

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## BA specialising in Law (01130086)

**Department** Humanities Dean's Office

**Minimum duration of study** 3 years

**Total credits** 395

**NQF level** 07

## Programme information

This programme provides graduates with specific knowledge of the law and law-related skills and schools them in selected language discipline(s) and selected social sciences. The skills acquired may be applied in either the private or public sectors. The programme serves as an alternative route for ultimately obtaining the LLB degree. The student is, however, enabled to continue with the LLB degree (which is career-specific) or a BAHons degree. The BA(Law)/LLB combination will take five to six years to complete.

## Admission requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2025

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 (Grade 11)	APS (NSC/IEB completed)
5	34	34

\* To retain admission, candidates must obtain an APS of at least 34 in the NSC/IEB.

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.

Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.

Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.

Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.

Unsuccessful candidates will be notified after 30 June.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

**Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to the International undergraduate prospectus 2025: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa),

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

**Advisory note: BA (Law) students who intend to pursue an LLB degree are advised to register for additional modules. Please contact the Student Administration of the Faculty of Law to confirm the additional modules as well as the required language modules.**

However, please note that

- registration for additional modules will only be allowed as from the second year of registration for the BA (Law) degree and will be subject to academic performance;
- students will be allowed to register for a maximum of seven modules per semester; and
- are only allowed to take additional second-year modules that are prescribed for the third year of the BA (Law) degree programme.

### Concurrent registration

- Any student registering concurrently for the LLB and the BA(Law) must be in their final year of the BA(Law) degree, with a maximum of 4 modules outstanding. Any student who requires more than 4 modules will not be allowed to register concurrently.
- Only BA(Law) students may be allowed concurrent registration if they are finalists and have a weighted average of at least 65% across their BA (Law) degree.
- Any student registering concurrently cannot register for fewer than 4 LLB modules, and for not more than 6 LLB modules. None of these modules may be a LLB final year elective module.
- Students must note that due to progression criteria they MUST pass at least 4 of the LLB modules in the year of registration to advance to the next year in the LLB. Failing to do so will lead to exclusion from the LLB degree.



(BA (Law) students who wish to register for additional law modules do so in terms of the Faculty of Law yearbook of the academic year in which they registered for the first time.)

The BA (Law) degree must be completed within a maximum of four years. Failure to do so, may result in exclusion from the Faculty of Humanities.

*NB Registration for additional modules will only be allowed if no timetable clashes are involved.*

# Curriculum: Year 1

## Minimum credits: 130

First-year electives: Select any three disciplines from the humanities at first year-level one, one must be a language subject ( to the value of 72 credits).

## 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

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 120 (AFR 120) - Credits: 12.00

African languages literature: *Capita selecta* 121 (AFT 121) - Credits: 12.00

Ancient culture studies 110 (AKG 110) - Credits: 12.00

Ancient culture studies 120 (AKG 120) - Credits: 12.00

Introduction to social anthropology 110 (APL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Advanced introduction to social anthropology 120 (APL 120) - Credits: 12.00

