

LLM IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The School of Law offers a coursework LLM programme in Environmental Law on both the Howard College and Pietermaritzburg Campuses.

Programme outcomes

The programme aims to develop an expert knowledge of South African Environmental Law, and to provide students with the opportunity to make extensive use of comparative materials.

Programme structure

The programme consists of four taught modules, and a dissertation of between 20 000 and 25 000 words. It is offered on a full-time basis on the Pietermaritzburg Campus and on a part-time basis on the Howard College Campus. Three modules are presented in the first semester and one in the second (PMB), with part-time (HC) students registering for two modules in the first semesters of both years. Students are required to register for the dissertation in the second semester of the year.

Programme teaching method

In order to best accommodate our target group, the mode of delivery will involve teaching in blocks, at least for those modules offered to part-time students. The examinations will be written at the end of each semester.

Programme modules

The following modules will be presented in the programme:

- Research Methodology
- Land Use and Planning Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Pollution Control Law

Depending on circumstances and demand, the following modules are also available:

- Ocean and Coastal Law
- Wildlife Law
- International Environmental Law



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Programme teachers

The programme will be team-taught by Environmental Law experts.

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

Two Centres for Postgraduate Legal Studies have been established within the School of Law on both Howard College and Pietermaritzburg campuses 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.

These Centres show 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.

