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Bachelor of Arts (Law and Economics)

SAQA ID 120745 NQF Level 7

Qualification duration

Contact
Full-Time (Campus)
- Minimum: 3 years
- Maximum: 5 years

Part-Time (Online)
- Minimum: 5 years
- Maximum: 7 years

Qualification description

Law is one of the streams offered within the Bachelor of Arts degree. The Bachelor of Arts (Law) degree equips students with a solid grounding in academic theory, underpinning the main concepts of public law such as constitutional law criminal law, and international human rights in addition to various fields from Humanities including Economics, Political Science. This qualification offers a flexible structure which is spread over a minimum of three years of full-time study.

Furthermore, the degree equips graduates with analytical, critical thinking, problem-solving and people management skills, as well as emotional intelligence and the ability to think across multiple disciplines. These skills will be at the core of every design option within this degree. It allows students the ability to understand and exhibit expertise from multiple perspectives and be a more effective leader.

Qualification accreditation

- Accredited by the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC) of the Council on Higher Education (CHE)
- Registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)

This qualification is offered at the following campuses:

- Bedfordview
- Bloemfontein
- Cape Town: Mowbray
- Cape Town: Tyger Valley
- Durban
- East London
- Mbombela
- Midrand
- Nelson Mandela Bay
- Potchefstroom
- Pretoria
- Vanderbijlpark

Entry requirements

- South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) with Bachelor's degree pass. *
- Or National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 issued by the Council of General and Further Education and Training with a Bachelor's degree pass.
- Or letter or certificate confirming an exemption from Universities South Africa (USAf) for any other school-leaving results.
- Or completion of a Bachelor's degree.
- Or completion of the relevant Foundation Programme along with a letter or certificate of exemption from Universities South Africa (USAf).
- Or completion of a relevant Higher Certificate.
- Or completion of the relevant Eduvos Access Programme.

AND
- * 25 Eduvos points or more.
- 50% or above for Grade 12 English or equivalent.

AND
- ** A student with Mathematics Literacy (50% or more) must enrol for and complete Introduction to Mathematics A and Mathematics for Degree Studies B (Commerce).
- ** A student with Mathematics (less than 50% but greater than or equal to 30%) must enrol for Mathematics and complete Degree Studies B (Commerce).

Possible career options

This qualification is multidisciplinary in nature and will enable you to function in different sectors such as law, politics, business, psychology and communication. It prepares you for many different career options, including:
- Business
- Civil Service
- Compliance Officer
- Entrepreneurship
- Human Resources Specialist
- Law Enforcement
- Law and Policy Formulation
- Legal Consultants
- Legal Researcher
- Marketing
- Media
- Non-Profit Programme Management
- Paralegal
- Policy Analyst
- Trade and Investment

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⚙ Qualification structure

Year 1

- Business English
- Computer Skills
- Critical Reasoning
- Economics 1A
- Economics 1B
- Family Law
- Introduction to Law 1A
- Introduction to Legal Research
- Law of Persons
- Philosophy 1
- Political Science 1A
- Political Science 1B

Year 2

- Law for Tourism
- Criminal Law
- Economics 2A
- African Customary Law
- Introduction to Data Analysis
- Introduction to Coding for Humanities
- Constitutional Law
- Economics 2B
- Choose 1:
    - Political Science 2A
    - Political Science 2B
- Choose 1:
    - Cultural Studies
    - Philosophy 2

Year 3

- Research Project
- BA Law (WIL)
- Media Law
- Public International Law
- Law for Psychology Students
- Jurisprudence
- International Human Rights Law
- Economics 3A
- Economics 3B
- Choose a minimum of 27 credits:
    - English Literature Studies 3A & English Literature Studies 3B
    - Linguistics 3A & Linguistics 3B
    - Media Studies 3A & Media Studies 3B
    - Psychology 3A & Psychology 3B
    - Industrial Psychology 3A & Industrial Psychology 3B
    - Human Resource Management 3A & Human Resource Management 3B
    - Economics 3A & Economics 3B
    - Political Science 3A & Political Science 3B
    - Communication Science 3A & Communication Science 3B
- Choose a minimum of 27 credits:
    - Counselling and Therapy Skills
    - History 3
    - Philosophy 3

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Business English
The aim of this module is to provide students with an understanding and practical knowledge of the business communication skills essential to any business venture.

Computer Skills
The aim of this module is to provide practical use of computer applications to create, manage and format data by developing word-processing, spreadsheet and presentation skills in a Windows Operating System (OS) environment.

