

3. The three-year LLB programme (as second degree)

Please note:

This programme is meant for graduates of Stellenbosch University who did not do any law subjects as part of their first degree, as well as students who have degrees with law subjects from other universities.

3.1 Admission requirements

- Normally a degree from a South African university in which an average of 60% was obtained in the final year of the degree.

3.2 Modules in each academic year

FIRST YEAR (172 CREDITS)

Compulsory modules (year modules)

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| Introduction to Law | 171(24) |
| Private Law | 171(24), 272(16), 273(16) |
| Criminal Law | 171(24) |
| Constitutional Law | 271(26) |
| Knowledge Skills | 172(6) |

Compulsory module (first semester)

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| Interpretation of Enacted Law | 211(12) |
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And one of the following two elective modules:

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| African Customary Law | 171(24) |
| Roman Law | 271(24) |

SECOND YEAR (156 CREDITS)

Compulsory modules (year modules)

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| Private Law | 372(32), 373(32) |
| Law of Civil Procedure | 371(24) |
| Law of Criminal Procedure | 271(20) |

Compulsory modules (first semester)

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| Constitutional Law | 312(12) |
| Mercantile Law | 311(12), 312(12) |

Compulsory module (second semester)

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| Legal Philosophy | 341(12) |
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THIRD YEAR (152 CREDITS)

Compulsory modules (year modules)

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| Mercantile Law | 471(32) |
| Law of Evidence | 471(20) |

Compulsory modules (first semester)

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| Law of Taxation | 411(12) |
| Private Law | 411(12) |
| Administrative Law | 411(16) |
| Legal Skills | 411(12) |

Compulsory and elective modules (second semester)

You must take **International Law 341(12)**.

In addition choose **any three** from the modules listed. The choice is subject to the main timetable constraints. Thus, it may happen that such constraints would rule out certain module combinations in a particular year. Also note that not all the modules will necessarily be offered each year. At least ten students must register for a particular module, otherwise the module will not be offered. Upon the particular lecturer's request, the maximum number of students per module may be restricted to fifty. Therefore, you may have to go through a selection process before the final registration date for second-semester modules. Your academic performance in a prior related module and timing of your registration for the elective module may be taken into consideration for selection purposes.

Mercantile Law

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| Law of Taxation | 441(12) |
| Mercantile Law | 441(12), 442(12), 443(12), 445(12), 447(12) |
| Intellectual Property Law | 441(12) |
| Accounting for Law Students | 441(12) |
| Environmental Law | 451(12) |

Private Law

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| International Private Law | 451(12) |
| Private Law | 451(12), 452(12), 453(12), 454(12), 455(12), 457(12) |
| Practical Legal Training | 471(24) (provides exemption from Legal Skills 411) |

Public Law

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| Legal Philosophy | 451(12) |
| Criminal Law | 451(12) |
| International Law | 451(12) |
| Constitutional Law | 451(12) |
| Public Procurement Law | 451(12) |

Dissertation elective

In the place of one of the taught modules you can choose above, you may submit a **dissertation** or publish an **article** in an approved legal journal. The length of the dissertation must be 7 000–10 000 words (including footnotes but excluding bibliography) and it must be on an approved topic selected in consultation with the chair of the relevant department. The article must be published in consultation with the chair of the relevant department. If you choose the dissertation elective, you must present, at registration, written approval of the topic by the chair of the relevant department. You may register for the dissertation elective only if you obtained an average of 60% for the pre-final year of your LLB studies.

If you participate in the trial rounds of an approved **moot competition**, you may also apply to be assessed on your individual written and oral contribution and for these contributions to be accredited in place of the dissertation. Apply in writing to the relevant departmental chair.

If you choose the dissertation elective, you must register for one of the following modules, according to the relevant department:

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| Mercantile Law | 446(12) <i>or</i> |
| Private Law | 441(12) <i>or</i> |
| Public Law | 451(12) |

3.2.1 Prerequisite pass, prerequisite and corequisites

The prerequisite pass requirements, and other prerequisites and corequisites of the third and fourth year of the four-year LLB programme are also applicable to the second and third year of the three-year LLB programme. See the summary table at the back of this Yearbook part.

3.2.2 Marks to pass *cum laude*

For the purpose of calculating a *cum laude* pass, the Faculty considers only the final marks obtained in modules prescribed for the second and third year of this programme. You must attain a minimum average of 75%.

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