) - Credits: 30.00
Aspects of private law pertaining to children 801 (PLC 801) - Credits: 30.00
Law of persons 800 (PSR 800) - Credits: 30.00
Personality rights 801 (PSR 801) - Credits: 30.00
Law of Estoppel 801 (SAR 801) - Credits: 30.00
Advanced general principles of property law 802 (SAR 802) - Credits: 30.00
Living together as neighbours 803 (SAR 803) - Credits: 30.00
Law of specific contracts 802 (SKC 802) - Credits: 30.00
Sports law 801 (SRP 801) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Private Law) *Estate Law* (Coursework) (04253026)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (If a student completes his/her studies over the maximum time of 2 years, at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - 5 credits) (If a student completes his/her studies over the maximum time of 2 years, this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - 5 credits). The student must submit the research proposal to the supervisor prior to commencing with the writing of the mini-dissertation. If a student completes his/her studies over the maximum time of 2 years, this submission should take place no later than the end of the first semester of the second year of registration for the degree. This period may be extended with the approval of the relevant head of department.
- A mini-dissertation. 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/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

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

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.

d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
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c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."

e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.

f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.

g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.

b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.

c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.

d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.

e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.

f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

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The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be

made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.

vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel

i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

c. Criteria for evaluation

i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.

ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:

A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;

B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;

C. editing and use of language;

D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and

E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

d. Examiners' reports

i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.

ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:

A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;

B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;

C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;

D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;

E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;

F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.

iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.

iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports

i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.

ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.

iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.

iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.
v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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/MPhil 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, subject to the approval of the Postgraduate Committee, also determine the research topic and the scope of the proposed research. (Refer to the Faculty of Law regulations regarding mini-dissertations and also Postgraduate administrative processes brochure for the Faculty)

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students
The Dean determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The Dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.

Re-registration for modules
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

Period of registration
The minimum duration for all master's degrees is one year and the maximum is two years.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Administration of estates 801 (AOE 801) - Credits: 30.00
Aspects of the law of succession 801 (ASC 801) - Credits: 30.00
Aspects of the law of trusts 802 (AVT 802) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework) (04252113)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

This programme is not available for international students.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).

- A mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation
In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

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by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of

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b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
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   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
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   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
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   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.
b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
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      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and

   E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

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   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
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      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
      E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
      F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.
   iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.
   iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports
   i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.
   ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.
   iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.
   iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.
   v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module, the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Criminal procedure litigation 801 (CCP 801) - Credits: 30.00
Civil litigation 801 (CLG 801) - Credits: 30.00
Advanced law of evidence 802 (LOE 802) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework) (04253130)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

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

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty

Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Unless the specific requirements listed for a particular programme indicates otherwise, the Master of Laws degree by Coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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
3. English language proficiency as determined by a proficiency test may be required

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the Master of Laws degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must generally comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer

appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.

e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the LLM/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
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4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

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a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the

examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if the student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an

acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.
d. Examiners' reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
      E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
      F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Africa ADR 820 (AAD 820) - Credits: 30.00
International ADR and online ADR 830 (ADR 830) - Credits: 30.00
Mediation, conciliation, arbitration 810 (MCA 810) - Credits: 30.00

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework) (04253118)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

This is a selection-based programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme and respective modules.
A limited number of between 10 and 20 students are selected per year according to the general selection guidelines.
This programme is structured to allow for one year of study; therefore, the programme may be completed within two semesters (1 year), subject to fulfilment of all the requirements for the degree and payment of the full amount prescribed for the LLM degree.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

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- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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
3. An example of a piece of academic writing relevant to the field
4. A cover letter:

- motivate the desire to study in the field

- previous experience in the field, if any
- explain how the degree will be applied to contribute to sustainable development in Africa

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

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c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
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a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
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c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
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by

ii. (Full name of the student)
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iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

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The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
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The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

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Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

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Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

MND 800, RHP 801, RHP 803, EIL 801 and EIL 802 are compulsory modules.
In addition, choose one module of 30 credits from the elective modules.

Core modules

Rights to and regulation of natural resources 801 (EIL 801) - Credits: 30.00
Sustainability aspects of extractive industries 802 (EIL 802) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

The South Africa Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 803 (EIL 803) - Credits: 30.00
International law aspects of extractive industries 804 (EIL 804) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Socio-economic Rights) (Coursework) (04252104)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of a programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

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- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

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
3. An average of at least 65% for Public International Law at bachelor's level

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

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b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
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f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
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d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
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f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty

of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Post-apartheid jurisprudence 801 (PAJ 801) - Credits: 30.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00
Socio-economic rights in the South African Constitution 802 (SRC 802) - Credits: 30.00
Socio-economic rights under comparative and international law 801 (SRI 801) - Credits: 30.00

LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework) (04252115)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

This LLM is presented annually. A maximum of 20 candidates can be accommodated. It is a specific requirement that the applicant must have completed a module in taxation during the undergraduate studies and the candidate must have experience in the tax environment. The qualifying candidates will be required to write an admissions test during January/February of the year in which the study commences.

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2. A weighted average of at least 65% at final-year level
3. An UG pass in Taxation **or** relevant experience in Taxation
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Other programme-specific information

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e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner’s decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.

d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)).

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.
b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.
d. Examiners' reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
      E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
      F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.
   iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student

Administration.

iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports

i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.

ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.

iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.

iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.

v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to LLM modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.
Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular LLM module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core credits: 110
Elective credits: 90

Additional information:

- No additional or alternative modules are allowed in this programme, other than the indicated electives.
- Choose at least three of the elective modules
- EKN 841 and 842 has to be taken together if selected

Core modules

Mini-dissertation 804 (MND 804) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

International taxation 841 (EKN 841) - Credits: 15.00
Tax and development 842 (EKN 842) - Credits: 15.00
General principles of income tax 801 (TAX 801) - Credits: 30.00
Tax administration – an international perspective 802 (TAX 802) - Credits: 30.00
Value added tax 803 (TAX 803) - Credits: 30.00

MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) (04251023)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Further information on the complete study programme is available on www.chr.up.ac.za.
This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.

A limited number of up to 10 students are selected per year. Depending on the availability of funding, scholarships covering at least tuition, accommodation and official programme activities are covered for as many of these students as possible. Students who do not receive scholarships may be admitted as self-funding students, provided they meet all the minimum criteria below, and provided they guarantee payment of at least all or a significant part of tuition, accommodation and official programme activities, to an amount set by the Centre annually.

For admission to the MPhil programme, students must have completed an Honours degree (at a South African University) or a degree allowing study at the Master’s level in a discipline related to human rights and democratisation (in respect of non-South African universities).

Applicants must submit fully completed applications to the Centre for Human Rights by 10 July every year.

In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students:

i. a demonstrated professional, academic and personal interest in and commitment to human rights and democratisation in Africa;
ii. an indication that the applicant would be likely to put the qualification to good use in his or her future career, preferably in his or her country of origin (the 'multiplier effect');
iii. geographic representation (in the sense that an overrepresentation of students from a particular African country will be avoided, given the pan-African scope and ambitions of the programme);
iv. gender representation (in the sense that an equitable balance between women and men is sought);
v. equitable representation of persons from vulnerable communities (such as persons with disabilities, persons belonging to indigenous communities and LGBTI persons).

All complete applications, received by 31 July of a particular year, are considered by Centre for Human Rights staff who shortlist applicants who are invited to write an essay within a set time period on a given topic. The final selection of students is done by the Admissions Committee consisting of the Chair of the Council of Directors of the LLM/MPhil Programme (if available), the Director of the Centre for Human Rights, the Assistant Director of the Centre for Human Rights, the LLM/MPhil Programme Manager and the Academic Coordinator of the programme.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Seven modules which are compulsory and has to be completed during the first year of registration.
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803).
- A mini-dissertation of 18,000 to 20,000 words.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of the programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on 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.

The MPhil degree by coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the MPhil degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the MPHIL/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

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Examinations and pass requirements

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Pass with distinction

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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Accredited course in human rights 802 (ACH 802) - Credits: 15.00
Applied human rights 801 (AHR 801) - Credits: 15.00
Democratisation in Africa 801 (DIA 801) - Credits: 15.00
Human rights in Africa 801 (HRA 801) - Credits: 15.00
International and comparative human rights 801 (ICH 801) - Credits: 15.00
Mini-dissertation 802 (MND 802) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology for human rights 801 (NRM 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00
Introduction to the South African legal system and Bill of Rights 801 (RVM 801) - Credits: 15.00

MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) (04253030)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Information on the complete study programme is available on www.chr.up.ac.za
This is a selection programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme.
Applicants must submit fully completed applications to the Centre for Human Rights by 31 July.

- The maximum number of students admitted for this course is 15 per annum.
- In addition to the general admission requirements, the following specific selection criteria are used in combination to select the eligible students: geographic representation; gender representation; and equitable representation of persons from vulnerable communities (such as persons with disabilities, persons belonging to indigenous communities and LGBTI persons).

Applicants may be required to write an essay within a restricted time period of being given the topic, which is assessed and taken into account in the admission process.
The curriculum consists of:

- Five core modules.
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty

of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of the programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on 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.

The MPhil degree by coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Admission requirements

1. LLB degree **or** BProc degree **or** relevant honours degree **or** relevant degree on SAQA level 8 **and** relevant work experience in legal aspects in South Africa or Africa
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65%

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the MPhil degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.

b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the MPHIL/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if all that student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree ……at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student

Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.

f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration for examination purposes in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to the paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.
b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. (A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of

field of research;
   B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
   C. editing and use of language;
   D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
   E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

d. Examiners' reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
      E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
      F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.
   iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.
   iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports
   i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.
   ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.
   iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.
   iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.
   v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.

Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular MPhil module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
A student may not register more than twice for the same module. In order to pass a module, the student must obtain a final mark of 50%.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

Principles of international human rights law 801 (DRL 801) - Credits: 10.00
Principles of social science 802 (DRL 802) - Credits: 5.00
Protection of persons with disabilities in a global context 803 (DRL 803) - Credits: 25.00
African regional disability rights protection 804 (DRL 804) - Credits: 25.00
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 methodology for human rights 801 (NRM 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) (04253029)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Further information on the complete study programme is available on www.chr.up.ac.za

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

Applicants must submit fully completed applications to the Centre for Human Rights by 31 July every year.

The maximum number of students admitted into the programme is 15 per year. Scholarships are available to several students depending on available funding, and self-funding students may be admitted provided they meet the general admission and course-specific requirements.

In addition to the general admission requirements, selection is also based on:

1. demonstrated professional, academic, and professional interest in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa
2. geographic representation, gender representation, and equitable representation from vulnerable communities.

Short-listed applicants will be required to write an essay on a given topic within a limited time, which is assessed and considered in the admission process.

The curriculum consists of:

- Six modules counting 15 credits each.
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation of 18,000 to 20,000 words.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of the programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on 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.

The MPhil degree by coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

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

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the MPhil degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master’s study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master’s study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate

Committee.

b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the MPHIL/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.
c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports

from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.

c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if all that student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: “I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree ……at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution.”
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration for examination purposes in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to the paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner’s decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
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c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master’s study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.

f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.

iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.

b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.

c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. (A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.

d. Examiners' reports
   i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
   ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
      A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
      B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
      C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
      D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
      E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
      F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.
   iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.
   iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports
   i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.
   ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the

consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.

iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.

iv. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the changes, as suggested by the external examiner are made, before the head of department submits a consolidated report to student administration.

v. The head of department must compile a consolidated report of the supervisor and the external examiner, indicating the final mark, which is generally an average of the abovementioned two marks. If the head of department is of the opinion that there are grounds to deviate from the average mark, the head of department makes a recommendation to that effect to the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee must approve the consolidated report and final mark awarded for the mini-dissertation.

Examinations and pass requirements

In the event of having failed all modules during a particular year of study, a student will only be allowed to continue with his/her studies with the consent of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

No supplementary examination will be granted with regard to MPhil modules, but the General Academic Regulations and rules apply with regard to special and ancillary examinations.

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 (not rounded), as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation.
- The modules must have been written for the first time.

General information

The official language of tuition is English.

Limiting of modules on offer in a particular academic year and availability to foreign students.
The dean, in consultation with the head of department concerned, determines which 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, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine the maximum number of registrations for a specific elective module in terms of the prescribed guidelines. The dean may also, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, determine that a particular MPhil module will not be offered where on the first day of lectures four or fewer students are registered for such module.
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qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

Core modules

International human rights law relevant to sexual and reproductive rights in Africa 802 (HRA 802) - Credits: 15.00
Applying human rights principles to realise sexual and reproductive health rights claims 803 (HRA 803) - Credits: 15.00
Applying human rights principles to selected reproductive health issues in Africa 804 (HRA 804) - Credits: 15.00
Applying human rights principles to selected sexual rights and sexuality issues in Africa 805 (HRA 805) - Credits: 15.00
Applying human rights principles to selected rights of sexual minorities in Africa 806 (HRA 806) - Credits: 15.00
Research and adv to realise sexual, reprod health and sexual minority rights claims in Africa 807 (HRA 807) - Credits: 15.00
Mini-dissertation 802 (MND 802) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology for human rights 801 (NRM 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) (04251028)

Minimum duration of study	1 year

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G55 as well as the LLM/MPhil Guideline Document of the Faculty of Law and the programme-specific regulations set out in respect of each programme.

The minimum duration of the programme is 1 year (2 semesters) and the maximum duration is 2 years (4 semesters). The study period may only be extended by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on 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.

The MPhil degree by coursework is awarded once a student has successfully completed courses in research methodology, three 30-credit modules prescribed for the particular programme, the submission of a research proposal and the submission of a mini-dissertation.

Also refer to the Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme as well as the Postgraduate administrative processes after registration.

The curriculum will generally consist of:

- Three modules counting 30 credits each (at least one of these modules must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A module in research methodology (RHP 801 - (non-credit-bearing)) (this module must be completed during the first year of registration).
- A research proposal (RHP 803 - (non-credit-bearing)).
- A mini-dissertation.

Admission requirements

1. LLB degree **or** BProc degree **or** relevant honours degree **or** relevant degree on SAQA level 8 **and** relevant work experience in legal aspects in South Africa or Africa
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65%

Other programme-specific information

Mini-dissertation

In addition to the relevant prescribed coursework modules, a mini-dissertation is required for fulfilment of the MPhil degree by Coursework in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The mini-dissertation must comprise 13 000 – 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography.