Biblical languages 251 (BYT 251) - Credits: 8.00

German for beginners 104 (DTS 104) - Credits: 24.00

German: Cultural-professional (1) 113 (DTS 113) - Credits: 12.00

German: Cultural-professional (2) 123 (DTS 123) - Credits: 12.00

English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00

English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00

Philosophy 110 (FIL 110) - Credits: 12.00

Philosophy 120 (FIL 120) - Credits: 12.00

French for beginners 104 (FRN 104) - Credits: 24.00

French: Cultural-professional (1) 113 (FRN 113) - Credits: 12.00

French: Cultural-professional (2) 123 (FRN 123) - Credits: 12.00

History 110 (GES 110) - Credits: 12.00

History 120 (GES 120) - Credits: 12.00

Greek 110 (GRK 110) - Credits: 12.00

Greek 120 (GRK 120) - Credits: 12.00

Hebrew 110 (HEB 110) - Credits: 12.00

Hebrew 120 (HEB 120) - Credits: 12.00

Criminology 110 (KRM 110) - Credits: 12.00

Criminology 120 (KRM 120) - Credits: 12.00

Latin 110 (LAT 110) - Credits: 12.00

Latin 120 (LAT 120) - Credits: 12.00



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Introduction to isiNdebele Grammar – Capita selecta 110 (NDE 110) - Credits: 12.00  
Portuguese for beginners 101 (PTG 101) - Credits: 24.00  
Portuguese language and culture (1) 113 (PTG 113) - Credits: 12.00  
Portuguese language and culture (2) 123 (PTG 123) - Credits: 12.00  
Politics 101 (PTO 101) - Credits: 24.00  
Sepedi for beginners 110 (SEP 110) - Credits: 12.00  
Introduction to Sepedi grammar – Capita selecta 111 (SEP 111) - Credits: 12.00  
Sepedi 120 (SEP 120) - Credits: 12.00  
Psychology 110 (SLK 110) - Credits: 12.00  
Psychology 120 (SLK 120) - Credits: 12.00  
Sociology 110 (SOC 110) - Credits: 12.00  
Sociology 120 (SOC 120) - Credits: 12.00  
Spanish for beginners (1) 101 (SPN 101) - Credits: 12.00  
Spanish for beginners (2) 102 (SPN 102) - Credits: 12.00  
Setswana for beginners 110 (STW 110) - Credits: 12.00  
Introduction to Setswana grammar – Capita selecta 111 (STW 111) - Credits: 12.00  
Setswana 120 (STW 120) - Credits: 12.00  
isiZulu for beginners 110 (ZUL 110) - Credits: 12.00  
Introduction to isiZulu grammar – Capita selecta 111 (ZUL 111) - Credits: 12.00  
isiZulu 120 (ZUL 120) - Credits: 12.00

## Curriculum: Year 2

### Minimum credits: 135

Second-year electives: Select any two disciplines from the humanities which were completed at first-year level, one of which must be a language subject, and do two semester modules of each discipline (to the value of 80 credits).

Sociology

First semester: Select either **SOC210 OR SOC211**

Second semester: Select either **SOC220 OR SOC221**

### Core modules

Family law 121 (FMR 121) - Credits: 15.00

Public Law 210 (PBL 210) - Credits: 10.00

Public Law 220 (PBL 220) - Credits: 10.00

Legal pluralism 210 (RPR 210) - Credits: 10.00

Legal interpretation 210 (RVW 210) - Credits: 10.00

### Elective modules

Afrikaans 214 (AFR 214) - Credits: 20.00

Afrikaans 220 (AFR 220) - Credits: 20.00

African languages literature: *Capita selecta* 220 (AFT 220) - Credits: 20.00

Ancient culture studies 210 (AKG 210) - Credits: 20.00

Ancient culture studies 220 (AKG 220) - Credits: 20.00

Sex, culture and society 210 (APL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Anthropology 220 (APL 220) - Credits: 20.00

German: Intermediate (1) 211 (DTS 211) - Credits: 20.00

German: Intermediate (2) 221 (DTS 221) - Credits: 20.00

Modern English literature and English studies 210 (ENG 210) - Credits: 20.00

English 220 (ENG 220) - Credits: 20.00

Contesting modernities 210 (FIL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Philosophy in context 220 (FIL 220) - Credits: 20.00

French: Intermediate (1) 211 (FRN 211) - Credits: 20.00

French: Intermediate (2) 221 (FRN 221) - Credits: 20.00

Aspects of African history 210 (GES 210) - Credits: 20.00

The shaping of a modern South Africa 220 (GES 220) - Credits: 20.00

Greek 210 (GRK 210) - Credits: 16.00

Greek 220 (GRK 220) - Credits: 16.00

Hebrew 210 (HEB 210) - Credits: 16.00

Hebrew 220 (HEB 220) - Credits: 16.00

International relations theory and international organisation(s) 210 (IPL 210) - Credits: 20.00

