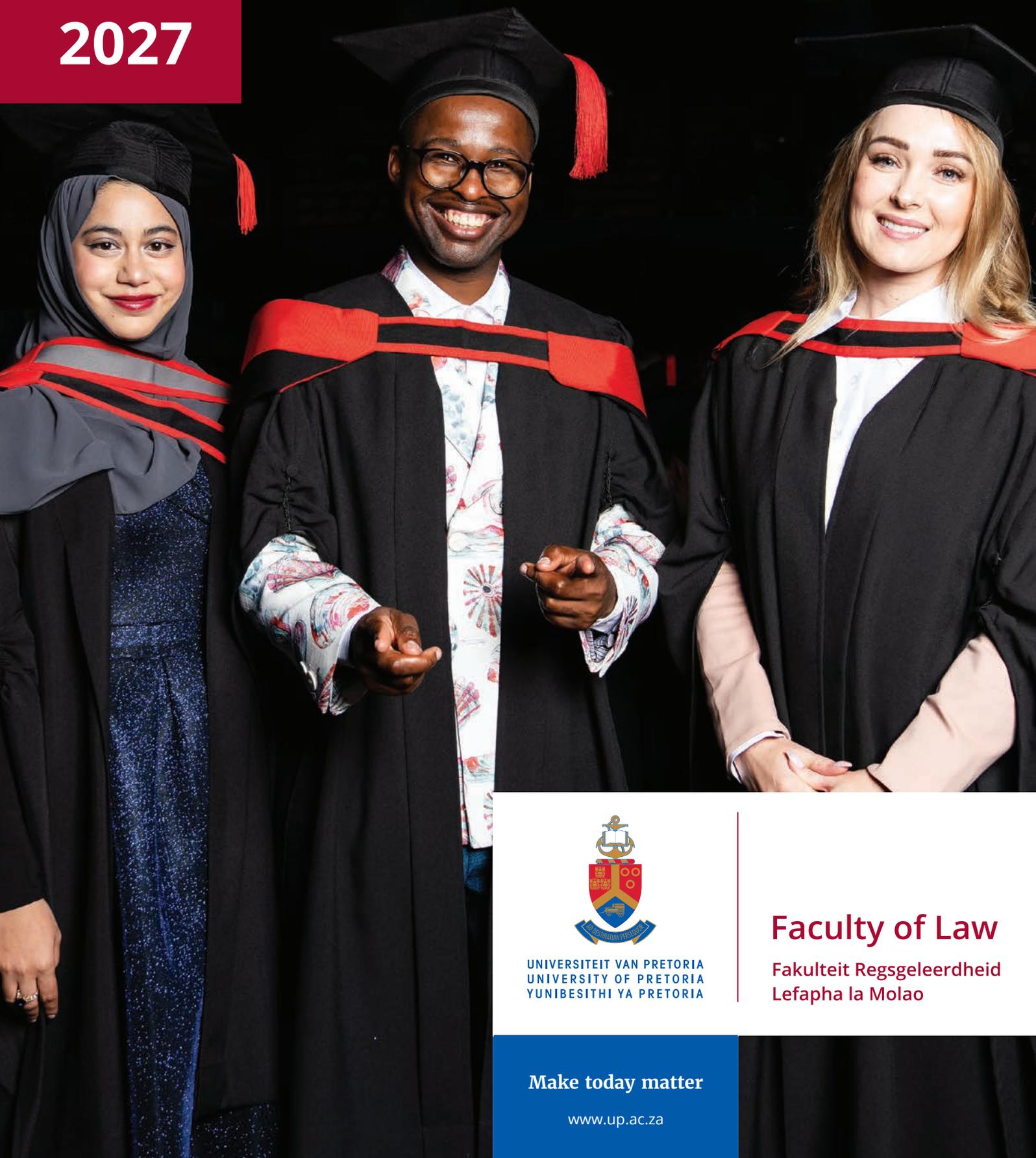


# Undergraduate Faculty Brochure

2027



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



### Welcome to the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Law

**Prof Steve Cornelius**, Acting Dean: Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

#### Welcome to the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria—ranked first in Africa and 125th in the world!