Critical Reasoning
The aim of this module is to facilitate the acquisition of the capabilities needed to think critically. These include identifying and analysing arguments, logical fallacies and the language used. In addition, the module also aims to apply these skills to specific disciplines.

Economics 1A
The primary aim of Economics 1A, which is an introductory module to Microeconomics, is to develop the competency of students to demonstrate analytical skills in different fields of basic economic principles. The module provides a framework within which the student can develop a critical understanding of the workings of a market economy and the way in which it affects individuals and institutions operating within such a system.

Economics 1B
This module introduces students to Macroeconomics, which is a sub-field of Economics. Economics is essentially the study of scarce resources at the national level and at the level of business. As a field of study, macroeconomics focuses on economics at the national level and related matters, such as economic development, the state of a country's economy, gross domestic product (GDP), fiscal and monetary policy, the role of government in the economy, economic objectives, global economic issues and economic growth factors.

Family Law
This module aims to provide you with a basic understanding of the workings of Family Law, a subfield of Private Law. Family Law regulates the legal relationships between members of a family unit and matters incidental thereto.

Introduction to Legal Research
Welcome to the introduction to legal research module. This module aims to introduce you to the theories and principles legal research within the context of South African legal system. The student should be able to demonstrate a thorough understanding of different fields of South African law, define and distinguish between legal concepts, and provide a written or oral account of the work covered in various written and practical assignments.

As a result of learning about South African law and working with it, the student will demonstrate distinct competencies. In addition to written and print media, electronic technology will also be used, such as computers, tablets, and smartphones. The student will also be able to use electronic media for research purposes when looking at lecture content. This is in addition to content that the lecturer may prescribe outside of the students' general frame of legal reference. This is to broaden the students' awareness and knowledge of the law. To handle a legal task with authority, you must have faith in the process that will lead you to that result. Legal research is essential to legal practice. This is true regardless of practice, jurisdiction, or level of legal expertise. Legal research is critical because the right facts and knowledge can help prove or disprove a client's position on a particular issue. The use of these skills will not only improve your effectiveness in university assessment but will also prove valuable in your future career. Those who study law will continue to use legal research skills as soon as they graduate and are in practice.

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Introduction to Law 1A
The aim of this module is to provide you with the basis for your legal studies by introducing you to the background of our legal system, with an understanding of how legislation is created and introduced as law, the importance of our constitution as well as exposure to the foundations of the law. Within this module, we will discuss the different sources of our legal system and the operation of the law within society.

Law of Persons
The aim of this module is to introduce you to a subsection of Private Law that regulates the relationships between legal subjects. In this module, you will be introduced to the basic principles of the law of persons, legal personality, the different types of capacities and when does legal personality come to an end.

Philosophy 1
The aim of this module is to introduce you to the fundamental concepts and theories in the study of philosophy.

Political Science 1A
The aim of this module is to introduce you to the fundamental concepts and theories in the study of political science.

Political Science 1B
The aim of this module is to introduce you to the fundamental concepts and theories in the study of political science regarding the branches of the government.

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African Customary Law
In this module, students will learn about the history of customary law's recognition and application in the South African legal system. The primary objective of this module contribution is to outline the historical context of African customary law in South Africa and to offer solutions for how it can be developed in accordance with the Constitution as the supreme law of the land. This contribution will consider how legal pluralism can coexist in building social cohesion through the application of both African customary law and common law, rather than having one legal system used to affirm or validate the other, as was the case during the colonial period. Because the Constitution is the supreme law in the new democratic South Africa, both African customary law and common law are on equal footing, it can be deduced that African customary law has a role to play in the twenty-first century in South Africa and beyond.

Criminal Law
The aim of this module is to provide students with the theoretical foundations of the general principles of Criminal Law. It furthermore addresses the pivotal role to communicate effectively both in class and through written work. At the end of the course, the student Students will acquire detailed knowledge and understanding of the general principles of criminal law, defences, forms and degrees of participation in criminal activity as well as a thorough knowledge and understanding of selected specific offences. Students will also be to undertake problem solving in the contexts of Criminal Law.

Constitutional Law
The aim of this module is to provide you with an introduction to South African Constitutional law with emphasis on the supremacy of the constitution, the bill of rights, the branches and levels of government and how they operate.

Cultural Studies
The aim of this module is to provide you with an informed understanding of the central perspectives related to the field of cultural studies, with particular focus placed on how power and influence is achieved and exerted in society.