The mini-dissertation in the Faculty of Law must be dealt with on the following basis:

1. Designation of supervisors

a. The head of department, in consultation with the programme coordinator should, designate a supervisor from within the faculty for a particular master's study candidate. The head of department may also, in consultation with the programme coordinator and the supervisor, designate a co-supervisor for a particular master's study candidate. The designation by the head of department must be confirmed by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.
b. A person designated as supervisor or co-supervisor, should hold at least a Master's degree.
c. A person designated as the supervisor should be appointed to an academic or related position in the University.
d. On the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she may, with approval of the head of department concerned, still act as supervisor for the student for whom he or she was appointed as supervisor, in order to enable such a student to complete his or her mini-dissertation. For this purpose and for this period such a supervisor will be deemed to be an accredited lecturer of the University. This arrangement is allowed to continue until such time as the head of department deems it to be no longer appropriate or necessary. If on the retirement or resignation of a supervisor from the University's service, he or she is no longer prepared to act as supervisor for the student for which he or she was appointed as supervisor, a new supervisor is appointed.
e. The designation of supervisors and co-supervisors is submitted to the faculty board for notification.

2. An agreement between the student and the supervisor

a. An agreement between the student and the supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other.
b. It is the responsibility of the programme coordinator concerned to monitor the progress of a candidate in regard to his or her signed agreement.

3. Approval of topic and title

a. Applications for approval of a topic and title of a mini-dissertation, as well as changes to titles, are submitted to the head of department, for approval by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee approves the application or refers it back to the head of department for amendment by the student.
b. 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 the MPHIL/MPhil degree. Any request for an extension of the period for submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department.

c. Approved titles of mini-dissertations are submitted to the faculty board for notification.

4. Non-disclosure of the contents of a study

a. Where part or all of the contents of the master's study must remain confidential, the supervisor will be required to submit an application to the dean setting out the grounds for such a request and indicating the duration of the period of confidentiality. This period would normally not exceed 2 (two) years.
b. The dean considers the application and either approves it or refers it back to the supervisor.

5. Preparation and submission of the mini-dissertation

a. The supervisor is responsible for advising the student with regard to the proper preparation of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation should only be submitted with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the dean. The dean, in consultation with the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, may allow the mini-dissertation to be submitted for examination or may turn down the request. Should the dean turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Vice-Principal responsible for research and postgraduate studies, who should convene the Postgraduate Appeals Committee to consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The decision of the Postgraduate Appeals Committee is final. Should the Postgraduate Appeals Committee agree to the request of the candidate, the supervisor has the right to remove his or her name from the mini-dissertation if he or she so wishes.
c. A mini-dissertation is submitted to the Head: Student Administration –

- Before 30 October in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Autumn graduation.
- Before 31 March in any year to be considered for the next ensuing Spring graduation.

If a mini-dissertation is submitted after the due date specified above, the student takes the risk that the examination of the mini-dissertation may be delayed and the student will not be considered for the graduation concerned. A student will only be allowed to graduate if all that student has successfully complied with all the requirements for the particular programme.

d. On submission of the mini-dissertation, the student must declare the following in writing: "I declare that the mini-dissertation, which I hereby submit for the degree .....at the University of Pretoria, is my own work and has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any other tertiary institution."
e. For examination purposes, a student must, in consultation with the supervisor, submit the dissertation in electronic format. If a particular examiner requests a paper copy of the dissertation, the Head: Student Administration will inform the student and supervisor accordingly and request the student to submit a bound paper copy for such examiner.
f. Should the supervisor deem it appropriate, an electronic copy of the mini-dissertation must be submitted to the Head: Student Administration for examination purposes in the format specified by the faculty and in accordance with the minimum specifications set by the Department of Library Services. The head of department may determine whether the electronic copies should be submitted instead of or in addition to the paper copies.
g. If a mini-dissertation is accepted, but the student is required to make certain amendments in accordance with the external examiner's decisions, the amendments should be made to all copies to the satisfaction of the

Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

6. Intellectual property

a. All rights in regard to intellectual property that is produced by a student during his or her studies or as a result of any research project conducted at the University or through the use of the equipment of the University, vest in the University, in terms of the contract entered into by the student and/or his or her parents or guardians at registration. The University and the student may, however, agree in writing to another arrangement.
b. A student and the University may conclude an agreement regarding the publication of a mini-dissertation. Should the copyright of the mini-dissertation be the only exploitable intellectual property that arises from such mini-dissertation, the University would normally transfer the copyright to the student, subject to the Faculty guideline on co-authorship with students.
c. In the absence of any agreement, the University has the right to reproduce and/or publish, in any manner it may deem fit, the mini-dissertation, and to distribute such reproduction.
d. On publication of the mini-dissertation, or an adaptation thereof, it should be stated that it emanates from a master's study at the University. The name of the supervisor and the department, in which the study was completed, should also be acknowledged. Reprints should state the title and date of the original publication.
e. A student may not submit an article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation for publication without the permission of the supervisor. An article reflecting the content of the mini-dissertation is subject to the Faculty guidelines on co-authorship with students.
f. The above should be read in conjunction with the University's Intellectual Property Law Policy: Personnel and Students, as amended from time to time.

7. Technical editing of the mini-dissertation

The technical editing of a mini-dissertation must comply with the following requirements:

a. Title page

The title page of the mini-dissertation which is submitted must contain the following:

i. (The full title of the mini-dissertation)

by

ii. (Full name of the student)
iii. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree (title of degree programme) in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
iv. (Year and date of submission).
v. Prepared under supervision of (title, initials and surname of supervisor and co-supervisor (where relevant)

b. Format and cover

The mini-dissertation should be submitted in A4 format.

c. Ethics statement

The mini-dissertation should contain a statement by the student that he or she has complied with the University's Policy on Research Ethics and Integrity and has in general observed the principles of honesty, objectivity, the duty of care and fairness in giving credit and appropriate acknowledgement to the work of others.
The ethics statement, which should appear after the declaration and before the summary of the mini-

dissertation, must contain the following:
The author, whose name appears on the title page of this mini-dissertation, has obtained, for the research described in this work, the applicable research ethics approval.
The author declares that he/she has observed the ethical standards required in terms of the University of Pretoria's Code of ethics for researchers and the Policy guidelines for responsible research.

8. Synopsis of the mini-dissertation

a. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words should be compiled by the student and included in each copy of the mini-dissertation.
b. A list of key terms to ensure recovery of the source should also be submitted together with the examination copies of the mini-dissertation.
c. The student submits the summary of the mini-dissertation for approval by the supervisor before final presentation thereof.

9. Evaluation of the mini-dissertation

a. Appointment of the examination panel
   i. A student should inform the Head: Student Administration, in writing, of the intention to submit the mini-dissertation at least three months prior to submission, in order that examiners can be notified accordingly.
   ii. The Head of Department, in consultation with the supervisor, compiles a list of names of potential examiners from which the Faculty Postgraduate Committee appoints at least two examiners, provided that at least one external examiner from outside the University is appointed.
   iii. The supervisor may be the internal examiner.
   iv. An external examiner should not be associated in any way with the candidate or in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously, neither should a substitute examiner in any way be involved in the research that the candidate has done previously.
   v. A summary of the mini-dissertation in English of not more than 250 words compiled by the student will be made available to potential examiners in order to enable them to decide whether they have the expertise to accept the nomination.
   vi. As soon as a potential examiner has accepted his or her appointment as examiner, he or she is supplied with a formal letter of appointment as well as the criteria for evaluation. Examiners must sign an acceptance form, which is to be returned to the Head: Student Administration.
b. Identity of members of the examination panel
   i. The identity of the external examiner may not be revealed to the candidate until the examination process has been completed and then only with the consent of the examiner and the head of department.
c. Criteria for evaluation
   i. (A mini-dissertation must be proof of a candidate's ability to work independently.
   ii. A mini-dissertation is also evaluated on the following:
      A. scientific and academic standard of research; research procedures and techniques; methodology; definition and extent of research; theoretical foundation; coverage of literature and comprehension of field of research;
      B. scientific and academic quality of processing; presentation, analysis and synthesis of data; structure and logical development and arrangement of content; as well as critical findings, conclusions and recommendations;
      C. editing and use of language;
      D. technical finish and layout which must meet the requirements set by faculties; and
      E. whether the mini-dissertation or parts thereof is publishable.
d. Examiners' reports

i. Every examiner independently and individually submits a report to the Head: Student Administration. The reports are treated confidentially.
ii. Every report has to contain one of the following recommendations:
   A. that the mini-dissertation be accepted without any changes to the mini-dissertation by the candidate;
   B. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as minor changes have been made to the mini-dissertation by the candidate, to the satisfaction of the head of department;
   C. that the mini-dissertation be accepted as soon as the candidate has made major changes to the mini-dissertation to the satisfaction of the external examiner;
   D. that the mini-dissertation does not meet the required standard, but that the candidate be invited to review the mini-dissertation and to resubmit the mini-dissertation at a later stage for re-examination;
   E. that the mini-dissertation be rejected and that the candidate does not pass;
   F. in addition to the above, the mark that the candidate has achieved: on condition that at least 50% be regarded as a pass mark and at least 75% as a pass with distinction.
iii. The examiners' reports are made available to the head of department by the Head: Student Administration.
iv. If a mini-dissertation has been rejected the student may submit an amended version or another mini-dissertation within two years, and in such a case the student must bear the full cost of the examination.

e. Treatment of examiners' reports
   i. Under no circumstances shall any party modify any examiner's report.
   ii. The contents of the examiners' reports, other than the changes recommended by the examiners, or the consolidated report may only be revealed to the candidate with the permission of the head of department and with the consent of the examiners.
   iii. In the event that the candidate has to make changes to the mini-dissertation, the relevant section(s) of the examiners' reports will be made available to the candidate by the supervisor in consultation with the head of department in order for the necessary changes to be made to the mini-dissertation.
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Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 200

In addition to the compulsory core modules, choose at least two modules of 30 credits each from the elective modules.

Core modules

Multidisciplinary human rights 801 (MHR 801) - Credits: 30.00
Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00
Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Elective modules

History and philosophy of human rights 801 (HPH 801) - Credits: 30.00
Law and sustainable development 801 (LRD 801) - Credits: 30.00
Global perspectives on law, justice and development 802 (LRD 802) - Credits: 30.00
Post-apartheid jurisprudence 801 (PAJ 801) - Credits: 30.00
Socio-economic rights in the South African Constitution 802 (SRC 802) - Credits: 30.00
Socio-economic rights under comparative and international law 801 (SRI 801) - Credits: 30.00

Doctorate

Doctor of Laws [LLD] (04260003)

Minimum duration of study	2 years

Programme information

Also consult General Academic Regulations G42-G55.

The primary purpose of the LLD is to educate and train researchers who can make a significant and original academic contribution at the frontiers of a field which is predominantly focused on an aspect of one or more legal disciplines.

The minimum duration of the programme is 2 years (4 semesters) and the maximum duration is 3 years (6 semesters). The study period may only be extended in an individual case with the approval of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the relevant head of department, based on good reason shown and if the student has a reasonable prospect of completing the programme in a further year of study.

Registration and renewal of registration
Closing date for applications: SA applicants and non-SA applicants – 31 May of the following year.

1. Research methodology (RHP 902) offered by the Faculty of Law
If the student can show sufficient evidence of competence in research skills required at postgraduate level the Faculty Postgraduate Committee on recommendation of the supervisor, may exempt the student from this module.

2. Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal (RHP 904)
An oral defence of the research proposal including an assessment of the feasibility of the thesis statement, research question or questions and argument to be developed in the LLD thesis is required. The supervisor convenes an adjudicating panel which is chaired by the head of department and includes the supervisor, at least one more internal adjudicator and at least one external adjudicator. An adjudicator should hold at least a doctoral degree.

A draft research proposal including a bibliography that covers the main fields to be covered by the study, the thesis statement, research question or questions and argument must be sent to the examination panel three weeks prior to the oral defence. (Such a draft research proposal must first be approved by the supervisor.) The student must convince the adjudicating panel of the feasibility of the topic and his or her knowledge of the research subject and ability to conduct the research. Where required by the panel, the draft proposal must be further reworked in light of the comments at the oral defence and a final proposal submitted to the satisfaction of the supervisor before the student may embark on the writing of the thesis. (No exemption can be granted from this requirement).

A proposal may only be submitted for oral defence with the written permission of the supervisor. Should the supervisor refuse to grant permission for submission, the candidate may request permission to submit from the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The Faculty Postgraduate Committee considers the request and may allow the proposal to be submitted for defence or may turn down the request. Should the Faculty Postgraduate Committee turn down the request, the candidate may refer the matter to the Dean, who must consider the matter based on reports from the candidate, the supervisor and the Faculty Postgraduate Committee.

A student who does not complete the abovementioned two modules within one year of registration may be excluded from the Faculty and if he/she seeks readmission to the Faculty, may submit a written request to the Dean that his/her application for readmission to the Faculty be considered in terms of the set procedure.

3. Structured research proposal preparation (RHP 906) (non-credit-bearing)
The supervisor may prescribe that a particular student must follow a structured programme to be determined by the supervisor and approved by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. The supervisor may also set the requirements, as approved by the Faculty Postgraduate Committee, for complying with the module.

The criterion for the award of the doctorate is original research. The degree will not be conferred until work equivalent to at least two years of study has been completed.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant master's degree **or** relevant degree from a foreign university that allows entrance to a doctoral degree (SAQA level 9)
2. At least 65% for the research component at master's level **or** below 65% for the research component at master's level:
   - relevant work experience
   - other academic qualifications and
   - the merit of the research topic
3. An admissions examination may be required
4. A portfolio consisting of:
   - copy of the preceding master's research component
   - recent research-based essays or assignments
   - a letter of motivation

Research information

Thesis and article
The LLD degree is conferred by virtue of a thesis. The topic of the thesis must be selected from the fields of study, and be approved by the Dean. (See the relevant General Academic Regulations for finalisation of the thesis.)

The final copy of the thesis must be accompanied by a proof of submission of an article to a journal accredited by the Department of Higher Education and Training. The article must be based on the research that the student has conducted for the thesis and be approved by the supervisor. The Faculty of Law guideline document on co-authorship with students applies.

