

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Socio-economic development and management of non-renewable natural resources 812 (EIL 812)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Law](#)

Module credits 30.00

NQF Level 09

Programmes [LLM specialising in Extractive Industry Law in Africa \(Coursework\)](#)

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:

- Historical, philosophical and foundational aspects of non-renewable natural resource development and regulation, with particular reference to development in an African context.
- 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.
- The specific interface between responsible resource development and foreign direct investment.

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