The vision of the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is to be a research-focused faculty that is recognised in South Africa, across Africa and around the world for its quality, impact and contribution to society.

We aim to develop people, create knowledge and add real value to communities both locally and globally.

Our strength lies in our diversity—in our people, cultures and ideas—and in our location in South Africa and on the African continent. This diversity shapes our work and helps us prepare students for the real-world challenges of the legal profession.

Social justice is at the heart of everything we do. We address issues such as inequality, discrimination and injustice, and our goal is to produce graduates who can make a meaningful difference in society. Our students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to lead

change in all areas of the law—from public law to private and commercial law.

Our teaching is guided by our research and global connections. Students benefit from international perspectives, student exchange opportunities and exposure to different legal systems.

Our staff also work with researchers worldwide to tackle urgent issues such as climate change, gender-based violence, poverty and human rights.

We are committed to transformation within our Faculty and the University. This includes creating an inclusive and fair environment, developing a curriculum that reflects diversity, and conducting research in topics such as decolonisation and anti-discrimination. Finally, our work extends beyond the classroom. We contribute to legal reform, influence policy, and participate directly in legal cases where we can help bring about change.

Welcome to Africa's top Faculty of Law, and one of the best in the world—a place where you can gain the tools to make a real difference.

# CONTENT



The Faculty of Law (UP Law) has consistently been **ranked the top law faculty in South Africa and on the African continent** by the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings* and the *2023 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World Rankings by subject area (LAW)*.



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# FACULTY OF LAW

## AT A GLANCE

**Member of Law Schools Global League**

**Ranked number one for SDG 16 in South Africa and 41<sup>st</sup> globally.**

**The University of Pretoria (UP) is one of Africa's top universities and the largest contact university in South Africa.**

- We produce socially impactful research to find solutions for the world's most pressing issues.
- We have a high quality of teaching and learning in the classroom, online, or in communities.
- We have support in place for our students to graduate on time as well-rounded, responsible citizens, fully prepared for the world beyond university.

Our degrees are locally accredited and internationally recognised. We have agreements in place with the relevant legal accreditation bodies around the world to ensure the recognition of our programmes.



### VISION

To be a leading research-intensive university in Africa, recognised internationally for its quality, relevance and impact, as also for developing people, creating knowledge and making a difference locally and globally.



### MISSION

In pursuing recognition and excellence in its core functions of research, teaching and learning, and integrating engagement with society and communities into these, the University of Pretoria will use quality, relevance, diversity and sustainability as its navigational markers.

The Faculty of Law strives to be an internationally recognised leader in socially relevant legal research and education in South Africa and the world. In pursuing its vision, the Faculty's mission is the creation and sustenance of a research and education environment that is grounded in the values of social justice and excellence.

### ACADEMIC OFFERING

#### LLB FOUR-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

The faculty offers niche programmes in human rights, children's rights, trade and investment law, intellectual property law, education law, banking law and extractive industries law, focusing on how these fields relate to Africa.

## JOIN A WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTION

**#1**  
**Law faculty in South Africa**  
Ranked 125<sup>th</sup> globally  
Times Higher Education  
World University Rankings by  
Subject 2025

**TOP SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTION TO STUDY LAW**

### LAW CLINIC

**1980**

Established in 1980 by UP law students to serve indigent community members

**2**

Community-based branches in Hatfield and Hammanskraal

**TOP**

Ranked among the best in South Africa

### CENTRE FOR CHILD LAW

**1998**

Established in 1998 as a children's rights strategic impact litigation organisation that is registered as a law clinic with the Legal Practice Council

**2009**

Hosts the Annual Child Law Moot Court Competition since 2009

### TRAINING

Provides training and capacity building for professionals and community-based workers on child rights-related issues

### CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

**1986**

Established in 1986 as a network of practising and academic lawyers, civil servants and human rights practitioners across Africa

**9**

Research and advocacy units

**10**

Advanced human rights courses



**Member of Global Campus of Human Rights**



### RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

#### Research Chairs, Centres, Units and Institutes

- ABSA Chair in Banking Law in Africa
- UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa
- SARChI Chair in International Constitutional Law
- Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA)
- Centre for Intellectual Property Law (CIPL)
- Centre for Human Rights