Agreement
A written agreement between the student and supervisor must be signed. The document serves as the basis for the interaction between the student and the supervisor. It indicates their individual roles, responsibilities and expectations and makes it clear that they are entering into a binding undertaking with each other. The supervisor has the responsibility to ensure that the thesis is properly prepared by the student.

Oral defence of the thesis
After receipt of the reports of the external examiners, the examiners' recommendations in terms of G50.4(d)(ii) which are preliminary in nature, must be subjected to the successful completion of revisions as required by the examiners and recommendations of the Faculty Postgraduate Committee. In such a case the Faculty Postgraduate Committee may require that the candidate be called for an oral to question or to confirm these revisions and recommendations.

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Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Thesis: Law 990 (LLD 990) - Credits: 360.00
Research methodology 902 (RHP 902) - Credits: 5.00
Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal 904 (RHP 904) - Credits: 5.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Thesis: Law 990 (LLD 990) - Credits: 360.00
Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal 904 (RHP 904) - Credits: 5.00

Modules

Africa ADR 820 (AAD 820)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

In this module a multidisciplinary approach is adopted and the topics include the following:

a. Indigenous principles in relation to ADR
b. Continental issues in relation to ADR
c. Practices, methods and techniques, theory in relation to ADR employed in various regions in Africa.
d. Comparative ADR methods.
e. Practical case studies and training

Labour law 311 (ABR 311)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BCom
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial every 2nd week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Basic principles of the employment contract. Collective labour law. Statutory conditions of employment. Individual labour disputes. Collective labour disputes. Settlement procedures.

Labour law 410 (ABR 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

a. Individual labour law
b. Collective labour law
c. Resolution of labour disputes

Accredited course in human rights 802 (ACH 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

During the second semester of the programme, students follow prescribed academic modules at the universities to which they are allocated and undertake internships with human rights organisations if so required.

Accredited module 802 (ADC 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00

NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

During the second semester of the programme, a student may complete an applicable module at an international institution.

International ADR and online ADR 830 (ADR 830)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

In this module, specific aspects of international ADR and Online ADR are discussed. Specifics topics include:

a. International ADR practices at the different types of forum.
b. A thorough study of the different forums of operation.
c. Online ADR and the respective forums
d. Online ADR and the different forums
e. Comparative study of specific countries and their international ADR and online ADR practices.

Afrikaans 110 (AFR 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]

Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in Afrikaans
Department	Afrikaans
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Taalkundekomponent: Inleiding tot die Afrikaanse taalkunde

Inleiding tot die Afrikaanse taalkunde met die klem op skryfvaardighede.

Letterkundekomponent: Inleiding tot Afrikaanse literatuurstudie

Inleiding tot die Afrikaanse literatuurgeskiedenis, -kritiek en -teorie.

Afrikaans 114 (AFR 114)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in Afrikaans
Department	Afrikaans
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Afrikaans for speakers of other languages (1)
*No mother tongue speakers of Afrikaans will be allowed to take this module.
A subject for advanced learners of Afrikaans. A basic knowledge of Afrikaans grammar and listening, reading, writing and speaking skills are required.

Afrikaans 120 (AFR 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06

Programmes	BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in Afrikaans
Department	Afrikaans
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Taalkundekomponent: Fonetiek en fonologie

Inleiding tot die Afrikaanse fonetiek en fonologie. Inleiding tot die Afrikaanse taalkunde.

Letterkundekomponent: Afrikaanse populêre kultuur

Inleiding tot kultuurstudie: ’n Oorsig oor populêre fiksie, musiek en films in Afrikaans.

Alternative dispute resolution 420 (AGF 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
Theory pertaining to negotiating, mediation and arbitration as well as the theoretical and practical implementation thereof in various legal fields such as criminal law, matrimonial law, international law, labour law and sectional title law.

Applied human rights 801 (AHR 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

In this module, the principles and practice of international criminal law are discussed; students also undertake a visit to and report on the situation in a selected African state where they are exposed to the practical application of human rights, democratisation or international criminal law.

Advanced international law 802 (AIL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework) LLM (International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The topics covered include:

a. International humanitarian law
b. Use of force
c. Terrorism
d. Humanitarian intervention
e. Extradition
f. Diplomatic law

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing [BVetNurs] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Information Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing [BVetNurs] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Theology and Religion Faculty of Veterinary Science
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Informatics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Advanced consumer credit law 802 (AML 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Consumer Protection Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

An advanced study in consumer credit law.

Advanced consumer protection 803 (AML 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Consumer Protection Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

An advanced study in consumer protection law.

International consumer protection 804 (AML 804)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

An advanced study in international consumer protection.

Law and transformation 410 (AMR 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB
Introductory debate on the universality and cultural specificity of human rights and a historical overview of human rights in Africa. The module focuses on the notion of transformation and explores its theoretical content as well as practical implications. Students will be expected to investigate and develop a transformative jurisprudence/ a jurisprudence of transformation. Issues to be considered include: human rights and democracy; constitutional sovereignty in South Africa; the notion of transformative constitutionalism; critical engagements with transformation; instantiations of transformation.

Deeds and notarial practice 410 (ANO 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08

Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

a. An overview of the origin and development of the professions of conveyancer and notary
b. Statutory provisions applicable to conveyancers and notaries
c. Professional responsibility and ethics
d. Aspects surrounding the transfer of immovable property, registration of mortgage bonds, servitudes and real rights
e. Practical drafting of deeds and notarial documents

Administration of estates 801 (AOE 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) *Estate Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. The administration process and legislation
b. Executor appointment and duties
c. Methods of liquidation
d. The liquidation and distribution account
e. Estate duty
f. Drafting of the executor’s account

Aspects of the law of succession 801 (ASC 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate

Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) *Estate Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

a. General principles of intestate and testate succession
b. Formalities and incorporation by reference
c. Power of condonation
d. Influence of the Constitution on succession
e. Pactum successorium and massing
f. Aspects of revocation and revival of wills
g. Testamentary capacity and capacity to benefit

Administrative law 802 (ASL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework) LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An advanced study of a selection of topics in the administrative law

General principles of income tax law 801 (ATL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00

NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. Interpretation of tax legislation
b. Gross income
c. General deductions
d. Specific deductions and allowances
e. Assessed losses
f. Objections and appeals
g. Rules of the Tax Court
h. General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR)

Aspects of the law of trusts 802 (AVT 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) *Estate Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

a. The basic trust-idea and the importance thereof in the formation and administration of trusts
b. The trust and other legal institutions; anomalies in the law of trusts
c. Essentialia of the trust with the emphasis on problems identified in case law
d. The juridical construction of the inter vivos trust – a critical evaluation
e. The protection of trust beneficiaries with specific reference to the so-called “core elements” of the trust
f. Parties to the trust
g. The trust and taxation
h. The trust as instrument in estate planning

Business accounting 200 (BAC 200)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	32.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching)
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Law Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	FRK 111 and FRK 121 or FRK 100/101
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Accounting
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

To use a conceptual understanding of intermediate foundational knowledge of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in order to prepare, present and interpret company and basic group company financial statements in a familiar business context and to propose clear solutions with adequate justification to solve financial problems in an ethical manner.

Business accounting 300 (BAC 300)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BCom *Statistics*
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	BAC 200
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Accounting
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

BAC 300 includes both company and complex group company statements and the outcome of BAC 300 is:
To use a conceptual understanding of comprehensive and integrated foundational knowledge of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), basic foundational knowledge of IFRS for small and medium-sized enterprises (IFRS for SMEs) and basic foundational knowledge of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP), in order to proficiently prepare, present and interpret company and complex group company financial statements in an unfamiliar business context and to propose appropriate solutions with compelling justification to solve financial problems in an ethical manner.

Business law 210 (BER 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Consumer Science (Clothing Retail Management) [BConSci]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Basic principles of law of contract. Law of sales, credit agreements, lease.

Business law 220 (BER 220)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Consumer Science (Clothing Retail Management) [BConSci]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	Examination entrance for BER 210
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Labour law. Aspects of security law. Law of insolvency. Entrepreneurial law; company law, law concerning close corporations. Law of partnerships.

Business law 310 (BER 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BEng (Industrial Engineering) ENGAGE
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to law. General principles of the law of contract. Specific contracts: purchase contracts; letting and hiring of work; employment contracts. Agency. General aspects of entrepreneurial law.

Tax practice 420 (BLP 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
(a) Transfer duty
(b) Value-added tax
(c) Diverse tax matters

Tax law 310 (BLR 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

a. Foundations of income tax
b. Calculation of income tax payable
c. Capital gains tax

Banking law 802 (BNK 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An advanced study in banking law and the regulation of banks.

Banking law – Capita Selecta 803 (BNK 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00

NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An advanced study in selected aspects of banking law.

Law of evidence 310 (BWR 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. Introduction – Historical development and sources of the Law of Evidence
b. Decolonisation and transformation of the Law of Evidence
c. Relevance and admissibility
d. Previous consistent statements
e. Similar fact evidence
f. Character evidence
g. Opinion evidence
h. Hearsay and *Res Gestae*

Law of evidence 320 (BWR 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	7.00
NQF Level	07

Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. Privilege
b. Competence and compellability
c. Kinds of evidence: oral, real, documentary and sui generis
d. Informal admissions, pointings out and confessions
e. Unconstitutionally obtained evidence in criminal trials
f. Burden of proof, quantum of proof, and the effects of presumptions
g. The evidentiary aspects of trial practice

Criminal procedure litigation 801 (CCP 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The module comprises a study of selected capita of temporary issues relating to the law of criminal procedure. Aspects dealt with include the following:

a. Problematic aspects with regard to the application and interpretation of the Bill of Rights especially with regard to pre-trial procedures
b. A critical analysis of certain aspects regarding bail
c. Issues regarding plea bargaining
d. Diversion as an effective alternative to prosecution

Competition law 420 (CLA 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	IP and IT Law module
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The topics covered include:

a. The historical development of the law of competition.
b. The rights affected by unlawful competition.
c. The basis for action against unlawful competition under the common law.
d. The development of statutory competition law.
e. The Competition Act 89 of 1998.
f. The administrative framework of the Competition Act.
g. Practices and transactions prohibited or regulated by the Competition Act.
h. The different enforcement and administrative mechanisms and procedures available under the Competition Act.

Civil litigation 801 (CLG 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The module comprises a capita selecta from contemporary issues relating to civil litigation. Aspects dealt with include the following:

a. Theoretical foundations of the law of civil procedure
b. Class actions
c. Application procedure
d. Security for costs
e. Provisional sentence and summary judgment
f. Impact of the Constitution of 1996 on civil procedural law
g. Aspects of preparation for trial
h. Special interdicts

Collective labour law 802 (CLL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module covers the following aspects:

a. International perspectives and the South African Constitution
b. Freedom of association and the duty to collective bargaining
c. Strikes and lockouts
d. Private and compulsory dispute resolution
e. Unfair discrimination and affirmative action

Law and the community 420 (CLW 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.

Contact time	10 hours community engagement, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
The module has both a theoretical and a community engagement component.

THEORETICAL

a. Different notions of community
b. The impact of law on the everyday lives of people and communities
c. The influence of law and society / sociology of law / Streetlaw
d. The South African context

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

a. Involvement in local community projects
b. Presentation of seminars with legal themes at schools, factories, prisons and other local communities
c. Drafting of information booklets and conducting research on topics of law for local community bodies

An analysis of the South African Constitution and human rights 801 (CMR 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module deals with an analysis of the basic issues of the South African human rights dispensation. It places the greatest emphasis on the procedure and the structure of Bill of Rights analysis. The module also covers development regarding certain core rights of the South African Constitution such as equality, dignity and expression.

Constitutional law 801 (CSL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

(a) Revisiting the concept of constitutional supremacy and its interaction with popular sovereignity
(b) Constitutional dynamics – (tacit) constitutional change in ways not constitutionally authorised
(c) A critical reassessment of separation of powers, judicial independence and impartiality and the impact of judicial review in the contemporary state
(d) Consideration of legality and constitutionality in view of relevant South African case law
(e) The foundation of the state, effectiveness and legitimacy particularly in the face of rampant violent crime
(f) Co-operative government in South African constitutional practice
(g) Constitutional values with specific reference to democracy in the South African constitution
(h) The legal claims of communities in contemporary constitutional law
(i) New trends in South African constitutional jurisprudence and the local and international scholarly discourse

Individual and corporate taxation 802 (CTI 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

(a) Fringe benefits
(b) PAYE
(c) Labour brokers and personal service companies
(d) Donations tax
(e) Estate duty
(f) Capital Gains Tax
(g) Dividends and STC
(h) General deductibility of interest
(i) Structured finance transactions
(j) Alternative funding transactions and derivatives
(k) Special rules on companies
(l) Small business entities
(m) Special taxpayers

Democratisation in Africa 801 (DIA 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module examines the nature of the state and problems associated with state-building and constitutional change in Africa; provides an introduction to constitutional concepts such as the separation of powers, federalism and decentralisation, and their application to Africa; and examines the causes of and remedies for conflict in Africa.

Aspects of divorce law 801 (DLA 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module deals with legal aspects relevant at the time of divorce, including:

a. Grounds for divorce – the focus will especially fall on the creation of a single ground for divorce.
b. Redistribution orders
c. Forfeiture of benefits orders
d. Maintenance agreements
e. Rule 43-applications
f. Children and divorce – especially after the enactment of the Children's Act 38 of 2005

Law of delict 320 (DLR 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in law

a. General principles of the law of delict
b. Capita selecta from the principles applicable to specific delicts

Thesis: Law 990 (DPI 990)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Introduction to disability rights 420 (DRL 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and final year academic level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module offers an introduction to various legal aspects relating to the contemporary challenges of persons with disabilities as a multi-and interdisciplinary field of study. A capita selecta of topics include different legal issues pertinent to the protection and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in South Africa, the social construct of disability, the relevance of international human rights and the CRPD (and its Protocol), and the interplay between the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the rights discourse.

