

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Jurisprudence 110 (JUR 110)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	BCom specialising in Law BA specialising in Law 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 seminars, 4 lectures per week
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 first-year definition of law / the Law
- The relationships between law and society, law and history, law and politics, law and language
- Being a law student or lawyer in South Africa
- 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:

- Introduction to characteristics and components of the South African legal system
- Mixed legal systems
- The South African Constitution and its historical development
- Customary law and its historical development
- Common law and its historical development
- Primary and other sources of modern South African law
- 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:

- Conducting research in the library
- Finding, reading and applying the sources of law
- Reading, understanding and summarising texts on topics of law
- Analysing, criticising and improving ("edit") a piece of writing on the law in a theoretical sense
- Writing a well-constructed essay or paragraph on legal problems and topics of law or legal history

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this 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 (HEQSF) 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.