- Centre for Sport and Entertainment Law
- Centre for Child Law (CCL)
- Centre for Medicine and Law
- International Development Law Unit (IDLU)
- Extractive Industry Law in Africa Unit (EILA)
- Unit for Insurance Law in Africa
- Unit for Banking Law in Africa
- Unit for Business Rescue and Insolvency Law (UBRIL)

# UP AT A GLANCE

UP has achieved top subject rankings in South Africa: for example, in the 2025 Times Higher Education Subject Rankings it is No. 1 in SA in Accounting & Finance; Architecture; Electrical & Electronic Engineering; Law; Sport Science; and Veterinary Science. UP is globally competitive: in the 2025 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Subject Rankings, it ranks in the top 50 for several subjects (e.g., Agriculture & Forestry, Biological Sciences, Engineering & Technology).

UP is the only university in South Africa with a **Faculty of Veterinary Science**—and that faculty is ranked best in Africa.

UP secured a **100% pass rate in the SAICA** first professional exam (now called IAC) for the third year in a row.

The University of Pretoria is ranked **number one in South Africa for Law** in the 2025 Times Higher Education Subject Rankings.

**Life beyond academics matters at UP:** the university highlights its culture of 'more than study'—arts, culture, sports, student societies.

## Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences



<b>#1</b>	in SA and Top 201-250 globally in Accounting & Finance
<b>#1</b>	in SA and Top 101-150 globally in Economics
<b>8</b>	academic departments, and School of Public Management and Administration
<b>64%</b>	of academic staff hold doctoral degrees

## Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology



<b>72%</b>	of academic staff hold doctoral degrees
<b>100</b>	NRF-rated researchers
<b>12</b>	research centres, units and institutes
<b>6</b>	QS-rated subjects
<b>16</b>	externally funded research chairs

## Faculty of Humanities



<b>71%</b>	of academic staff hold doctoral degrees
<b>67</b>	NRF-rated researchers
<b>25</b>	international partnerships and agreements
<b>23</b>	specialised undergraduate degree programmes
<b>12</b>	academic programmes

## Faculty of Theology and Religion



<b>#1</b>	in SA and #76 globally for Theology, Divinity and Religion
<b>92%</b>	placement rate for graduates
<b>100%</b>	academic staff hold doctoral degrees
<b>23</b>	NRF-rated researchers
<b>11</b>	international partnerships and agreements

## Faculty of Education



<b>82%</b>	academic staff hold doctoral degrees
<b>20</b>	NRF-rated researchers
<b>5</b>	academic departments
<b>Top 351-400</b>	Ranked among Top 351-400 Education faculties globally
<b>Top 5</b>	Ranked among Top 5 Education faculties in South Africa

## Faculty of Health Sciences



<b>68%</b>	of academic staff hold doctoral degrees
<b>52</b>	NRF-rated researchers
<b>6</b>	research chairs
<b>43</b>	specialised academic departments
<b>Top 312</b>	globally for Life Sciences and Medicine

## Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences



<b>#1</b>	in Africa for Ecology and Top 75 globally
<b>13</b>	specialised academic departments
<b>92%</b>	of academic staff hold doctoral degrees
<b>216</b>	NRF-rated researchers
<b>9</b>	research centres and institutes

## Faculty of Veterinary Science



<b>98%</b>	undergraduate pass rate
<b>Top 51-100</b>	in QS world University Subject Rankings for 2025
<b>51%</b>	of academic staff hold doctoral degrees
<b>35</b>	NRF-rated researchers
<b>100%</b>	Responsible for 100% of all South African veterinary science degrees

# ADMISSION REGULATIONS

## General admission regulations that apply to all prospective students

- The admission requirements and general information provided in this Faculty brochure are applicable to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or an Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualification.
- The following persons will be considered for admission to a first bachelor's degree at the University of Pretoria:
  - Candidates who have a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required National Senior Certificate (NSC) with bachelor's degree endorsement;
  - Candidates who are graduates from another tertiary institution or have been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and
  - Candidates who are graduates of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Grade 11 results are used for the conditional admission of prospective students, but final admission will depend on the NSC (or equivalent) qualification and results.
- Candidates must also comply with the specific subject and achievement level requirements and the minimum Admission Point Score (APS) for their chosen degree programmes.
- The APS calculation is done by using the NSC 1 to 7 scale of achievement. It is based on a candidate's achievement in six recognised 20-credit subjects. The highest APS that can be achieved is 42. Life Orientation is a 10-credit subject and is excluded from the calculation when determining the APS.