Principles of international human rights law 801 (DRL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Contact time	15 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The module focuses on core concepts and approaches informing international human rights law. The topics covered include:

a. Rationale for international human rights law
b. Sources of international human rights law
c. Human rights norms and institutions at global (UN), regional (AU), and sub-regional levels
d. Relationship between international human rights law, general international law and international criminal law
e. Relationship between international and national human rights law; domestic implementation and subsidiarity

Principles of social science 802 (DRL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Contact time	15 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The module focuses on core concepts in selected social science disciplines and in social science research. The topics covered include:

a. Basic constructs of selected social science disciplines, including sociology, anthropology, pedagogy, and political economy
b. Qualitative and quantitative research methods

Protection of persons with disabilities in a global context 803 (DRL 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The module focuses on principles and processes of international human rights law at the global level relevant to persons with disabilities. The topics covered include:

a. Relevant international human rights law principles, concepts and current issues relevant to persons with disabilities
b. Disability as a social construct and basic concepts of disability rights
c. Historical trajectory of the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities at the global level
d. Relevance of sources of international law to disability rights
e. Development of soft law and treaty law for the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities prior to the CRPD
f. Substantive and procedural protection of the rights of persons with disabilities under the CRPD and its Optional Protocol
g. Monitoring requirements under the CRPD
h. Selected United Nation jurisprudence on disability rights

African regional disability rights protection 804 (DRL 804)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The focus of this module is to examine the protection of disability rights under African regional and national law. The topics covered include:

a. Historical background on the protection of disability rights in Africa
b. Regional and sub- regional protection of disability rights in the African human rights system
c. Historical background and the efficacy of an African Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' rights on the rights of persons with disabilities
d. South African legislation, policies and jurisprudence relevant to persons with disabilities, in comparison to other selected African states
e. Legal reform to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities in an African context
f. Media studies perspective to disability rights in Africa - evaluating the role of media in the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities

Contemporary challenges in disability law, policy and practice in Africa 805 (DRL 805)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

In this module a multidisciplinary approach is adopted to disability law, policy and practice. The focus is on contemporary challenges in disability law, policy and practice in an African context and selected topics may include:

a. Contemporary challenges in disability law, policy and practice in Africa
b. Anthropology of disability in an African context
c. Disability and intersectionality in an African context, exploring multiple identities and cumulative discrimination
d. Disability and social change in an African context
e. Disability rights in practice: legal capacity, supported decision-making and independent living in an African context
f. Disability and development in Africa: Inclusive development and the sustainable development goals
g. Disability and social policy
h. Inclusive education law, policy and practice
i. Mental health law, policy and practice
j. Advocacy and access to justice in Africa

Extractive industry law 420 (EIL 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and final year academic level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

This module offers an introduction to various legal aspects related to the contemporary exploitation of mineral resources. A capita selecta of topics include different legal issues in mine development and production; associated environmental and social challenges; mineral resource governance, and the interplay between the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the mining sector.

Rights to and regulation of natural resources 801 (EIL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The objective of this module is to equip students with a thorough understanding of the legal and policy aspects of natural resources and the regulation of natural resources and industries to extract natural resources. Topics include:

a. Industry background such as the extractive industry value chain and the role of extractive industries in national, regional and global economies, basic extractive industry business and project feasibility metrics, typical national public policy priorities, the differences between the mining and oil and gas industries, gas industry specifics, the various downstream industries (smelters, refineries and petrochemical and energy industries and policy issues pertaining to renewable energy and unconventional extraction methods such as hydraulic fracturing ("fracking");
b. Natural resource and extractive industry policy concepts and regulatory options;
c. Ownership of mineral rights dispensations (state versus private ownership of mineral rights), the legal position of the owner of the land and the owner of the products of extraction;
d. The advantages and disadvantages of the main granting methodologies applied by host governments including concessions, production sharing agreements, participation agreements, services agreements and hybrid methods;
e. Typical conditions to obtain, renew or transfer exploration or extraction rights and the veracity of the public policy basis of such requirements;
f. Agreements and transactions to transfer rights to prospect and/or to extract;
g. Constitutional and administrative law aspects of relevance in dealing with extractive industry legislation and regulation including the legality of administrative processes governed by an Act such as the MPRD Act and related regulation, the right of third parties to be heard in applications by resource companies under the MPRD Act and the constitutionality of the conversion of "old order mineral rights" to "new order mineral rights".

Sustainability aspects of extractive industries 802 (EIL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The objective of this module is to equip students with a thorough understanding of the sustainability aspects of extractive industries. Topics include:

a. A general introduction to sustainability, sustainable development, corporate social responsibility, good governance as it pertains to governments and good corporate governance;
b. International, regional and national instruments related to sustainability aspects of extractive industries such as the protection of human rights, forced labour, inappropriate security practices, "conflict minerals" and "blood diamonds" (including the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and the US Dodd-Frank Act and SEC disclosure requirements); the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the UN Global Compact; [US Dodd-Frank Act;
c. Safety, health and environmental (SHE) aspects of extractive industries including emerging issues such as climate change and personal criminal liability of directors and officers for SHE contraventions;
d. Corporate governance and company law developments of relevance to sustainability including the King 3 Code and similar Codes internationally, Responsible Investment Codes, the role of Social and Ethics Committees as required by the Companies Act 2008, sustainability indexes of the stock exchanges such as the JSE SRI Index and the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, public reporting on sustainability and international reporting guidelines such as the Global Reporting Initiative

The South Africa Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 803 (EIL 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The objective of this module is to equip students with a thorough understanding of conceptual and practical aspects of the South African Mineral and Resources Development Act and related jurisprudence.

International law aspects of extractive industries 804 (EIL 804)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The objective of this module is to equip students with a thorough understanding of the international law aspects of extractive industries. Topics include:

a. Sovereignty in respect of legal regimes and laws governing extractive industries including the act of state doctrine, the doctrine of sovereign immunity and waivers of immunity and compensation for expropriation;
b. An overview of the most relevant treaties and conventions of relevance to extractive industries including the Convention on the Continental Shelf, the OILPOL convention, the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, the UN Conventions of the Law of the Sea, the New York Convention, the Convention on the Settlement on Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States, the Energy Charter Treaty to protect international energy investment and trade; international environmental law treaties and conventions and the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
c. Relevant aspects pertaining to the World Trade Organisation including extractive industry subsidies, environmental labelling and confiscatory taxation;
d. Direct and indirect forms of resource nationalisation and investment treaties to protect natural resource investors;
e. The legal status of offshore petroleum and mining installations and vessels including production platforms, floating production, storage and offloading (FPSOs) vessels and subsea pipelines as well as state jurisdiction in respect of such installations.
f. International dispute resolution mechanisms including enforcement of arbitration awards.

Civil law liability for extractive industry activities 805 (EIL 805)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The objective of this module is to equip students with a thorough understanding of the legal and policy concepts shaping civil liability for activities pertaining to extractive industries. Topics include:(a) The general principles of the law of delict and specific areas of civil liability risk for extractive industries including general international civil liability trends, class actions, "piercing the corporate veil", civil liability for SHE incidents and for competition law contraventions; (b) Principles of product liability; (c) Evolving climate change civil liability concepts; (d) Civil liability dimensions of unconventional extraction methods such as hydraulic fracturing and coal bed methane extraction.

Socio-economic development and management of non-renewable natural resources 812 (EIL 812)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The aim of this module is to equip students, without a formal legal background, a thorough understanding of the various socio-economic aspects and challenges related to the sustainable development and management of mineral and hydrocarbon resources. The topics covered include:

a. Historical, philosophical and foundational aspects of non-renewable natural resource development and regulation, with particular reference to development in an African context.
b. Basic concepts relating to the sustainable use and development of mineral, oil and gas resources, in general, and with specific reference to sustainable development, economic viability of resource deposits, project operationalisation requirements, good governance in private and public sectors, regulatory burden and policy development.
c. The specific interface between responsible resource development and foreign direct investment.

International taxation 841 (EKN 841)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module covers the principles of international taxation and tax treaties, alternative regimes for taxing residents on foreign source income and taxing foreign investors on domestic source income, issues of base erosion and profit shifting, transfer pricing, the concept of permanent establishment, e-commerce, as well as the tax treatment of specific types of income.

Tax and development 842 (EKN 842)

Qualification	Postgraduate

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Economics
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The principles, theories and tools of tax policy analysis as they apply to low-income countries, the role of taxation in development and state-building, national and international constraints on revenue mobilisation, as well as related policy and governance issues.

English 110 (ENG 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BCom (Law) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Law Faculty of Health Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week, 2 web-based periods per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	English
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*Alternative evening classes - 2 discussion classes per week Introduction to Literature in English (1)

This module introduces the study of literature by examining a number of texts representing different genres (poetry, prose, drama). The texts studied here will be mainly from the pre-twentieth century era and may include texts written in English from both Africa and other parts of the world. The aim of this module is to equip students with the critical and analytical skills required for a perceptive reading of poetry, novels and plays.

English for specific purposes 118 (ENG 118)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00

NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Social Work [BSW] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	English
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module is intended to equip students with a thorough knowledge of English grammar and is particularly useful for those interested in a career in teaching, editing, document design or other forms of language practice.

English 120 (ENG 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BCom (Law) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Law Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	English
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*Alternative evening classes: 2 discussion classes per week
Introduction to Literature in English (2)
This module introduces the study of post-nineteenth century literature by examining a number of texts representing different genres (poetry, drama, prose). Texts will be from both Africa and other parts of the world. By the end of this module students should have the background and analytical skills to perceptively read modern and contemporary poetry, novels and plays.

Environmental law 802 (ENL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module involves advanced study of the following: (a) Key concepts and principles of environmental law in the context of a South African constitutional dispensation Nature and scope of environmental law (b) South African environmental framework legislation and policy concerned with environmental governance, compliance and enforcement, including in relation to integrated environmental management and environmental impact assessments, the protection of marine and terrestrial biodiversity, waste management, pollution control, mining and energy, water management, land use and planning and climate change

Strategic environmental management 822 (ENS 822)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MSc (Environmental Management) (Coursework)
Service modules	Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 discussion classes per week, 5 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Geography Geoinformatics and Meteorology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Strategic environmental planning: introduction, objectives and principles; levels; South African overview; guidelines: national and international; strategy and management; structure, strategy and agency; South African guidelines; diagnostic tools; RESP analysis; strategic resource planning; applications, implementation and control; development and policy implementation; South African environmental policy; evaluation frameworks; portfolio analysis; competitive forces; alliances; business benefits; intangibles, survival and catalytic contributions; South African legislation and regulations.

Environmental law 816 (ENV 816)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MSc (Environmental Management) (Coursework)
Service modules	Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 1 web-based period per week, 2 practicals per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Geography Geoinformatics and Meteorology
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Legislation for sustainable development within the framework of international agreements, the different acts affecting water quality and water use, the SEMAs within the NEMA framework, the NEMA EIA regulations, legislation pertaining to hazardous substances, interaction between mining development and NEMA, energy law, strategic environmental legislation, marine and coastal management.

Law of succession 222 (ERF 222)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in Law

a. Intestate succession
b. Testate succession
c. Administration of estates

Essay and seminar 400 (ESS 400)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	RHP 320
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*For LLB

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

Philosophy 110 (FIL 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to Philosophy

The two semester modules at first-year level introduce students to four main subfields of philosophy, namely metaphysics, epistemology, political philosophy and ethics. This module introduces students to two of these subfields, namely epistemology and metaphysics with reference to the work of a range of scholars from Africa and the rest of the Global South as well as from Asia and the West. Students will become acquainted with the nature of philosophical reflection by exploring a number of classical philosophical themes in each subfield. Throughout the module there is an emphasis on developing those critical thinking, reading and writing skills that are required in Philosophy, while students become acquainted with the power of critique as judgment and discernment.

Philosophy 120 (FIL 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to Philosophy

The two semester modules at first-year level introduce students to four main subfields of philosophy, namely metaphysics, epistemology, political philosophy and ethics. This module introduces students to two of these subfields, namely political philosophy and ethics and the emphasis is on texts by African and Western scholars. Students will become acquainted with the nature of philosophical reflection by exploring a number of classical philosophical themes in each subfield. Throughout the module there is an emphasis on developing those critical thinking, reading and writing skills that are required in Philosophy, while students become acquainted with the power of critique as judgment and discernment.

Family law 121 (FMR 121)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in law

a. Introduction to family law
b. General principles regarding the coming into existence of a marriage
c. Void, voidable and putative marriages
d. The invariable consequences of the marriage
e. Basic principles regarding the legal relationship between child and parent
f. The variable consequences of a marriage
g. Principles regarding the dissolution of a marriage
h. The consequences of the dissolution of a marriage

Law of Parent and Child;

a. Variable consequences of marriage
b. Dissolution of marriage
c. Consequences of the dissolution of marriage
d. Customary marriages
e. Domestic partnerships and religious marriages

Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Law Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Accounting
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The nature and function of accounting; the development of accounting; financial position; financial result; the recording process; processing of accounting data; treatment of VAT; elementary income statement and balance sheet; flow of documents; accounting systems; introduction to internal control and internal control measures; bank reconciliations; control accounts; adjustments; financial statements of a sole proprietorship; the accounting framework.

Financial accounting 122 (FRK 122)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	FRK 111 GS or FRK 133, FRK 143
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Accounting
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Budgeting, payroll accounting, taxation – income tax and an introduction to other types of taxes, credit and the new Credit Act, insurance, accounting for inventories (focus on inventory and the accounting entries, not calculations), interpretation of financial statements.

History 110 (GES 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Historical and Heritage Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The making of the Modern World: a survey
A selection of themes on Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe and their contribution to the making of the Modern World.

History 120 (GES 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BEd (Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Historical and Heritage Studies
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Africa and South Africa: a survey
An overview focusing on the making of African and South African societies from the earliest times to the present with emphasis on the most significant historical forces, factors and events.