Economics 2A
The aim of this module is to focus on the main topics and components of microeconomics at a second-year level. You will use the fundamentals you were introduced to in your first year and further build on those principles during this block.

Economics 2B
The fundamental principle of financial management is to maximise the wealth of the owners of any business. This module provides the student with the necessary skills and knowledge to make good investment and financing decisions. This will be achieved by understanding financials that are publicly available and, subsequently, theory will be explored to create a wider understanding.

Introduction to Data Analysis
The aim of this module is to help you gain proficiency in data analysis and to encourage you to develop the critical thinking skills necessary to assess data analyses presented in academic journals and the popular media.

Introduction to Coding for Humanities
The aim of this module is to help you understand how to design and write computational solutions for given problems.

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Law for Tourism
The aim of this module is to provide you with a working knowledge of the South African legal system and how it applies to various areas of the tourism industry. It will help you to understand the legal aspect of tourism and its impact on your business.

For example, tourist operators such as hotels, travel agencies and restaurants rely on the law when dealing with customers and each other through the provision of goods and services. The South African legal system regulates all aspects of tourism and safeguards the rights and obligations of tourism operators and their clients. It provides guidance to the law as it relates to different forms of tourism including travel, accommodation and employment relationships. Tourism is closely related to the law regarding employment, consumer protection, contract law and law of business enterprises.

These divisions of law help to ensure that the tour operator and its client are insulated from unfair and illegal practices. The knowledge of these laws will assist tourism industry operators in understanding the legal obligations imposed on them and thus avoid unnecessary and costly litigation.

Philosophy 2
The aim of this module is to introduce you to African philosophy, with a focus on the contributions made of renowned African philosophers and the philosophy of Ubuntu.

Political Science 2A
This module aims to provide you with the understanding and skills relevant to the fundamental theory of political science, with a specific focus on the international political economy (IPE).

Political Science 2B
This module aims to provide you with an understanding of, and the skills relative to, the fundamental theory of political science, with a specific focus on the international political economy (IPE).

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Economics 3A
The aim of this module is to provide students with an understanding of the economic factors that affect the labour market in South Africa. Students will learn about the concepts of labour economics, such as supply and demand, wages, unemployment, and discrimination. They will also learn about the government policies that affect the labour market, such as minimum wage laws, unemployment insurance, and affirmative action.

Economics 3B
The aim of this module is to introduce students to international economics. Students will gain deep knowledge/skills on major issues that influence international trade. Students will acquire sound knowledge on the economic issues that make a country interact with the rest of the world. A substantial part of the course is dedicated to the examination of efficient trade policies, economic integration as well as the effects and motives of direct foreign investments. Knowledge of this course will broaden students' understanding of events in the world's economy and related policy issues.

International Human Rights Law
The module introduces students to basic principles relating to human rights with a specific focus on the international human rights law. This module enables the students to obtain sufficient understanding, expertise, assertiveness and proficiencies to analyse and critically evaluate international human rights instruments directly pertaining to International Human Rights Law, to express legal arguments and to apply their knowledge to practical problems that may arise from the application of human rights, their enforcement mechanisms and remedies which are available.

Jurisprudence
The principal aim of this module is to nurture an appreciation of the core areas of jurisprudence and their significance and application to the South African social context. To that end, this course will scrutinize questions such as judicial decision-making as well as other issues that are not explored by 'traditional jurisprudence' such as the relationship between race and power and how these impacts on the functioning of legal institutions. The ability to critically debate as well as communicate contemporary South African legal problems from a jurisprudential perspective will be addressed.

Public International Law
The aim of this module is to empower you to apply the principles of public international law. It provides a comprehensive examination of public international law, with useful references throughout to current events, classic and contemporary cases and scholarship. This module will significantly depend on judgments and advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), which is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations (UN). This module will teach you what public international law is, the role it plays in the world today, how it can be used. You will also gain knowledge to help you better discern legal arguments within the flow of international news and reports.

Research Project
The overarching aim of this module is to guide you, as final-year students enrolled across various disciplines, through the process of producing an independently generated research project. By implementing a dual programme of teaching and supervision, this module seeks to equip you with the requisite knowledge and skills that will enable you to successfully conceptualise, formulate, design and implement research for the purpose of generating new knowledge.

Work Integrated Learning (BA)
The aim is to ensure that students develop the ability to integrate their learning through a combination of academic and work-related activities.

NB: Each student will secure her / his own place to do WIL programme within the students' area of