## Admission Point Score (APS) Conversion

Rating code	Rating	Marks %
7	Outstanding achievement	80–100%
6	Meritorious achievement	70–79%
5	Substantial achievement	60–69%
4	Adequate achievement	50–59%
3	Moderate achievement	40–49%
2	Elementary achievement	30–39%
1	Not achieved	0–29%

NSC – National Senior Certificate (completed Grade 12 in or after 2008)

IEB – Independent Examination Board

- Except in cases where modules or programmes require the use of a language other than English, all modules will be presented in English, which is the University's official language of tuition, communication and correspondence.
- Minimum requirements for admission to the relevant programmes are set out in the minimum admission requirements table in this brochure.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.
- Applicants with qualifications other than NSC and IEB should refer to the following publication:
  - *International Undergraduate Prospectus 2027: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi\** (South Africa), available at [www.up.ac.za/programmes](http://www.up.ac.za/programmes) > Undergraduate > Admission information.
- School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development (GED):** These qualifications are not accepted at the University of Pretoria.
- National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.



\* **Umalusi** accredits South African private providers of education and training as well as private assessment bodies to offer tuition and/or assessment for qualification(s) on the General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-Framework (GFETQSF). Contact Umalusi at [info@umalusi.org.za](mailto:info@umalusi.org.za) or +27 (0)12 349 1510.

**Note:** Refer to the General Academic Regulations and Student Rules at [www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home](http://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home), click on 'General Rules and Regulations'.

### APPLICATION AND CLOSING DATES:

- Applications open on 1 April. All study programmes at the University of Pretoria are number-limited. You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible after 1 April.
- The closing date for applications for all UP study programmes is 30 June. This excludes the programmes in the Faculty of Veterinary Science which close on 31 May.

### APPLICATION STATUS:

- Apply with your final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.
- Applicants can expect feedback by September at the latest.
- Please check your application status and communications regularly on the UP Student Portal at [www1.up.ac.za](http://www1.up.ac.za).
- Final admission will be based on the applicant's final school-year NSC or equivalent results.

# ADMISSION REGULATIONS



## Faculty-specific admission regulations

- Applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements are conditionally admitted to the available places. The application process aims to include a diverse group of students. For first-year admissions, the Faculty aims for at least 50% of the first-year class to be from designated groups (black African, Indian and Coloured). If this goal is not met during the first round of selection, the process will be adjusted to give more places to the highest-achieving applicants from these groups until the 50% target is reached.
- If places are available, applicants may still be conditionally admitted after the closing date. This applies to those who have already graduated with another degree and can provide a Certificate of Good Conduct, or those who have completed the NSC (or equivalent) with an APS of 38 or higher and at least a level 6 in English. These decisions are made by the Faculty's Admissions Committee.

## Transferring students

### Definition of a transferring student

A transferring student is a student who, when applying for a degree programme at the University of Pretoria (UP):

- a) is a registered student at another tertiary institution; or
- b) was previously registered at another tertiary institution, but did not complete the programme and is not currently registered at any tertiary institution; or
- c) has completed a programme at another tertiary institution and is not currently registered at any tertiary institution; or
- d) was previously registered at UP, then registered at another tertiary institution, and now wishes to return to UP.

