

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Bachelor of Laws [LLB] (04130012)

Department Law Dean's Office

Minimum duration of study 4 years

Total credits 508

NQF level 08

Programme information

Refer to General Academic Regulations G1-G15.

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

Admission requirements

Important information for all prospective students for 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
NSC/IEB	
6	35

Candidates that fulfil the requirements for admission to this programme will be considered. Candidates are urged to apply as early as possible from 1 April.

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

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 calendar 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.

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)

Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	05
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)

Module credits	4.00
NQF Level	05

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
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	2 lectures per week
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Informatics
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Period of presentation	Semester 2
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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.

Jurisprudence 110 (JUR 110)

Module credits	15.00
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NQF Level	05
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Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Faculty of Humanities
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Prerequisites	Admission to the relevant programme.
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Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 4 seminars, 4 lectures per week
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Jurisprudence
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Period of presentation	Semester 1
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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

Jurisprudence 120 (JUR 120)

Module credits 15.00

NQF Level 05

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:

- Law of obligations (contract and delict)
- Criminal law
- Law of civil procedure
- Law of criminal procedure
- Law of evidence

ACCESS TO JUSTICE:

- Courts and alternative dispute resolution
- Legal profession
- 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:

- Drafting a simple contract based upon a set of facts (law of contract)
- Reading, understanding, summarising a case on the law of delict and applying the principles of legal argument and logic to it
- Summarising, analysing, criticising and improving ("edit") a piece of writing on the law of evidence
- 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.

Academic orientation 104 (UPO 104)

Module credits	0.00
NQF Level	00
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules

English 110 (ENG 110)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
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)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
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)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
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.

Family law 121 (FMR 121)

Module credits 15.00

NQF Level 05

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

Law of persons 110 (PSR 110)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 05

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites Admission to the relevant programme.

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial 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

Roman law 120 (ROM 120)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 05

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites Admission to the relevant programme.

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial 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

- Things, real rights, possession
- Ownership, limitations, acquisition, protection
- Limited real rights, servitudes, real security

INTRODUCTION TO THE ROMAN LAW OF CONTRACT

- General principles of the law of contract
- Specific contracts
- Quasi contracts

INTRODUCTION TO THE ROMAN LAW OF DELICT

- General principles of the law of delict
- Specific delicts
- Quasi delicts



Elective modules

Afrikaans 110 (AFR 110)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06
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)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
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)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	06



Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Law
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	2 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in Afrikaans
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Department	Afrikaans
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Period of presentation	Semester 2
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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.

Philosophy 110 (FIL 110)

Module credits	12.00
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NQF Level	05
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Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
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Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 3 lectures per week
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Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Department	Philosophy
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Period of presentation	Semester 1
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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)

Module credits	12.00
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NQF Level	05
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Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 discussion class 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.

Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 05

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)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

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)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

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)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

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.

Informatics 183 (INF 183)

Module credits 3.00

NQF Level 05

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.

Criminology 110 (KRM 110)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

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)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

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.

Politics 101 (PTO 101)

Module credits 24.00

NQF Level 05

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 global trends and processes. 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.

Sociology 110 (SOC 110)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

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)

Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial 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.



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Law of succession 222 (ERF 222)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06
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

- Intestate succession
- Testate succession
- Administration of estates

Specific contracts 220 (KTH 220)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06
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

- Law of purchase and sale
- Law of letting and hiring of things
- Law of agency
- Law of surety
- Law of letting and hiring of work



Law of contract 211 (KTR 211)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06
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

- General principles of the law of obligations
- Formation of the contract
- Content of the contract
- Interpretation of written contracts
- Breach of contract
- Remedies for breach of contract
- Termination of contractual obligations
- Drafting of contracts

Public Law 210 (PBL 210)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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 1952
- 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)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 06

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

Legal practice 210 (RPK 210)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 06

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)



Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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

- Practice management
- Taking of instructions
- Bookkeeping for legal practices
- Aspects of trial advocacy
- Practical application
- Research skills
- Writing skills (letter of advice to client; office memorandum; heads of argument)

Legal pluralism 210 (RPR 210)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06
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