Land and related reform 420 (GHR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and final year academic level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. Introduction to the land and land reform law
b. Capita selecta of policy documentation, constitutional and other statutory measures in respect of the use of land and land reform law
c. Relevant aspects of conveyancing law

Advanced international trade law 802 (GIH 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

a. Regulation of international trade – the WTO
b. Intellectual property law and transfer of technology
c. Trade, environment, human rights and labour
d. Agriculture
e. Services
f. Trade facilitation
g. Regionalism
h. Industrial products (NAMA)
i. Dispute resolution
j. Trade remedies
k. Trade negotiations

Capita selecta of the general principles of the law of contract 801 (GPC 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Law of Contract) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. Overview of the conclusion of contracts.
b. Consensus and factors that influence consensus
c. Time and place of conclusion of contracts
d. Effect of the constitution on contracts
e. Overview of breach of contract and remedies
f. Cancellation as remedy for breach of contract
g. Damages

Interpretation of contracts 802 (GPC 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Law of Contract) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	#GPC 801
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The topics covered include:

a. The nature of legal interpretation
b. The relationship between the interpretation of contracts and other legal instruments
c. Evidence that is admissible and evidence that is inadmissible in the interpretation of contracts.
d. Analysing the various terms that constitute a contract.
e. Rectification
f. Presumptions and rules of interpretation

Advanced drafting theory 803 (GPC 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Law of Contract) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	GPC 802
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The topics in this module include the following:

a. Advanced drafting theory
b. Systemic context: substantive dimension; interpretational dimension; constitutional dimension
c. Contractual Instruments
d. Functional context: structural dimension; semantic dimension
e. Legislative plain language imperatives

Medical law 410 (GRG 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
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

a. General foundations of forensic medicine
b. Legal basis of the relationship between doctor/hospital and patient
c. Grounds of justification for medical interventions
d. Medical negligence and vicarious liability
e. The patient's privacy and medical confidentiality
f. Artificial human procreation
g. Liability for wrongful conception/birth/life
h. Transsexualism and sex-change operations
i. The moment of death and euthanasia
j. Aspects of the medical disciplinary hearings

Advanced international investment and business law 802 (GTB 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

a. Introduction to international law and regional law: theory and source
b. Economics literacy and basic business management skills
c. International financial institutions and loan transactions
d. Investment and trade in Africa: bilateral and multilateral perspectives
e. European Union law
f. Financial services and securities regulation
g. International business transactions
h. Investment and procurement

History and philosophy of human rights 801 (HPH 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

a. Historical and philosophical perspectives on rights
b. Critical perspectives on rights
c. Legal philosophical and political notions of justice
d. Applications within the South African context

Human rights in Africa 801 (HRA 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00

NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module provides an overview of the human rights norms, institutions and processes of the African Union, with a focus on the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

International human rights law relevant to sexual and reproductive rights in Africa 802 (HRA 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The focus of this module is on the principles and processes of international human rights law at the global and regional level, and their relevance to issues of reproductive and sexual health and to the situation of sexual minorities, with specific reference to Africa.
Topics include:

a. History, philosophy and ideology of human rights, with particular reference to Africa
b. Basic concepts of international and national human rights law
c. The global (UN) system of human rights protection: norms, institutions, procedures, and their relevance to reproductive and sexual rights
d. The African (African Union) system of human rights protection: norms, institutions, procedures, and their relevance to reproductive and sexual rights (placed in comparative perspective, with reference to European and inter-American systems)
e. The actual and potential role of regional economic communities regional level) in Africa in the protection of human rights in Africa, with specific reference to reproductive and sexual rights
f. An overview of human rights protection at the domestic level, with specific reference to selected African states
g. Understanding the role of international human rights mechanisms in the protection of sexual minorities

Applying human rights principles to realise sexual and reproductive health rights claims 803 (HRA 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The focus of this module is on the application of human rights principles to reproductive and sexual health with a view to realising claims on these rights at domestic, regional and global levels. Topics include:

a. Applying human rights to sexual and reproductive health, including the rights to equality, life, human dignity, freedom from inhuman and degrading treatment, health, information, education, reproductive self-determination, maternity protection in employment, liberty and security of the person, and privacy.
b. Developing a sexual and reproductive rights claim through identifying the reproductive health wrong, its causes and the wrongdoer; documenting the alleged wrongs; determining which laws are implicated, identifying human rights standards for determining breach of a reproductive right.
c. Advancing a sexual and reproductive rights claim at the domestic level with reference to realising reproductive rights through regulatory and disciplinary procedures, courts of law, alternative dispute resolution, domestic human rights institutions, and ombudspersons.
d. Advancing a sexual and reproductive rights claim at the regional and sub-regional levels with reference to realising reproductive rights through African regional and sub-regional institutions.
e. Advancing a sexual and reproductive rights claim at the global level with particular reference to realising reproductive rights through United Nations treaty monitoring bodies.
f. Drawing lessons from comparable regional human rights systems with particular reference to the European and Inter-American regional human rights systems.

Applying human rights principles to selected reproductive health issues in Africa 804 (HRA 804)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The focus of this module is on the application of human rights principles to discrete reproductive health issues with a view to developing human rights responses to contemporary reproductive health challenges in the African region. Topics include:

a. Contraception
b. Domestic violence
c. Female genital cutting
d. Infertility and medical-assisted reproduction
e. Maternal death
f. Sexual violence in times of conflict
g. Sexuality and reproductive health education
h. Trafficking in women and children
i. Unsafe abortion

Applying human rights principles to selected sexual rights and sexuality issues in Africa 805 (HRA 805)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The focus of this module is on the application of human rights principles to selected issues related to sexual and sexuality issues in Africa, with a view to developing human rights responses to related contemporary challenges in the African region.
Topics include:

a. Overview of relevant concepts
b. The foundation of sexual rights in international human rights instruments
c. Sexual norms and gender stereotypes
d. Sex work and human rights
e. Sexual coercion and abuse
f. Sexually transmitted infections including HIV and rights relating to information and prevention
g. The right to comprehensive sexual education
h. Harmful traditional practices that violate sexual rights
i. Link between sexual rights and reproductive health rights
j. Advocacy strategies for sexual rights

Applying human rights principles to selected rights of sexual minorities in Africa 806 (HRA 806)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The focus of this module is on the application of human rights principles to selected issues affecting sexual minorities in Africa, with a view to developing human rights responses to related contemporary challenges in the African region. Topics include:

a. Providing a critical understanding of the concepts ‘sexual orientation’ and ‘gender identity', ‘homosexual’, ‘bisexual’, ‘gay’, ‘lesbian’, ‘transgender’, ‘intersex’, ‘sexual minority’, ‘heterosexism’, and ‘queer’
b. Understanding theories on the psychology, biology and sociobiology of homosexuality
c. Investigating the global history of homosexuality, particularly in the ‘West’ (USA and Britain) and its influence on Africa
d. Investigating the evolution of homosexuality and society in Africa, including an anthropological review of homosexuality in traditional African societies, and under colonialism and in post-colonial Africa
e. Understanding the nature of the violation of rights of ‘sexual minorities’ including violations to the rights to health; discrimination based on actual or presumed sexual orientation, gender identity and HIV status; sexual and other forms of violence; violations of the right to privacy; stigmatisation and its consequences) particularly by states and non-state actors in Africa
f. Understanding the reasons for rights violations and homophobia in Africa by investigating the role of culture/tradition, religion and majoritarianism
g. Considering the role of public policy, by focusing on the need and possibilities for legal reform, and strategies to sensitise communities for the rights of sexual minorities and change homophobic attitudes

Research and adv to realise sexual, reprod health and sexual minority rights claims in Africa 807 (HRA 807)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	30 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module aims to equip students with the skills for advocacy of and to conduct research on sexual and reproductive health issues, with a view to the realisation of these rights and the rights of sexual minorities in Africa. Topics include:

a. Defining human rights violations
b. Analysing root causes of human rights violations
c. Social sciences research methods
d. Investigating facts and gathering evidence
e. Conducting interviews
f. Strategic thinking including developing strategic partnerships
g. Advanced legal reasoning and legal writing
h. Strategic impact litigation
i. Negotiation and mediation
j. Media advocacy
k. Engaging government and other stakeholders
l. Conducting a practical exercise as simulation of an actual intervention to decrease stigma and increase sensitisation and acceptance of the rights of LGBTI communities in the context of the country in which the students find themselves.

Comparative and international insolvency principles 821 (IBR 821)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Business Management) *Insolvency and Business Rescue* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	20 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The aim of the module is to provide students with the required background regarding the principles and theory of the South African insolvency system within an international and comparative context. The outcome of this module is to equip students with an advanced knowledge of the issues related to this ever-evolving industry.

Corporate liquidation and business rescue regulation 822 (IBR 822)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Business Management) *Insolvency and Business Rescue* (Coursework)

Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	20 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The aim of the module is to provide students with advanced knowledge regarding the principles of corporate liquidation and rescue including the administration of an insolvent or financially distressed estate.

International and comparative human rights 801 (ICH 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

In this module, introductory human rights concepts are examined; the human rights systems under the United Nations, Council of Europe and the Organisation of American States and some selected national law systems are also analysed.

International criminal law 802 (ICL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law

Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. A general introduction to international criminal law; key concepts and basic definitions of international criminal law and international criminal jurisdiction
b. The origin of the International Criminal Court and the implementation of the Statute of the International Criminal Court in South African law
c. Participation in international crimes and defences against international criminal liability
d. The move from state liability to individual liability in international criminal law
e. The crimes of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity in international criminal law

Indirect taxation 802 (IDB 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. VAT
b. Stamp duty
c. Transfer duty
d. SDL
e. UIF

Indirect tax 802 (IDT 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. The basic working of VAT
b. Output tax
c. Input tax
d. Exempt supplies
e. Zero-rated supplies
f. Adjustments in respect of change of use
g. Objection and appeal procedure under the VAT Act

International environmental law 801 (IEL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module involves advanced study of the following:

a. Key concepts and principles of international environmental law
b. Climate change
c. Biodiversity
d. Hazardous substances and activities
e. Responsibility and liability for environmental harm
f. Oceans and the law of the sea

International elective module (1) 411 (IET 411)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

International elective module (2) 412 (IET 412)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

International elective module (3) 413 (IET 413)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

International elective module (4) 414 (IET 414)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Intellectual property law 320 (IGZ 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. General principles of intellectual property law
b. Copyright
c. Law relating to inventions and designs
d. Trademark law
e. Law relating to plant breeders' rights
f. Law of competition

Intellectual property, new technologies and innovation 802 (IGZ 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Intellectual Property Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The following aspects will be dealt with:

a. Patents Act no. 57 of 1978
b. Designs Act 195 of 1993.
c. Plant Breeders’ Rights Act 15 of 1976
d. Patent-related international instruments
e. New technologies and the law
f. Innovation and the law
g. Registrability of patents and designs
h. Capita selecta including: validity; interpretation of specifications; infringement; amendment or correction; compulsory licences; convention applications and exhaustion of rights.

Intellectual property, branding and advertising 803 (IGZ 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Intellectual Property Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The following aspects will be dealt with:

a. Trade Marks Act 194 of 1993
b. Merchandise Marks Act 17 of 1941
c. Counterfeit Goods Act 37 of 1997
d. Relationship between registered trade marks and unregistered trade marks
e. Branding and trade marks
f. Advertising and trade marks
g. Compliance with international instruments
h. Trademark-related international instruments
i. Compliance with international instruments
j. Capita selecta including: registrability and validity; infringement; amendment or correction
k. Civil remedies for the infringement of intellectual property rights
l. Criminal remedies for the infringement of intellectual property rights

Intellectual property, creative industries and expression of ideas 804 (IGZ 804)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Intellectual Property Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The following aspects will be dealt with:

a. Copyright Act 98 of 1978
b. Performers' Protection Act 11 of 1967
c. Registration of Copyright in Cinematograph Films Act 62 of 1977
d. Creative industries and the law
e. Creative expression and the law
f. Copyright-related international instruments
g. Compliance of South African law with international instruments
h. Capita selecta including: subsistence and conferral of copyright; scope of and exceptions to copyright; infringement of copyright

International humanitarian law and human rights in military operations 801 (IHM 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. The applicability of international human rights law (IHRL) and international humanitarian law (IHL)
b. Basic principles of IHRL and IHL
c. Interplay, convergence and conflict between IHRL and IHL
d. Implementation and enforcement of IHRL and IHL
e. The relation of IHRL and IHL to other fields of international law
f. The deprivation of liberty in IHRL and IHL
g. The use of force in IHRL and IHL

International insolvency law 801 (IIL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The module comprises a capita selecta from contemporary issues relating to the law of international insolvency. Aspects dealt with include the following:

a. Modern trends and developments in insolvency law
b. Current issues in international insolvency law
c. Cross-border insolvency law systems in South Africa as well as in selected other jurisdictions

Informatics 183 (INF 183)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	3.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Informatics
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Computer processing of accounting information.

Private international law 410 (IPR 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and final year academic level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. Theoretical and historical background
b. Conceptual problems
c. Determination of foreign law
d. Conflict rules for the determination of an appropriate norm of the:

- family law
- law of contract
- law of delict
- law of things
- law of succession
- recognition and enforcement of foreign judgements

Capita selecta of insurance law 420 (ISL 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and final year academic level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
The topics covered include:

a. Insurance supervision and governance
b. General principles of insurance contract law
c. Specific aspects pertaining to the insurance relationship
d. Specific aspects pertaining to insurance claims
e. Dispute resolution

Insolvency law 310 (ISR 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

**For LLB and BCom specialising in law

a. General introduction and historical background
b. The process of sequestration
c. Effects of sequestration
d. Voidable and void dispositions
e. Overview of administration of insolvent estates
f. Composition, rehabilitation and offences
g. Liquidation of insolvent companies and close corporations

Insolvency law 801 (ISR 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module deals with aspects of the following topics:

a. The nature and purpose of insolvency law with reference to the collection process
b. The application of the proceeds and liability for contribution
c. Sequestration and rehabilitation applications
d. The assets of the insolvent estate
e. The assets of the solvent spouse
f. Unexecuted transactions
g. Impeachable transactions
h. Composition

International labour law 802 (ITA 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module covers aspects of international labour law and includes:

a. International instruments (ILO and EU)
b. Employment equity
c. Termination of contracts of employment
d. Collective bargaining and strikes

Advanced income tax law 801 (ITL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

a. The basic principles pertaining to gross income
b. Specific inclusions in gross income – interest, royalties, etc
c. General principles pertaining to deductible expenses
d. Examples of allowable and non-allowable deductions – rent, improvements, royalties, etc
e. Tax evasion and tax avoidance under the Income Tax Act
f. Objection and appeal procedures

Individual labour law 801 (IVL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Advanced study of:

a. Employment contract: essentialia and duties of parties
b. Application and scope of Labour Relations Act of 1995
c. Unfair labour practices
d. Unfair dismissal
e. Retrenchment and transfer of employment contracts

Jurisprudence 110 (JUR 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week, 4 seminars
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence

Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in law
The module has both a theoretical and skills component. All elements described below will encompass conceptual knowledge combined with practical application.

