

Bachelor of Arts in Law

Faculty of Law

3 Years Full-Time Degree | NQF Level 7
360 Credits | SAQA ID: 105123 | BALW0701

- Pretoria
- Sandton
- Newlands, Cape Town
- Nelson Mandela Bay

Qualification Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Law degree facilitates access to a broad range of specialised law-related careers in the media industry, in journalism, in criminology and in the communication sciences.

This qualification also provides entry into a variety of post-graduate qualifications, including the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree. The Bachelor of Arts in Law degree, therefore, allows access into a variety of career paths and vocations requiring essential theoretical and practical knowledge of the law, language, communication science, criminology and the media.

The degree also provides a sound basis in the necessary skills and knowledge needed for further professional study and ongoing life-long career development.



Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

If you love to read, write and to apply your mind to complex questions of a legal nature, you should consider studying the Bachelor of Arts in Law degree. This degree will appeal to those who have a strong sense of justice and who wish to apply their critical thinking and creative communication skills to the law and legal system.

The Bachelor of Arts in Law degree provides access to a variety of careers requiring the skills and knowledge relating to the area of specialisation chosen (Communications Science, English or Criminology) in partnership with substantial knowledge of the law and legal system. The qualification also provides a specialised entry-point for those who wish to progress to further postgraduate and professional studies.

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements		English	Notes
	NSC: Bachelor's Degree pass with	60%	
	NC(V): Bachelor's Degree pass with	60%	
	SC: Endorsement with	60%	
	SC(a): Bachelor pass with	60%	
	International	An USAf Exemption Certificate with 60% or equivalent for English.	
	A cognate Higher Certificate or cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma OR Degree may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.		If discipline not cognate at least 20% of credits must be academic literacy or numeracy related.

Alternate Admission (Should the English requirement not be met at NSC Grade 12 then entrance may be granted if the requirement is met based on the Grade 11 final English mark)		NSC	Notes
	English	50 - 59%	If 60% min in final Grade 11 results was achieved.

Should you have any other school leaving qualification not mentioned above, please reach out to a Student Advisor.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate



Curriculum Structure

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
LOPF5131	Law of Persons	5	15	LEIN5112	Legal Interpretation	5	15
INFL5111	Introduction and Foundations to Law	5	15	CONL5112	Constitutional Law and Human Rights	5	15
ENFL6111	English for Law	6	15	PSYC5121	Psychology 1A	5	15
Year 1 Electives* (Students are required to choose a core discipline (English, Communication Science or Criminology for the duration of the qualification)							
ENGL5121	English 1A	5	15	ENGL6122	English 1B	6	15
CRIM5111	Introduction to Criminology 1A	5	15	CRIM5112	Introduction to Criminology 1B	5	15
COSC5121	Communication Science 1A	5	15	COSC5132	Communication Science 1B	5	15
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
FALA6211	Law of Family	6	15	SPOF6212	Specific Offences	6	15
GPCL6211	General Principles of Criminal Law	6	15	PRAL6222	Administrative Law	6	15
				AORP6221	Organisational Psychology	6	15

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Year Long							
XBLAW5119	Work Integrated Learning 1					5	15
Year 2 Electives* (Students are required to choose a core discipline (English, Communication Science or Criminology for the duration of the qualification)							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
COSC6231	Communication Science 2A	6	15	COSC6222	Communication Science 2B	6	15
CRIM6211	Criminology 2A	6	15	CRIM6212	Criminology 2B	6	15
ENGL6221	English 2A	6	15	ENGL6222	English 2B	6	15
Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
ALRE7311	Alternative Dispute Resolution	7	15	GEBV7312	Gender Based Violence	7	15
MLET7311	Media Law and Ethics	7	15	RPHU7312	Research Practice for the Human Sciences	7	15
IRHU7311	Introduction to Research for the Human Sciences	7	15				
Year Long							
XBAL7329	Work Integrated Learning 3					7	15
Year 3 Electives* (Students are required to choose a core discipline (English, Communication Science or Criminology for the duration of the qualification)							
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
COSC7321	Communication Science 3A	7	15	COSC7322	Communication Science 3B	7	15
CRIM7311	Criminology 3A	7	15	CRIM7312	Criminology 3B	7	15
ENGL7321	English 3A	7	15	ENGL7322	English 3B	7	15

Further Study Pathways

In the Faculty of Law, graduates of the Bachelor of Arts in Law degree may be eligible to articulate into the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree.

Career Opportunities

This Bachelor of Arts in Law (BA Law) programme will enable graduates to apply a well-rounded theoretical and practical knowledge base across a broad range of specialisations, careers, enterprise types and industries in both the public and private sectors.

The following career opportunities, among others, exist for graduates of this degree:

- Legal Advisors
- Paralegals (specialising in communications or media-related legal matters such as copyright)
- Legal Counsellor
- Compliance Officer
- Legal Officer
- Risk Specialist
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practitioner
- Corporate Communications Practitioner
- Legal Researcher
- Court Reporters
- Legal Writers
- Online Content Manager
- Legal Editors
- Criminologist

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Timetables

This qualification is aimed at students who wish to complete full-time face-to-face studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to be available Mon-Fri 8:00 – 17:00 throughout the day for class in the academic year depending on how the timetable is structured.

Students must also note that timetables remain subject to change throughout the academic year.

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 24 modules in the curriculum.

As a contact student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 3 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification, and for part-time an additional year is allowed.

Apply Online

After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.



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