- Indigenous culture groups, their culture, and the definition of legal pluralism
- Law of persons and family law of indigenous culture groups
- Indigenous law of delict
- Indigenous law of succession
- Indigenous law of contract
- Legal conflict and court structure
- Legal systems based on religion in South Africa

Legal interpretation 210 (RVW 210)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	06

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:

- General introduction: relationship between text and context
- What is legislation: categories and types of legislation
- The structure and format of legislation (enacted law texts)
- Commencement, amendment and demise of legislation

Principles of interpretation:

- How to interpret legislation: various theories and methods of interpretation and the influence of the supreme Constitution on statutory interpretation
- Internal and external aids to determine the legislative purpose
- So-called peremptory and directory provisions
- Statutory interpretation and judicial lawmaking
- Basic principles of constitutional interpretation

Consumer protection 220 (VBB 220)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	06
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

- Basic principles of the National Credit Act 34 of 2005
- Aspects regarding the law applicable to credit agreements
- Basic principles of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 132

Core modules

Tax law 310 (BLR 310)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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

- Foundations of income tax
- Calculation of income tax payable
- Capital gains tax

Law of evidence 310 (BWR 310)

Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	07
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

- Introduction – Historical development and sources of the Law of Evidence
- Decolonisation and transformation of the Law of Evidence
- Relevance and admissibility
- Previous consistent statements
- Similar fact evidence
- Character evidence
- Opinion evidence
- Hearsay and *Res Gestae*



Law of evidence 320 (BWR 320)

Module credits	7.00
NQF Level	07
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

- Privilege
- Competence and compellability
- Kinds of evidence: oral, real, documentary and sui generis
- Informal admissions, pointings out and confessions
- Unconstitutionally obtained evidence in criminal trials
- Burden of proof, quantum of proof, and the effects of presumptions
- The evidentiary aspects of trial practice

Law of delict 320 (DLR 320)

Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	07
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

- General principles of the law of delict
- Capita selecta from the principles applicable to specific delicts

Intellectual property law 320 (IGZ 320)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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

Insolvency law 310 (ISR 310)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 07

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

Jurisprudence 310 (JUR 310)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 07

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.

Entrepreneurial law 320 (ODR 320)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 07

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

Public law 310 (PBL 310)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 07

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)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	07
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

- The historical development and theory of international law
- Sources of international law
- Territory
- International legal personality
- Jurisdiction, immunity from jurisdiction and extradition
- Self-contained legal regimes and state responsibility
- Judicial settlement of international disputes
- International law in municipal law

Research methodology 320 (RHP 320)

Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	07
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:

- How to plan a research project
- Reading strategies and techniques
- Broad theoretical approaches and methodologies (Sociology of law, Legal pluralism, Legal history, Comparative Law)
- Citation, ethics of citation, presentation and language
- 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.)

Law of things 310 (SAR 310)

Module credits 15.00

NQF Level 07

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

- General principles of the law of things
- Constitutional aspects
- Control (possession and holdership)
- Ownership (including joint ownership and sectional-title property)
- Limited real rights (including servitudes, limiting provisions, public servitudes, mineral rights and real security rights)

Payment methods 320 (VHD 320)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 07

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

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 135

Select 4 electives to the value of 40 credits.

Core modules

Labour law 410 (ABR 410)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
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

- Individual labour law
- Collective labour law
- Resolution of labour disputes

Essay and seminar 400 (ESS 400)

Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	RHP 320 and admission to relevant programme.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*For LLB

The essay deals with a subject from the field of law.

Public law 410 (PBL 410)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
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)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

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

Private law 420 (PVR 420)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

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

Civil procedure law 412 (SIP 412)

Module credits 8.00

NQF Level 08

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)

Module credits 7.00

NQF Level 08

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

Criminal procedure law 411 (SPR 411)

Module credits 8.00

NQF Level 08



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

- Introduction
- The courts and prosecuting authority
- Pre-trial procedures for children
- Attendance of accused at court
- Interrogation, interception and establishing the bodily features of a person
- Search and seizure
- Bail and release on warning

Criminal procedure law 421 (SPR 421)

Module credits	7.00
NQF Level	08
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

- Alternative procedures to finalise a criminal case
- Indictments and charge sheets
- Pleas
- Plea of guilty
- Plea of not guilty
- Trial and verdict
- The sentence
- Review proceedings
- Appeals

Elective modules

Alternative dispute resolution 420 (AGF 420)

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.