UNDERLYING JURISPRUDENTIAL ASPECTS OF LAW / THE LAW IN GENERAL

a. A first-year definition of law / the Law
b. The relationships between law and society, law and history, law and politics, law and language
c. Being a law student or lawyer in South Africa
d. Introduction to different perspectives on the law

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL SYSTEM AND ITS HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

SOURCES OF SOUTH AFRICAN LAW AND THEIR HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT:

a. Introduction to characteristics and components of the South African legal system
b. Mixed legal systems
c. The South African Constitution and its historical development
d. Customary law and its historical development
e. Common law and its historical development
f. Primary and other sources of modern South African law
g. Applying the sources of law to a set of facts and relying on the sources of law to answer a jurisprudential question.

THE ABOVE CONTENT FORMS THE BASIS OF THE SKILLS COMPONENT (INCORPORATING ACADEMIC LITERACY SKILLS) WHICH CONSISTS OF:

a. Conducting research in the library
b. Finding, reading and applying the sources of law
c. Reading, understanding and summarising texts on topics of law
d. Analysing, criticising and improving (“edit”) a piece of writing on the law in a theoretical sense
e. Writing a well-constructed essay or paragraph on legal problems and topics of law or legal history

Jurisprudence 120 (JUR 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week, 4 seminars

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in law
BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE:

a. Law of obligations (contract and delict)
b. Criminal law
c. Law of civil procedure
d. Law of criminal procedure
e. Law of evidence

ACCESS TO JUSTICE:

a. Courts and alternative dispute resolution
b. Legal profession
c. Access to justice and its promotion in South Africa (the idea, problems, representation in criminal matters, role of different organisations, etc)

THE ABOVE CONTENT FORMS THE BASIS OF THE SKILLS COMPONENT (INCORPORATING ACADEMIC LITERACY SKILLS) WHICH CONSISTS OF:

a. Drafting a simple contract based upon a set of facts (law of contract)
b. Reading, understanding, summarising a case on the law of delict and applying the principles of legal argument and logic to it
c. Summarising, analysing, criticising and improving ("edit") a piece of writing on the law of evidence
d. Understanding and applying the principles of examination in chief, cross-examination and re-examination to a concrete set of facts with a view to participation in a "moot court" or debate.

Jurisprudence 310 (JUR 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence

Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB and BA specializing in Law
An overview of the most important jurisprudential approaches amongst others natural law, positivism, realism, critical legal theory, modern and post-modern approaches. The theoretical and practical value of these approaches are investigated within a post-apartheid context.

Jurisprudence 420 (JUR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
The module focuses on various jurisprudential approaches including philosophical perspectives; critical theory; and other inter- and transdisciplinary perspectives on law and their response and relation to contemporary issues.

Child law 410 (KID 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

a. The status of children in South African law
b. The constitutional protection of children
c. General principles of the Children's Act 38 of 2005
d. Parental responsibilities and rights
e. Children courts
f. Adoption and alternative care
g. International instruments pertaining to children's rights
h. Intercountry adoption and international abduction
i. Children and the criminal justice system

Commercial law 110 (KRG 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	BSc (Information and Knowledge Systems)
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

General introduction.
General principles of the law of contract: introduction to the law of contract; consensus; contractual capacity; legality and physical possibility of performance; formalities; parties to the contract; conditions and related legal concepts; special terms and the interpretation of contracts; breach of contract and the termination of the contractual relationship.

Commercial law 120 (KRG 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	BSc (Information and Knowledge Systems)
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Examination entrance to KRG 110
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Law of purchase and sale; law of lease; credit agreements; law of agency; law of security.

Commercial law 200 (KRG 200)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	24.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BSc (Information and Knowledge Systems)
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	KRG 120; admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Company law, law concerning close corporations, law of partnerships, labour law, law of arbitration and transport, law of insurance, law concerning negotiable documents, law of insolvency, law of succession and trusts.

Criminology 110 (KRM 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: Fundamental criminology
A general introduction to criminology is provided. An overview of factors that contribute to crime, forensic criminology and forensic criminalistics are investigated.
Part 2: Violent crime
Various types of violent crimes receive attention in this section.

Criminology 120 (KRM 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law Faculty of Theology and Religion
Prerequisites	KRM 110
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Penology
Attention is given to the roleplayers in the criminal justice system, namely the police, judiciary and corrections.
Part 2: Crime prevention and control
The nature and extent of crime, theories to explain criminal behaviour and crime prevention and control are investigated.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Criminology 210 (KRM 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BA extended programme
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	KRM 110,120

Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: Forensic criminalistics
The integrated nature of systematic criminal investigation is explored by demarcating the study field into the criminal tactic and technique.
Part 2: Youth misbehaviour
The nature, extent, theoretical explanations as well as prevention and control of youth misbehaviour are investigated.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Criminology 220 (KRM 220)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BA extended programme
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	KRM 110, 120, 210 (KRM 210 is not a prerequisite for BSW students)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Victimology
Contemporary issues in victimology are explored and special attention is given to aspects such as victim-based legislation and restorative justice.
Part 2: Political offences
Political offences such as corruption, assassination and human rights violations are investigated in this section.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Criminology 310 (KRM 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BA extended programme

Service modules	Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	KRM 210, 220
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Part 1: Theories of crime
Theories focusing on understanding and explaining crime and criminality are investigated in this section.
Part 2: Psychocriminology
Explaining the relation between abnormal behaviour and criminality receives attention in this section.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Criminology 320 (KRM 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BA extended programme
Service modules	Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	KRM 210, 220, 310 (GS)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Part 1: Female crime
The historical exclusion of women in Criminology theory development and research is interrogated through an epistemological lens. Gender and racial disparity in the criminal justice system are placed firmly on the agenda.
Part 2: Contemporary criminology issues
In this section contemporary crime manifestations are examined.

The two sections will not necessarily be presented in chronological order.

Specific contracts 220 (KTH 220)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06

Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BCom specialising in law

a. Law of purchase and sale
b. Law of letting and hiring of things
c. Law of agency
d. Law of surety
e. Law of letting and hiring of work

Law of contract 211 (KTR 211)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in law

a. General principles of the law of obligations
b. Formation of the contract
c. Content of the contract
d. Interpretation of written contracts
e. Breach of contract
f. Remedies for breach of contract
g. Termination of contractual obligations
h. Drafting of contracts

Information and communications technology law 420 (KUB 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	5 practicals per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. Introduction to the study of information and communications technology law:

- The place of information and communications technology law in the legal system
- The nature and scope of information and communications technology law
- Sources of information and communications technology law
- Inception and influence of the Internet

b. Regulation of the Internet:

- National/International
- Jurisdiction

c. Aspects of intellectual property law and the Internet
d. E-commerce activities and the Internet:

- Aspects of jurisdiction and signing of contracts
- Data protection and encryption
- Liability of Internet service providers

e. Advertising and the Internet
f. Criminal liability in information and communications technology law
g. Constitutional aspects in information and communications technology law:

- The right to privacy/freedom of expression/information

Information and communications technology law 780 (KUB 780)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Information Technology Honours (Information Systems) [BITHons]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	KRG 110 or BER 210 or BER 310 or BER 410
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

a. Introduction to the study of information and communications technology law:

- The place of information and communications technology law in the legal system
- The nature and scope of information and communications technology law
- Sources of information and communications technology law
- Inception and influence of the Internet

b. Regulation of the Internet:

- National/International
- Jurisdiction

c. Aspects of intellectual property law and the Internet

d. E-Commerce activities and the Internet:

- Aspects of jurisdiction and signing of contracts
- Dataprotection and encryption
- Liability of Internet service providers
- Consumer Protection

e. Criminal liability in information and communications technology space

f. Constitutional aspects in information and communications technology space:

- The right to privacy/freedom of expression/information

Information and communications and technology law 802 (KUB 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module will provide students with detailed knowledge and understanding of the underlying theory and diverse provisions of applicable international and domestic legislation as well as practical guidance on the application thereof. The following aspects will be addressed within the context of information and communications technology law;

a. General introduction to international and domestic information technology law
b. General principles of international and domestic electronic contracting
c. Capita selecta from electronic transacting: online gaming, auctions and the sales of restricted goods, electronic payment methods and digital banking/financial services
d. Consumer protection
e. Privacy and data protection
f. Free speech on the Internet
g. Cyber crime
h. Electronic challenges facing copyright law
i. Domain name regulation, governance and dispute resolution
j. Internet Service Provider (ISP) rights, duties and liabilities

Law of banking and financial institutions 410 (LBF 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and final year academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

a. Law pertaining to selected financial institutions
b. Banking law
c. Insurance law

Liquidation and business rescue 802 (LBR 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework)
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. Compromises and arrangements in terms of section 311 of the Companies Act 61 of 1973
b. Initiation and consequences of the winding-up of companies and close corporations
c. Administration of insolvent estates and the drafting of liquidation and distribution accounts
d. Judicial management and other business rescue mechanisms

Thesis: Law 990 (LLD 990)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Programmes	Doctor of Laws [LLD] Doctor of Laws [LLD]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Dissertation: Law 890 (LLM 890)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	200.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM LLM
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Law of securities 410 (LOC 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and final year academic level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

a. Legal principles in respect of the regulation of the primary security markets
b. Legal principles in respect of secondary security markets

Advanced law of evidence 802 (LOE 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The module comprises a study of selected capita of contemporary issues relating to the law of evidence. Aspects dealt with include the following:

a. Relevance and the fact-finding process: problematic aspects
b. Evidentiary aspects of the sentencing process with specific reference to the role of behavioural sciences
c. Expert witnesses and the “hired gun” phenomenon
d. A constitutional perspective on the privilege against self-incrimination
e. Specific aspects of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act
f. Evidentiary aspects of the Sexual Offences Act

Law and sustainable development 801 (LRD 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00

NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module is an introduction to the Law and Sustainable Development discipline. Using a “systems” approach, the module exposes students to the complexities of development given globalisation, the separation of powers, and international public interest / human rights law. Three core subsystems (politics, economics and law) are considered, to make the case for a multidisciplinary but integrated development model. In this model, the law, judiciary and legal practitioners play a primary role to galvanise and shape development policy and a secondary role to redress infractions and omissions. Students will consider development in a post-WWII context and the paradigms that have shaped the thinking, policies, programmes and practices adopted by nation states to advance the aspirations and legal obligations set out in international, regional and national human rights instruments. The module content includes:

a. Development in a Post-World War II context
b. Institutional economics
c. Foreign investment and Law and Sustainable Development
d. Practical considerations in Law and Sustainable Development

Global perspectives on law, justice and development 802 (LRD 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Law and Political Justice) (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module deals with the following aspects:

a. Post-structural/postmodern legal theory
b. Post-colonial legal theory
c. Feminist legal theory
d. Application within a developmental context

Law of securities 801 (LRR 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	Must pass an entrance test
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module deals with aspects of the following topics:

a. Shares and debentures
b. Capital rules
c. Acquisition of capital and quasi shares
d. Secondary markets

Mediation, conciliation, arbitration 810 (MCA 810)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The topics covered include:

a. Mediation practice, techniques, theory.
b. Conciliation practice, techniques, theory.
c. Arbitration practice, techniques, theory
d. Practical case studies and practical training

Applied international law 801 (MCL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework) LLM (International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The module deals with the principles of international law at an advanced level. It focuses on theoretical questions pertaining to sources of the law and the relationship between international and national law. It analyses new developments in international law such as the changing content of sovereignity and the phenomenon of regional integration.

Media law 420 (MDR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
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
Capita selecta from media and communications law in the light of the Constitution.

Multidisciplinary human rights 801 (MHR 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

A combination of at least seven of the following topics:

a. The state, democracy and human rights
b. International relations and human rights
c. History of human rights, including “grassroots narratives”
d. Human rights in visual media (art and film)
e. Human rights in literature
f. Human rights fact-finding and reporting; human rights journalism
g. Human rights and HIV/Aids
h. Medicine, medical ethics and human rights
i. Civil society, “grassroots movements” and human rights
j. Poverty and human rights
k. Globalisation and human rights
l. Human rights and social change
m. Social science research and human rights
n. Tradition, religion and human rights
o. Gender and human rights
p. Transitional justice, reconciliation and justice

Company law 801 (MKR 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	Must pass an entrance test
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module deals with aspects of the following topics:

a. The company concept
b. Capacity and representation of the company
c. Duties of the company director
d. Minority protection

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	100.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) LLM (Intellectual Property Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Law and Political Justice) (Coursework) LLM (Law of Contract) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Consumer Protection Law* (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) *Estate Law* (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework) LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Socio-economic Rights) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	RHP 801 and RHP 803
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

a. 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.
b. 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

Mini-dissertation 802 (MND 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	100.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	NRM 801 and RHP 803
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

a. 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.
b. A mini-dissertation (MND 802) of 18 000 to 20 000 words inclusive of footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography, is required. The mini-dissertation must be submitted to the study leader 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.

Mini-dissertation 803 (MND 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	130.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	RHP 801 and RHP 803
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

a. 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.
b. A mini-dissertation (MND 803) of 23 000 to 25 000 words inclusive of footnotes but excluding the list of contents and the bibliography, is required. The mini-dissertation must be submitted to the study leader 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.

Mini-dissertation 804 (MND 804)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	100.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework) LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	RHP 801 and RHP 803
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

a. The student must submit a research proposal during his/her second year of registration for the LLM degree to the supervisor prior to commencing with the writing of the mini-dissertation.
b. A mini-dissertation (MND 804) of minimum of 13 000 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.

Dissertation: Law 890 (MPI 890)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	200.00
NQF Level	09
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Municipal law 410 (MRG 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [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

a. Introduction to local government law in general
b. Process of local government transformation
c. Status, objects and challenges of local government
d. Legal nature and duties of municipalities
e. Co-operative government
f. New institutional models in local government
g. Demarcation of local government jurisdictions.
h. Composition and election of local government structures
i. Role of traditional leaders in local government
j. Powers and functions
k. Political structures
l. Municipal services and other functional activities
m. Human resources and labour issues
n. Municipal finances and fiscal management
o. Development, planning and unique local government law matters

General principles of insurance law 801 (MRL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework)
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:

a. Technique and history of insurance
b. Sources of insurance law
c. Insurance contract law
d. Insurance intermediaries

Insurance regulation and governance 802 (MRL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	#MRL 801
Contact time	30 Hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and 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:

a. Supervision and governance
b. Insurance claims handling
c. Dispute resolution

Capita Selecta of Insurance Law 803 (MRL 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	MRL 802
Contact time	30 Hours

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The topics covered include:

a. Microinsurance
b. Reinsurance
c. Aspects of international insurance law

Research Methodology 815 (NME 815)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Business Management) *Insolvency and Business Rescue* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Business Management
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Strong emphasis on market research, quantification of the market but also a basis for academic publications and a doctorate.