### Guidelines for transferring students' admission to degree programmes at UP

A transferring student will be considered for admission if they meet one of the following:

- a) They submit an NSC or equivalent qualification that allows admission to bachelor's or diploma studies (as applicable), and meet the minimum faculty-specific requirements at NSC level; or
- b) They have completed a degree, and meet the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at tertiary level; or
- c) They have completed an HEQSF-registered Higher Certificate (see <https://allqs.saqa.org.za/>) at another tertiary institution, where:
  - UP grants complete exemption for the certificate (meaning the student does not need to repeat any modules/subjects already passed);
  - the student passed all prescribed modules/subjects for the Higher Certificate with at least 60%;
  - the faculty-specific subjects/modules are equivalent to the NSC subject requirements; and/or
  - the student meets the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at tertiary level.

#### Note:

- Meeting the application requirements does not guarantee admission.
- Only a limited number of students will be admitted to each programme.
- Depending on capacity, applicants may be ranked according to academic performance.

- Previous academic performance will be considered according to faculty regulations and promotion requirements.
- A Certificate of Good Conduct is required.
- Students who have been dismissed from a previous institution for poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.
- Admission of transferring students always depends on the availability of space in the programme and in the faculty.
- Students transferring from other universities must adhere to UP's General Academic Regulations G.7-9 before a degree may be awarded by UP.

#### Closing date for applications from transferring students:

For all undergraduate programmes, online applications will close when admission targets have been met in consultation with the relevant Dean.

## Returning students

### Definition of a returning student

A returning student is someone who applies for a new degree at UP and falls into one of these groups:

- a) They are currently studying at UP but want to change to another degree at UP, or
- b) They studied at UP before but did not finish their programme, and have not studied at another university or college since (this also includes students who took a formal break/leave of absence), or
- c) They already completed a degree at UP, but are not currently studying at another university or college.

### Guidelines for admission of returning students to degree programmes at UP

A returning student will be considered for admission if they:

- a) Have an NSC (National Senior Certificate) or equivalent qualification that allows entry into a bachelor's or diploma programme, and meet the faculty's minimum subject requirements at NSC level; or
- b) Have already completed a degree and meet the faculty's minimum subject requirements at university level; or
- c) Have a good academic record, with a cumulative average of at least 50% for the programme they were enrolled in.

#### Note:

- Students who were excluded or dismissed from a faculty because of poor performance may still be considered for another programme at UP, depending on that faculty's admission requirements.
- You can only transfer once between UP faculties, and a maximum of two times within the same faculty.
- Admission for returning students also depends on whether there is space available in the programme.

#### Closing date for applications from returning students:

Applications from returning students may be received until the end of June.

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

## Application Requirements

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

## University of Pretoria programme qualification verification

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.

Programme	Application requirements for NSC/IEB for 2027	
	Achievement level	
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	APS
<b>Bachelor of Laws</b> Also referred to as LLB [4 years]	6	35

**Careers:** Refer to the infographics in this brochure.  
Candidates are urged to apply as early as possible from 1 April.

**Queries relating to Bachelor of Laws applications can be directed to:**  
**Tel** +27 (0)12 420 4265  
**Email** lawadmin@up.ac.za

Programme	Application requirements for NSC/IEB for 2027		
	Achievement level		APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	
<b>Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law</b> Also referred to as BCom (Law) [3 years]	5	5	32

**Careers:** First step towards becoming attorneys, legal advisors, advocates, prosecutors, presiding officers (magistrates or judges) and academics in the legal field  
**Queries relating to Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law applications can be directed to:**  
 Ms Ronel Steenkamp (Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences) | **Tel** +27 (0)12 420 3347 | **Email** ronel.steenkamp@up.ac.za

Programme	Application requirements for NSC/IEB for 2027	
	Achievement level	
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	APS
<b>Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law</b> Also referred to as BA (Law) [3 years]	5	34

To retain admission, you must obtain an APS of at least 34 in the NSC.  
**Career:** Lawyer (A Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree are required.)  
**Queries relating to Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law applications can be directed to:**  
 Ms Ernika Monyeki (Faculty of Humanities) | **Tel** +27 (0)12 420 5241 | **Email** ernika.monyeki@up.ac.za

## ARTICLE

### Faculty of Law student life

The Faculty of Law has a strong student life, and students can take on a variety of leadership roles, such as sitting on subcommittees and becoming general members. Participating in societies offers UP Law students the opportunity to acquire many skills outside the lecture hall, preparing and propelling them to excel in various legal careers.