Foreign policy analysis and diplomacy 220 (IPL 220) - Credits: 20.00

Criminology 210 (KRM 210) - Credits: 20.00

Criminology 220 (KRM 220) - Credits: 20.00

Latin 210 (LAT 210) - Credits: 20.00

Latin 220 (LAT 220) - Credits: 20.00



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isiNdebele 210 (NDE 210) - Credits: 20.00  
Portuguese: Intermediate (1) 211 (PTG 211) - Credits: 20.00  
Portuguese: Intermediate (2) 221 (PTG 221) - Credits: 20.00  
Sepedi 210 (SEP 210) - Credits: 20.00  
Sepedi grammar – Capita selecta 211 (SEP 211) - Credits: 20.00  
Sepedi 220 (SEP 220) - Credits: 20.00  
Psychology 210 (SLK 210) - Credits: 20.00  
Psychology 220 (SLK 220) - Credits: 20.00  
Sociology 210 (SOC 210) - Credits: 20.00  
Sociology 211 (SOC 211) - Credits: 20.00  
Sociology 220 (SOC 220) - Credits: 20.00  
Sociology 221 (SOC 221) - Credits: 20.00  
Spanish: Intermediate (1) 211 (SPN 211) - Credits: 20.00  
Spanish: Intermediate (2) 221 (SPN 221) - Credits: 20.00  
Political science 210 (STL 210) - Credits: 20.00  
Political science 220 (STL 220) - Credits: 20.00  
Setswana 210 (STW 210) - Credits: 20.00  
Setswana grammar – Capita selecta 211 (STW 211) - Credits: 20.00  
Setswana 220 (STW 220) - Credits: 20.00  
isiZulu 210 (ZUL 210) - Credits: 20.00  
isiZulu grammar – Capita selecta 211 (ZUL 211) - Credits: 20.00  
isiZulu 220 (ZUL 220) - Credits: 20.00

## Curriculum: Final year

### Minimum credits: 130

Final year electives: Select any one discipline that was completed at second- year level, and do two semester modules (to the value of 60 credits).

### Core modules

- Law of delict 320 (DLR 320) - Credits: 15.00
- Law of succession 222 (ERF 222) - Credits: 15.00
- Jurisprudence 310 (JUR 310) - Credits: 10.00
- Specific contracts 220 (KTH 220) - Credits: 15.00
- Law of contract 211 (KTR 211) - Credits: 15.00

### Elective modules

- Afrikaans 311 (AFR 311) - Credits: 30.00
- Afrikaans 321 (AFR 321) - Credits: 30.00
- African languages literature: *Capita selecta* 320 (AFT 320) - Credits: 30.00
- Ancient culture studies 310 (AKG 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Ancient culture studies 320 (AKG 320) - Credits: 30.00
- Decoloniality, Anthropology and Africa 310 (APL 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Anthropology 320 (APL 320) - Credits: 30.00
- Biblical languages 310 (BYT 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Biblical languages 320 (BYT 320) - Credits: 30.00
- German: Cultural-professional (7) 361 (DTS 361) - Credits: 15.00
- German: Cultural-professional (8) 362 (DTS 362) - Credits: 15.00
- German: Cultural-professional (9) 363 (DTS 363) - Credits: 15.00
- German: Cultural-professional (10) 364 (DTS 364) - Credits: 15.00
- English 310 (ENG 310) - Credits: 30.00
- English 320 (ENG 320) - Credits: 30.00
- Self and subjectivity 310 (FIL 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Philosophy in context 320 (FIL 320) - Credits: 30.00
- French: Cultural-professional (7) 361 (FRN 361) - Credits: 15.00
- French: Cultural-professional (8) 362 (FRN 362) - Credits: 15.00
- French: Cultural-professional (9) 363 (FRN 363) - Credits: 15.00
- French: Cultural-professional (10) 364 (FRN 364) - Credits: 15.00
- History 310 (GES 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Globalisation, diversity and change 320 (GES 320) - Credits: 30.00
- International political economy 310 (IPL 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Security and strategic studies 320 (IPL 320) - Credits: 30.00
- Criminology 310 (KRM 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Criminology 320 (KRM 320) - Credits: 30.00
- Latin 310 (LAT 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Latin 320 (LAT 320) - Credits: 30.00
- isiNdebele 310 (NDE 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Sepedi 310 (SEP 310) - Credits: 30.00
- Psychology 310 (SLK 310) - Credits: 30.00



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Psychology 320 (SLK 320) - Credits: 30.00  
Sociology 310 (SOC 310) - Credits: 30.00  
Sociology 321 (SOC 321) - Credits: 30.00  
Spanish: Intermediate (3) 311 (SPN 311) - Credits: 30.00  
Spanish: Intermediate (4) 321 (SPN 321) - Credits: 30.00  
Political science 310 (STL 310) - Credits: 30.00  
Political science 320 (STL 320) - Credits: 30.00  
Setswana 310 (STW 310) - Credits: 30.00  
isiZulu 310 (ZUL 310) - Credits: 30.00

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### **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.