Research methodology for human rights 801 (NRM 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English

Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

In this module, the focus is on aspects of human rights research, fact finding, advocacy and education.

Mini dissertation 892 (OBS 892)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	90.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Business Management) *Insolvency and Business Rescue* (Coursework)
Service modules	Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Business Management
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This module equips the student to conduct independent research by executing a research project on a relevant topic, of which the findings are reported in an academic article.

Entrepreneurial law 320 (ODR 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BCom specialising in law

a. Company law
b. Law relating to close corporations
c. Partnership law

Environmental law 410 (OMR 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [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 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. The nature and scope of environmental law
b. The Constitution and the environment
c. Environmental framework regulation
d. Planning law
e. Environmental assessment
f. Water law
g. Pollution control and waste management
h. Mining and energy sources
i. Biodiversity and conservation of forests, plant resources and wild animals
j. Heritage resources
k. Living marine resources

Education law 420 (ONR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. Introduction to the nature and role of the law of education
b. Fundamental right to education and constitutional principles relevant to education
c. Certain specific rights of students, learners, parents and educators
d. Basic legal principles of education management in public schools
e. Basic legal principles regarding tertiary education
f. Other relevant aspects of the law of education

Post-apartheid jurisprudence 801 (PAJ 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Law and Political Justice) (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Socio-economic Rights) (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module deals with the following aspects:

a. Transformative constitutionalism
b. Post-apartheid jurisprudence
c. Law, memory, reconciliation and reparation

Public Law 210 (PBL 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BAdmin (Public Management and International Relations) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. Introduction to constitutional law and theory
b. Basic principles regarding constitutional law, the law in general, the State and the individual
c. Important constitutional principles and concepts
d. The historical development of modern constitutional law
e. Overview of the recent constitutional developments in South Africa since 1652
f. The different elements of State
g. Sources of South African constitutional law
h. The founding provisions, the legal order and symbols of the South African State
i. Basic principles of co-operative governance in South Africa
j. The South African President and the National Executive Authority
k. The National Legislative Authority
l. Provincial Government

Public Law 220 (PBL 220)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BAdmin (Public Management and International Relations) Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. Situating constitutional rights within the statist-liberal and multicommunal approaches to constitutionalism
b. Conceptualisation: human rights; fundamental rights and constitutional rights; universality versus cultural specificity
c. Structure and outline of the Bill of Rights
d. Standing
e. Interpretation with specific reference to transformationism
f. Application: the rights bearers and duty-bearers of constitutional rights
g. The structure of a dispute involving constitutional rights and limitation
h. Capita selecta of specific rights in liberal, communitarian and transformationist contexts, including:

- Equality and non-discrimination
- Freedom of religion, belief and opinion
- Expression and other selected individual freedoms
- Socio-Economic Rights

i. Enforcement

- Communal consent
- Judicial enforcement; South African courts and their jurisdictions; Capita selecta of judicial remedies

j. Chapter IX-institutions
k. Critical notes

Public law 310 (PBL 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [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 and BAdmin
An overview of judicial review of administrative action in light of the Constitution and the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000, with a focus on the legitimate scope of such judicial review and the grounds for judicial review.

Public law 320 (PBL 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00

NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [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 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. The historical development and theory of international law
b. Sources of international law
c. Territory
d. International legal personality
e. Jurisdiction, immunity from jurisdiction and extradition
f. Self-contained legal regimes and state responsibility
g. Judicial settlement of international disputes
h. International law in municipal law

Public law 410 (PBL 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB
Introduction to criminal law:

a. Criminal law and the legal system
b. Criminal law and law of delict
c. The concepts "criminal law" and "crime"
d. The history and sources of our criminal law
e. Determinism and indeterminism
f. The purpose and function of the criminal law and crime
g. The classification of criminal law and crimes

General principles of criminal law: elements of criminal liability:

a. Legality
b. The deed
c. Unlawfulness
d. Capacity
e. Fault
f. Multiple defences

Public law 420 (PBL 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
Specific crimes:

a. Attempt, incitement and conspiracy
b. Participation and accessories after the fact
c. Crimes against life
d. Crimes against bodily integrity and parental authority
e. Crimes against reputation and dignity
f. Crimes against property and freedom of will
g. Crimes against sexual morality and family life
h. Crimes against public morality and religious feelings
i. Crimes against the administration of justice and public administration
j. Crimes against the state

Punishment:

a. Theories of punishment
b. Forms of punishment

Theory and practice of medical law and medical ethics 811 (PBL 811)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The topics covered include:(a) Historical, philosophical and foundational aspects of medical law and ethics, in general, and with specific reference to the doctor-patient-hospital relationship (b) Basic concepts in medical law and ethics, in general, and with specific reference to informed consent, medical confidentiality, capacity, medical paternalism and patient autonomy. (c) The specific interface between medical law and medical ethics

Access to healthcare and medical malpractice litigation 812 (PBL 812)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law

Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

In this module a multidisciplinary approach is adopted and the topics include the following:

a. Justice in the allocation of health resources, access to health care and healthcare insurance
b. The nature, scope and incidences of medical malpractice litigation in South Africa
c. The nature and scope of damages and compensation for medical negligence
d. Grounds of justification for medical interventions and other general defences in medical law
e. The various causes of action in medical malpractice litigation
f. Vulnerable patients (inclusive of children, the mentally Ill/disabled and the elderly) and medical malpractice litigation
g. Allied healthcare practitioners (inclusive of nurses, psychologists, traditional healers etc) and medical malpractice
h. The role of telemedicine and e-health in medical malpractice
i. Reform of medical malpractice law
j. The drafting/assessment of pleadings in context of medical malpractice litigation

Medico-legal issues 813 (PBL 813)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

In this module, specific aspects of medico-legal issues are discussed. Specifics topics include:

a. A legal analysis of clinical medical research and practice (b) Analysing the application of mental healthcare law and practice in South Africa
b. The status and application of end-of-life-decisions and living wills
c. A legal analysis of organ procurement and transplantation
d. The nature, scope and application of forensic pathology services, also in context of sexual offences, “unnatural deaths’’ and inquest legislation
e. A legal analysis of human procreation (inclusive of artificial insemination, stem cell research, surrogacy and genetics)
f. Environmental issues and medical law
g. Intellectual property rights and medical law: access to patented and generic medicine

Aspects of private law pertaining to children 801 (PLC 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00

NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Capita selecta from any of the following:

a. Private legal status of children in South Africa
b. Parent-child relationship
c. Children's rights and parental responsibilities
d. Adoption and alternative care
e. Reproductive and health-care rights
f. The theory of children's rights

Practical law 400 (PRR 400)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Prospective students must apply for admission to this module
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*For LLB

a. Practical legal work according to a duty roster at the University’s Law Clinic during the academic year, including consultations with clients, drafting of pleadings and attendance at trials.
b. Discussion classes regarding cases that are being dealt with at the Law Clinic
c. Assignments

Law of persons 110 (PSR 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05

Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in Law
The legal rules in respect of the coming into existence, private law status and termination of a natural person or legal subject

Law of persons 800 (PSR 800)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequistes.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The following aspects will be dealt with:

a. Legal subjectivity and the conceived but unborn child
b. Legal subjectivity and Customary law institutions
c. Legal subjectivity and artificial intelligence

Personality rights 801 (PSR 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)

Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The following aspects will be dealt with:

a. Doctrine and basis for recognition of personality rights
b. Physical integrity
c. Physical freedom
d. Good name
e. Reputation
f. Dignity and feelings
g. Privacy
h. Identity
i. Protection of personality rights

Politics 101 (PTO 101)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	24.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

An introduction to the study of organised political society at national and international levels with specific reference to political concepts, approaches and methods. The emphasis is on state and governance as frameworks for analysis in light of the salient changes brought about at national and international levels by globalisation. Attention is paid to the corresponding dynamics of regime development, performance and change at national and international levels considering increasing challenges to national sovereignty from within and without states in a context of a growing global agenda dealing with transnational issues and challenges, such as the environment, human rights, development and humanitarian intervention.

International humanitarian law 420 (PUR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. What is international humanitarian law (the law of war)?: the distinction between ius ad bellum and ius in bello
b. The historical development and sources of international humanitarian law (IHL)
c. Different types of armed conflict: The distinction between international and non-international armed conflicts
d. Distinction between combatants and civilians
e. The prisoner of war (POW) status: soldiers, spies, mercenaries and guerrillas
f. Conduct of hostilities: legal restraints on how war is to be waged (including the prohibition of certain weapons and the targets that may be engaged during hostilities)
g. The distinction between genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes
h. Winners or losers: war, international politics and the implementation of IHL
i. The protection of women and children during armed conflict
j. Accountability or impunity: the prosecution of war crimes by national courts, ad hoc tribunals (the ICTY and ICTR) and the International Criminal Court (ICC)
k. The devil made me do it: superior orders and command responsibility during war
l. The role of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Private law 420 (PVR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content
*For LLB
Capita selecta from any of the following:

a. Enrichment
b. Estoppel
c. Personality rights

Dissertation: Private law 890 (PVR 890)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	200.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Year

Thesis and oral defence: Private law 990 (PVR 990)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	400.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Year

Research methodology 320 (RHP 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
The module includes the following:

a. How to plan a research project
b. Reading strategies and techniques
c. Broad theoretical approaches and methodologies (Sociology of law, Legal pluralism, Legal history, Comparative Law)
d. Citation, ethics of citation, presentation and language
e. How to write a research proposal and general drafting

(This module is a prerequisite to register for ESS 400. Attendance at all the lectures is required to obtain the prescribed credits.)

Research methodology 801 (RHP 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Business Management) *Insolvency and Business Rescue* (Coursework) LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework) LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) LLM (Intellectual Property Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework) LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Law and Political Justice) (Coursework) LLM (Law of Contract) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Consumer Protection Law* (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) *Estate Law* (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework) LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Socio-economic Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
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

a. Planning and organising a research project
b. Drafting a research proposal: Hypotheses and research question
c. Theory in research and methodological approaches to legal research
d. Language
e. Citation and ethics of citation
f. Drafting of chapters and presentation

Research methodology 802 (RHP 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM LLM
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	40 seminars
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and Semester 2

Module content

a. Planning and organising a research project
b. Drafting a research proposal: Hypotheses and Research question
c. Theory in research and methodological approaches to legal research
d. Language
e. Citation and ethics of citation
f. Drafting of chapters and presentation
g. Substantive themes in legal research

Research proposal 803 (RHP 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	MPhil (Business Management) *Insolvency and Business Rescue* (Coursework) LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Insolvency Law) (Coursework) LLM (Intellectual Property Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Military Operations* (Coursework) LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Labour Law) (Coursework) LLM (Law and Political Justice) (Coursework) LLM (Law of Contract) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Banking Law* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Insurance Law and Governance* (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) *Consumer Protection Law* (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) *Estate Law* (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) (Coursework) LLM (Procedural Law) *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (Coursework) LLM (Public Law) *Extractive Industry Law in Africa* (Coursework) LLM (Socio-economic Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Disability Rights* (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights) *Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa* (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
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.)

Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal 804 (RHP 804)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	LLM LLM
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Research methodology 902 (RHP 902)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	10
Programmes	Doctor of Laws [LLD] Doctor of Laws [LLD]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	40 seminars
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1 and Semester 2

Module content

a. Planning and organising a research project
b. Drafting a research proposal: Hypotheses and Research question
c. Theory in research and Methodological approaches to legal research
d. Language
e. Citation and ethics of citation
f. Drafting of chapters and presentation
g. Substantive themes in legal research

Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal 904 (RHP 904)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	10
Programmes	Doctor of Laws [LLD] Doctor of Laws [LLD]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal. A draft proposal must be approved by the supervisor. The student must convince the adjudicating panel of the feasibility of the topic and his or her knowledge of the research subject and ability to conduct the research. This module must be completed within one year after registration.

Legal problems of HIV and AIDS 410 (RHV 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
An introduction to the medical and social aspects of the disease, and aspects of the legal position of people with HIV/Aids; seminar assignments (mini-dissertations) about problems of a moral and legal nature, such as the criminalisation of HIV infection as a separate statutory offence, implications of the right to health care, notification of HIV/Aids and the limits of privacy, as well as aspects arising from medical experimentation and the development of a vaccine.

Roman law 120 (ROM 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Jurisprudence
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in law
General introduction to Roman law and European law as foundations of South African private law
INTRODUCTION TO THE ROMAN LAW OF THINGS

a. Things, real rights, possession
b. Ownership, limitations, acquisition, protection
c. Limited real rights, servitudes, real security

INTRODUCTION TO THE ROMAN LAW OF CONTRACT

a. General principles of the law of contract
b. Specific contracts
c. Quasi contracts

INTRODUCTION TO THE ROMAN LAW OF DELICT

a. General principles of the law of delict
b. Specific delicts
c. Quasi delicts

Legal practice 210 (RPK 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

a. An overview of the origin and development of the various legal professions
b. Statutory provisions applicable to the legal profession
c. Professional conduct and ethics
d. Professional costs and fees
e. Professional liability of legal practitioners
f. Research skills
g. Writing skills (letter of advice to client; office memorandum; heads of argument)

Legal practice 220 (RPK 220)

Qualification	Undergraduate

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

a. Practice management
b. Taking of instructions
c. Bookkeeping for legal practices
d. Aspects of trial advocacy
e. Practical application
f. Research skills
g. Writing skills (letter of advice to client; office memorandum; heads of argument)

Legal pluralism 210 (RPR 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB and BA specialising in law

a. Indigenous culture groups, their culture, and the definition of legal pluralism
b. Law of persons and family law of indigenous culture groups
c. Indigenous law of delict
d. Indigenous law of succession
e. Indigenous law of contract
f. Legal conflict and court structure
g. Legal systems based on religion in South Africa

Advanced legal pluralism 410 (RPR 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module offers an in-depth analysis to various legal aspects relating to the contemporary challenges and benefits of applying and recognising African Customary law as an independent legal system as championed by the Constitution. A capita selecta of topics include different legal issues pertinent to the field of African Customary law in South Africa, ranging from public, private and procedural law matters.