Law House serves as the Faculty's official student representation body, focusing on academics and playing a vital role in connecting students and academic staff. The society organises many kinds of activities for students, including outreach projects, fundraising, skills workshops, mentorship and court excursions. Additionally, it promotes active participation in sports like basketball, hockey, netball and rugby.

Other UP Law student societies include the Black Lawyers' Association Student Chapter, the Constitutional Tribunal, the Legal Shebeen, the UP Moot Society, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (NADEL) Student Chapter, Students for Law and Social Justice (SLSJ), the Student Disciplinary and Advisory Panel (SDAP), Women in Law and the Pretoria Student Law Review (PSLR). These student societies organise activities that equip students with practical skills for success in the legal profession and help bridge the gap between theory and practice.

UP Law student societies collaborate closely with Faculty and other relevant university support services, such as Career Services, the Department of Student Affairs, the Division of Student Governance and Leadership and TuksSport. This collaboration provides students with support and assistance, creating an environment in which they can thrive and succeed. UP Law societies provide a social community for students to meet, bond and form long-lasting friendships.



# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES



## Bachelor of Laws

### Bachelor of Laws (after completing Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law)

### Bachelor of Laws (after completing Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law)

In 1998, the LLB [Bachelor of Laws] degree was shortened from five years to four. However, many students find that four years of study is not enough preparation for the demands of the legal profession. Therefore, it is generally recommended that UP students first complete a three-year Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law or Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law degree, and then continue with the Bachelor of Laws degree, which takes another two to three years. This way, students obtain two degrees in different fields of study.



## Law programmes in other faculties

### Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences: Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law

The programme provides a broad academic foundation that prepares students for a wide range of career opportunities, particularly in the corporate world. It combines core Commerce and Law subjects, giving students the option of pursuing a career in business or continuing their studies towards the Bachelor of Laws (LLB).

**Note:** All first-year students take the compulsory fundamental modules in academic information management, jurisprudence and English.

Please refer to the online Yearbook: [www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home](http://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home) for more information.

#### Core modules (compulsory)

1st year	2nd year	3rd year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial accounting</li> <li>Economics</li> <li>Business management</li> <li>Statistics</li> <li>Roman law</li> <li>Jurisprudence</li> <li>Law of persons</li> <li>Informatics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consumer protection</li> <li>Law of contract</li> <li>Law of succession</li> <li>Specific contracts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insolvency law</li> <li>Law of things</li> <li>Law of delict</li> <li>Entrepreneurial law</li> <li>Payment methods</li> </ul>

#### Elective modules

1st year	2nd year	3rd year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business management</li> <li>Economics</li> <li>Financial management</li> <li>Business accounting</li> <li>Statistics</li> <li>Taxation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business management</li> <li>Economics</li> <li>Financial management</li> <li>Business accounting</li> <li>Development economics</li> <li>Statistics</li> <li>Taxation</li> </ul>

Please refer to the website [www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home](http://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home) for the Yearbook of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences for more information on the Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law programme.

#### Closing date for applications for Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law

The closing date for applications for Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law is 30 June.

### Faculty of Humanities: Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law

This multidisciplinary programme addresses the growing demand for professionals with legal knowledge combined with expertise in the social and human sciences. It prepares students for a variety of careers by:

- offering an alternative route to the Bachelor of Laws (LLB);
- providing versatile training in both law and the humanities;
- equipping students with insight into national and global issues and their consequences; and
- developing the ability to conduct research, make informed decisions and report on law-related matters.

This is a full-time programme, with specific modules offered after hours.

#### Core modules (compulsory)

1st year	2nd year	3rd year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law of persons</li> <li>Roman Law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Law</li> <li>Public Law</li> <li>Legal pluralism</li> <li>Legal interpretation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law of delict</li> <li>Law of succession</li> <li>Jurisprudence</li> <li>Specific contracts</li> <li>Law of contract</li> </ul>

#### Elective modules

1st year	2nd year	3rd year
Choose three BA modules, at least one must be a language.	Choose two BA modules, at least one must be a language.	Choose one BA module.

