Emeris

Higher Certificate in Legal Studies



Faculty of Law

1 Year Full-Time Higher Certificate | NQF Level 5
120 Credits | SAQA ID: 94696 | HCLS0501

- Durban North
- Westville
- Waterfall
- Pietermaritzburg
- Pretoria
- Sandton
- Ruimsig
- Newlands, Cape Town
- Nelson Mandela Bay

Qualification Description

For those with the skills, drive and initiative, the legal work environment is a place of great opportunity and reward.

This higher certificate develops and provides students with a broad range of foundational legal skills including communication, various aspects of South African law and legal office management.

However, the content of this higher certificate is not limited to only persons with an interest in the law.

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

Students who are interested in commencing or furthering a career within the legal environment.

CONTACT FULL-TIME

DISTANCE (ONLINE)

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements		English
	NSC: HC pass with	40%
	NC(V): HC pass with	40%
	SC: Endorsement with - none with	40%
	SC(a): HC pass with	40%
	International	A SAQA Evaluation Certificate with NSC Level 4 equivalence with at least 40% or equivalent for English.

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
LELS5111	Legal and Literacy Skills	5	15	ASML5122	Aspects of Mercantile Law	5	15
FSAL5121	Fundamentals of the South African Legal System	5	15	DCCP5112	Debt Collection and Civil Procedure	5	15
ASPL5111	Aspects of Private Law	5	15	PEMA5122	Principles of Employment Law	5	15
LEOS5122	Legal Office Support	5	15				
Year Long							
XHLS5129	Work Integrated Learning 1					5	15

Further Study Pathways

In the Faculty of Law, graduates of the Higher Certificate in Legal Studies may be eligible to articulate into the Bachelor of Arts in Law, Bachelor of Commerce in Law and the Bachelor of Laws degrees.

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.

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Career Opportunities

This Higher Certificate in Legal Studies (HCLS) qualification will provide students with a foundational knowledge and basic skills in legal principles and legal practice, with a primary view to capacitating students to work in a legal environment and a secondary view to advancing to a degree qualification in a similar field, should they so choose.

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

- Attorney's Assistant
- Legal Secretary
- Para-legal Assistant
- General Law-office Assistant
- Front Office Manager of a legal firm
- Legal Research Assistant
- Clerk of the Court
- Maintenance Clerk
- Maintenance Investigator
- Court Stenographer
- Legal Clerk

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 8 modules in the curriculum.

As a contact student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 1 year. 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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