



# LLM IN

# CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION LAW

The School of Law offers an LLM programme in Child Care and Protection Law.

## Programme outcomes

The programme aims to provide candidates with specialist expertise in the field of Child Law. Theoretical, practical and international law aspects are covered.

## Programme structure

The minimum period for completion is one year (full-time) or two years (part-time). The programme consists of four modules and a mini-dissertation. One of the modules, Research Methodology, aims to provide the technical skills (including computer-related ones) needed for advanced interdisciplinary research in the modern workplace. The programme can be undertaken either part-time or full-time.

## Programme teaching method

The first semester courses are offered during three evenings a week. The second semester courses are offered during two evenings a week. Attendance at seminars is compulsory.

## Programme modules

- Research Methodology
- Children's Rights: Local and International Perspectives
- Child Care Policy and Legislation
- Roles of Professionals in Proceedings Affecting Children

Aside from gaining research skills, during seminars, candidates benefit from discussions on more than 50 important child-related subject areas. The mini-dissertation topic will be individually chosen (with guidance) on a child-related issue based on each candidate's interest and needs.



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### Programme teachers

The programme is team-taught by specialists from the School of Law and the School of Social Work. Practitioners from a variety of disciplines are also involved.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be in possession of an LLB or a BProc degree with the basic entrance requirement being a minimum overall average of 55%, subject to the availability of places in the module as class sizes are limited.

### Structural support for your LLM

A Centre for Postgraduate Legal Studies has been established on the Howard College Campus to offer a supportive environment in which postgraduate Law students may conduct their research and writing. There is an open-plan study space with fifteen computers, and a discussion room where students may engage in group projects and interact socially (there are coffee and tea-making facilities). The aim is to provide a welcoming environment which promotes serious and relevant legal research, as well as interactive learning.

The Centre is an innovation unique in South African Law Schools.

### Closing dates for applications

30 November for the first semester of the ensuing year.

30 June for the second semester of the current year.

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Note: The programmes offered are subject to student enrolments.