Law and transformation 410 (AMR 410)

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	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)

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 1

Module content

*For LLB

- An overview of the origin and development of the professions of conveyancer and notary
- Statutory provisions applicable to conveyancers and notaries
- Professional responsibility and ethics
- Aspects surrounding the transfer of immovable property, registration of mortgage bonds, servitudes and real rights
- Practical drafting of deeds and notarial documents

Tax practice 420 (BLP 420)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

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

- Transfer duty
- Value-added tax
- Diverse tax matters

Law and the community 420 (CLW 420)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

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

- Different notions of community
- The impact of law on the everyday lives of people and communities
- The influence of law and society / sociology of law / Streetlaw
- The South African context

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Involvement in local community projects
- Presentation of seminars with legal themes at schools, factories, prisons and other local communities
- Drafting of information booklets and conducting research on topics of law for local community bodies

Introduction to disability rights 420 (DRL 420)

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

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.

Extractive industry law 420 (EIL 420)

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

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.

Land and related reform 420 (GHR 420)

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	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

- Introduction to the land and land reform law
- Capita selecta of policy documentation, constitutional and other statutory measures in respect of the use of land and land reform law
- Relevant aspects of conveyancing law

Medical law 410 (GRG 410)

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 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

International elective module (1) 411 (IET 411)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

International elective module (2) 412 (IET 412)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

International elective module (3) 413 (IET 413)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

International elective module (4) 414 (IET 414)



Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Law Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Private international law 410 (IPR 410)

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	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

- Theoretical and historical background
- Conceptual problems
- Determination of foreign law
- 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)

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 2

Module content

*For LLB

The topics covered include:

- Insurance supervision and governance
- General principles of insurance contract law
- Specific aspects pertaining to the insurance relationship
- Specific aspects pertaining to insurance claims
- Dispute resolution

Jurisprudence 420 (JUR 420)

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	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)

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	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

Information and communications technology law 420 (KUB 420)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
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

Law of banking and financial institutions 410 (LBF 410)

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. Law pertaining to selected financial institutions
- b. Banking law
- c. Insurance law

Law of securities 410 (LOC 410)

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

- Legal principles in respect of the regulation of the primary security markets
- Legal principles in respect of secondary security markets

Media law 420 (MDR 420)

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 1

Module content

*For LLB

Capita selecta from media and communications law in the light of the Constitution.

Municipal law 410 (MRG 410)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
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. 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

Environmental law 410 (OMR 410)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
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)

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	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*For LLB

- Introduction to the nature and role of the law of education
- Fundamental right to education and constitutional principles relevant to education
- Certain specific rights of students, learners, parents and educators
- Basic legal principles of education management in public schools
- Basic legal principles regarding tertiary education
- Other relevant aspects of the law of education

Practical law 400 (PRR 400)

Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Prospective students must apply for admission to this module
Contact time	2 other contact sessions per week, 1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Procedural Law
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*For LLB

- 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.
- Discussion classes regarding cases that are being dealt with at the Law Clinic
- Assignments

Legal problems of HIV and AIDS 410 (RHV 410)

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

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.

Advanced legal pluralism 410 (RPR 410)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites 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

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.

Law of competition 420 (SCL 420)

Module credits 10.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites 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

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

Law of damages 410 (SGR 410)

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	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

Statutory crimes 410 (SMI 410)

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 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

Social security law 420 (SOR 420)

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 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

Sports law 420 (SRR 420)

Module credits	10.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	Admission to 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) Delictual liability
- (b) Contractual liability
- (c) Criminal liability
- (d) Diverse aspects arising from sports

Transnational business law 420 (TBR 420)

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 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)

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	Private Law
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*For LLB

- (a) Aspects of trust law
 - (b) Aspects of administration of deceased estates
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