Introduction to the South African legal system and Bill of Rights 801 (RVM 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework) MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights

Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module provides an introductory overview of the South African Bill of Rights and constitutional litigation and analyses some selected rights in more depth within a comparative African constitutional context.

Legal interpretation 210 (RVW 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [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:

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

Principles of interpretation:

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

International air, space and telecommunications law 801 (SAL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law) (Coursework)
Contact time	2 lectures per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. The public and private law aspects of air law
b. The regulatory system of the International Telecommunication Union
c. The history and major principles of space law
d. The use of space for military purposes
e. Liability for the wrongful use of space

Law of things 310 (SAR 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB and BA/BCom specialising in law

a. General principles of the law of things
b. Constitutional aspects
c. Control (possession and holdership)
d. Ownership (including joint ownership and sectional-title property)
e. Limited real rights (including servitudes, limiting provisions, public servitudes, mineral rights and real security rights)

Law of Estoppel 801 (SAR 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)

Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The following aspects will be dealt with:

a. Estoppel (General principles)
b. Estoppel (Special application of the elements (capita selecta))
c. Estoppel (Application and consequences in contract law, family law and property law (capita selecta))

Advanced general principles of property law 802 (SAR 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The following aspects will be dealt with:

a. Introduction (single system of law, subsidiarity, marginality)
b. Things (application of definition to new developments)
c. Possession (mandament van spolie and the possessory action)
d. Ownership (capita selecta of inclusion/exclusion, progressive property theory, sharing, governance rules, resilence and antifragility)
e. Rights
f. Servitudes
g. Original modes (capita selecta)
h. Derivative modes (capita selecta)
i. Remedies (capita selecta of vindicatory, interim, delictual, enrichment and constitutional remedies)

Living together as neighbours 803 (SAR 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00

NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

The following aspects will be dealt with:

a. Mutual boundaries, party walls and fences
b. Lateral support
c. Encroachment
d. Natural flow of water
e. Nuisance
f. Dangers and threats posed by neighbours (capita selecta)
g. Neighbour disputes about building
h. Spatial justice
i. The right to the city

Law of competition 420 (SCL 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

Section A: Law of Unlawful Competition – the Common Law of Competition
The following aspects will be dealt with:

i. The role of competition in commerce
ii. The concept and definition of competition
iii. The historical development of the law of unlawful competition
iv. Rights affected by unlawful competition
v. The common law basis for action against unlawful competition
vi. Capita Selecta: (Recognised Forms of Unlawful Competition):
    a. Passing Off and Leaning On
    b. Deception concerning one's enterprise, goods or services
    c. Interference with a trader’s enterprise or business affairs
    d. Misappropriation of confidential information
    e. Counterfeit goods
    f. Ambush marketing
vii. Defences against unlawful competition

Section B: Statutory Competition Law - the Competition Act, 1998
The following aspects will be dealt with:

i. The development of statutory competition
ii. The Competition Act: goals and scope of application
iii. The administrative framework of the Competition Act.
iv. Practices and transactions governed by the Competition Act
    a. Restrictive horizontal practices
    b. Restrictive vertical practices
    c. Abuse of Dominance
    d. Mergers
v. Other Important Enforcement and Administrative Procedures
    a. Corporate Leniency
    b. Exemptions
    c. Criminalisation of Cartel Conduct
    d. Market Inquiries
    e. Private Damages Claim

Statutory competition law 801 (SCL 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.

Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module will provide students with detailed knowledge and understanding of the underlying policy and diverse provisions of the Competition Act 89 of 1998 (as amended) as well as practical guidance on the application thereof. The following aspects will be dealt with within the context of international comparative competition law:

a. Introduction to competition policy, jurisdiction and the structure of competition authorities
b. Economics of competition law
c. Relevant aspects of markets and market power
d. Horizontal agreements and restrictive horizontal practices
e. Vertical agreements and restrictive vertical practices
f. Abuse of dominance
g. The Competition Act and price setting
h. Exemption applications
i. Merger assessment
j. Merger regulation: legal and procedural aspects

Law of damages 410 (SGR 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

a. General principles and doctrines of the law of damages
b. Specific principles regarding delictual damages
c. Specific principles regarding contractual damages
d. Procedural principles in the law of damages

Civil procedure law 412 (SIP 412)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

STUDY UNIT 1: Introduction to Civil Procedure and the structure of the courts
STUDY UNIT 2: Consultation, legal representation, demand and prescription
STUDY UNIT 3: General principles of jurisdiction
STUDY UNIT 4: Jurisdiction of the High Court
STUDY UNIT 5: Jurisdiction of the Magistrate's Court
STUDY UNIT 6: Jurisdiction of the Small Claims Court
STUDY UNIT 7: The parties
STUDY UNIT 8: Applications
STUDY UNIT 9: Summons, particulars of claim and declaration
STUDY UNIT 10: Service of process
STUDY UNIT 11: Judgment at an early stage
STUDY UNIT 12: Summary judgment

Civil procedure law 421 (SIP 421)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	7.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

STUDY UNIT 13: Defective processes and non-compliance with the rules
STUDY UNIT 14: Settlement offers, security for costs and mediation
STUDY UNIT 15: The plea, counterclaim, replication, counterplea and close of pleadings
STUDY UNIT 16: Amendment of pleadings
STUDY UNIT 17: Preparation for trial
STUDY UNIT 18: The trial and judgment
STUDY UNIT 19: Provisional sentence
STUDY UNIT 20: Appeals and reviews
STUDY UNIT 21: Execution
STUDY UNIT 22: Debt collections and administrations
STUDY UNIT 23: Legal costs
STUDY UNIT 24: Interdicts, Mareva injunctions and Anton Piller orders

Law of specific contracts 802 (SKC 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

A. Sale

1. General principles
2. Capita selecta from:

a. Historical background of the deed of sale
b. Methods of determining the subject matter: purchase price and thing sold
c. Formalities regulations for sale of land
d. The Actio Empti, Actio Redhibitoria and Actio Quanti Minoris
e. Transfer of ownership and warranty against eviction
f. Payment of price: suspensive condition
g. Benefit and risk

B. Lease

1. General principles
2. Capita selecta from:

a. Nature of the contract of lease
b. Essentialia
c. Rental Housing Act 50 of 1999: nature and powers of rental housing tribunals
d. Obligations of the lessor and lessee
e. Remedies of the lessor and lessee
f. “Huur gaat voor koop”
g. Improvements to the leased property: rights, obligations and remedies

C. Aspects of suretyship and agency

Moot Court 420 (SKH 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 practicals per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

* For LLB
Students who officially represent the Faculty at the annual All African Human Rights Moot Court Competition or the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, or any other moot court competition approved by the Dean, obtain credit for Moot Court 420 during the year of official participation.

Statutory crimes 410 (SMI 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and final year academic level.
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
Crimes:
Capita selecta from:

a. Computer crimes
b. Liquor and drug offences
c. Economic offences
d. Sexual offences
e. Offences within the family and against children
f. Offences against animals
g. Offences relating to dangerous weapons, firearms and explosives
h. Police and prisons offences
i. Offences against the public safety and order
j. Offences against the safety of the state
k. Offences against the environment
l. Traffic offences
m. Minimum sentencing

Forensic criminalistics:

a. Components and objectives of criminal investigation
b. Identification, comparison and individualisation
c. Information-gathering through communication
d. Serological examinations
e. Odontological examinations
f. Dactyloscopic examinations
g. Trichological examinations

Sociology 110 (SOC 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05

Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Invitation to Sociology
How do we understand ourselves as individuals in relation to society? How are our individual life courses and large-scale processes of social and historical change related to each other? How have our societies come to be what they are today? And how can we think of our private troubles as public issues? These questions are at the very heart of sociology as a distinctive way of thinking about and understanding the social worlds that we inhabit. This module invites students to become familiar with sociological ways of thinking about current issues and personal experiences (particularly in the southern African context), and to develop the analytical skills that are necessary in order to ask and answer critical questions about the communities, society, and world that they live in. The module will include a specific emphasis on academic reading skills.

Sociology 120 (SOC 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Thinking sociologically
Drawing from the idea of Sociology as a discipline that focuses on critical thinking, the module will introduce students to ways of questioning the obvious and the taken-for-granted. In particular, power and inequality will be problematised, with a focus on how power operates to structure racial, class and gender inequalities across institutions, ideologies and identities. The module will introduce students to the operations of power as manifested in the production of institutions, the proliferation of identities and heightened contestations among ideologies. The module will include a specific emphasis on writing skills.

Social security law 420 (SOR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. Scope and functions of social security
b. Old age grants and insurance
c. Employment injuries and unemployment insurance
d. Sickness, invalidity and health care
e. Child and family maintenance

Criminal procedure law 411 (SPR 411)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. Introduction
b. The courts and prosecuting authority
c. Pre-trial procedures for children
d. Attendance of accused at court
e. Interrogation, interception and establishing the bodily features of a person
f. Search and seizure
g. Bail and release on warning

Criminal procedure law 421 (SPR 421)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	7.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	40% for SPR 411
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. Alternative procedures to finalise a criminal case
b. Indictments and charge sheets
c. Pleas
d. Plea of guilty
e. Plea of not guilty
f. Trial and verdict
g. The sentence
h. Review proceedings
i. Appeals

Socio-economic rights in the South African Constitution 802 (SRC 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09

Programmes	MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Constitutional and Administrative Law) (Coursework) LLM (Environmental Law) (Coursework) LLM (Law and Political Justice) (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Socio-economic Rights) (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An analysis of the theory and practice of constitutional socio-economic rights in South Africa, with a specific focus on litigation and legal activism in this respect.

Socio-economic rights under comparative and international law 801 (SRI 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework) LLM (Socio-economic Rights) (Coursework) MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Human Rights
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. Protection of socio-economic rights in other domestic jurisdictions, in particular in Africa
b. Introduction to international human rights law
c. Socio-economic rights in the UN human rights system
d. Socio-economic rights in the African human rights system
e. Socio-economic rights in the European human rights system
f. Socio-economic rights in the Inter-American human rights system
g. Socio-economic rights in other emerging regional human rights systems

Sports law 801 (SRP 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Private Law) (Coursework) LLM (Private Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. Aspects of sport contracts
b. Employment law issues in sport
c. Liability for sport injuries
d. Commercial rights
e. Doping in sport
f. Aspects of constitutional law

Sports law 420 (SRR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB
(a) Delictual liability
(b) Contractual liability
(c) Criminal liability
(d) Diverse aspects arising from sports

Dissertation: Criminal law 890 (STR 890)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	200.00
NQF Level	09
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Public Law
Period of presentation	Year

General principles of income tax 801 (TAX 801)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework) LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework) LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

a. The basic principles pertaining to gross income
b. Specific inclusions in gross income – interest, royalties, etc
c. General principles pertaining to deductible expenses
d. Examples of allowable and non-allowable deductions – rent, improvements, royalties, etc
e. Capita selecta pertaining to income tax

Tax administration – an international perspective 802 (TAX 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework) LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	TAX 801
Contact time	2 lectures per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

a. The impact of the Constitution on tax law;
b. Dispute resolution
c. Tax administration issues within a global context

Value added tax 803 (TAX 803)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework) LLM (Tax Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	TAX 801
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. The basic working of VAT
b. Output tax
c. Input tax
d. Exempt supplies
e. Zero-rated supplies
f. Adjustments in respect of change of use
g. e-commerce and tax
h. Customs duty and excise tax.

Advanced transnational business law 802 (TBL 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (International Law) (Coursework) LLM (Mercantile Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

a. International contracts including transport contracts and insurance contracts for goods in international transactions
b. Methods of payment in international contracts
c. Settling of disputes regarding international transactions: judicial and extra-judicial (international commercial arbitration)
d. International trade organisations
e. Foreign investments and financing

Transnational business law 420 (TBR 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB
(a) International contracts of sale
(b) International contracts of carriage
(c) Insurance contracts in international transactions

Trusts and estates 410 (TBS 410)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme and Final Year Academic Level.
Contact time	2 lectures per week

Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB
(a) Aspects of trust law
(b) Aspects of administration of deceased estates

International take-overs and reorganisations 802 (TOR 802)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework) LLM (Corporate Law) (Coursework)
Prerequisites	Must pass an entrance test
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module deals with aspects of the following topics:
(a) South African take-overs and reorganisations
(b) International (USA and EU) take-overs and reorganisations
(c) Competition law

Academic orientation 104 (UPO 104)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	00
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Deans Office
Period of presentation	Year

Consumer protection 220 (VBB 220)

Qualification	Undergraduate

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BCom specialising in law

a. Basic principles of the National Credit Act 34 of 2005
b. Aspects regarding the law applicable to credit agreements
c. Basic principles of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008

Payment methods 320 (VHD 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Laws [LLB] Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mercantile Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB and BCom specialising in Law

a. Elements of negotiability; the bill of exchange, cheque and promissory note; parties to bills, cheques and notes
b. Requirements for validity, negotiation, holdership and acceptance
c. The banker-client relationship; crossings and additions to crossings; the legal position of the drawee and collecting bank
d. Electronic payment methods

Social welfare law 110 (WRG 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	7.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Social Work [BSW]
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module is designed to introduce students to some of the legal aspects of particular importance to social workers. The module includes the following components: An introduction to law in general including an overview of the sources of law, the South African court system, the legal profession, legal aid and the procedural law; the law of persons, with specific reference to the commencement and termination of legal subjectivity and the legal status of a person; an introduction to the criminal law and punishment and the role of the social worker in the criminal process.

Social welfare law 120 (WRG 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Module credits	7.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	Bachelor of Social Work [BSW]
Prerequisites	WRG 110 GS
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module is a continuation of the first module in social welfare law which aims to familiarise students with certain aspects of the law of particular importance to social workers. The module consists of the following components: an introduction to the matrimonial law, the matrimonial property law and the divorce law; parental authority including aspects such as the acquisition, nature, content and interference with parental authority; the role of the social worker in the family law context.

Regulations and rules

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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