#### Postgraduate studies

After completing a Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law degree, students may continue with a Bachelor of Laws degree or may register for an honour's degree in the core discipline they chose in the humanities.

**Note:** Please refer to the website [www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home](http://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home) for the Yearbook of the Faculty of Humanities for more information on the Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law programme.

#### Closing date for applications for Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law

The closing date for applications for Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law is 30 June.



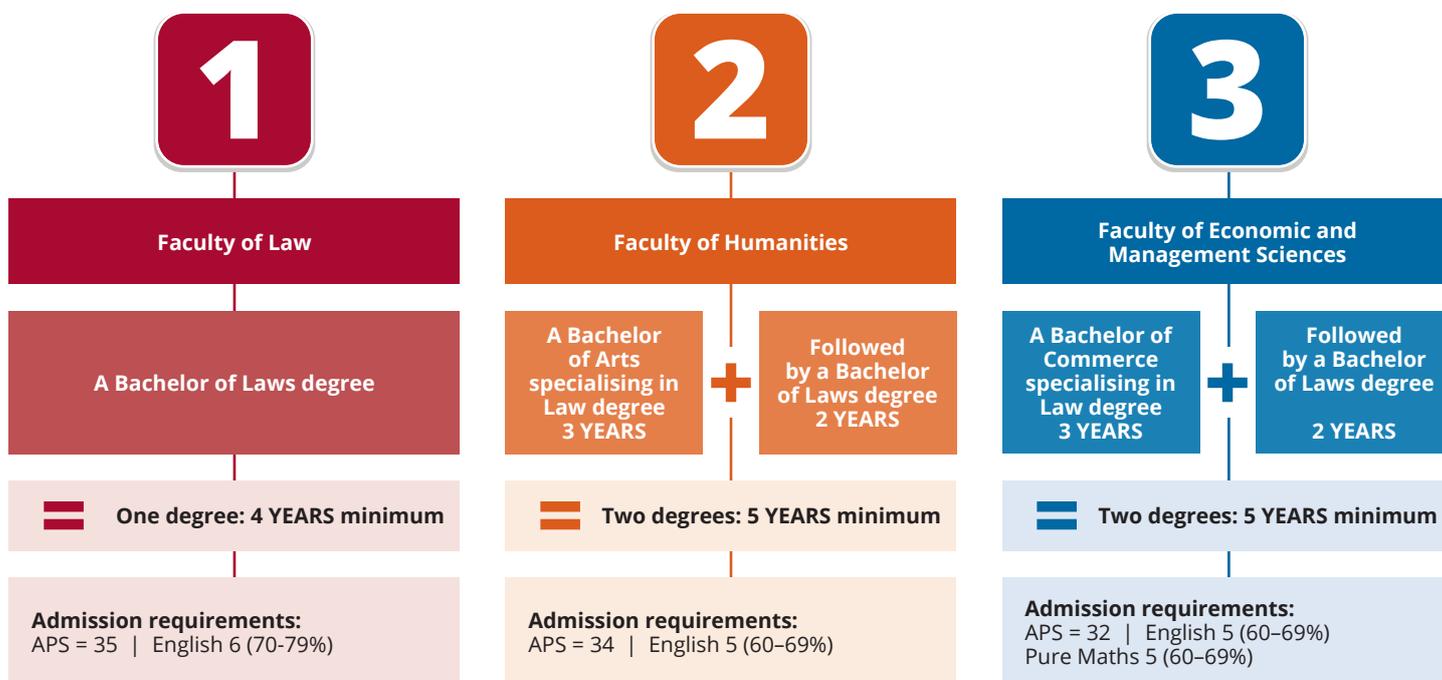
## Admission requirements for the Bachelor of Laws to gain access to the Faculty of Law

To gain access to the Faculty of Law, prospective students require the appropriate combinations of recognised National Senior Certificate (NSC) subjects, as well as specific levels of achievement in these subjects. A summary of the Faculty-specific requirements and the APS required for admission to the Bachelor of Laws is provided on **pages 3 to 5**.

## DEGREE CHOICE

### How to choose between a Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law, Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law or straightforward four-year Bachelor of Laws degree?

As explained here, there are **three direct routes** to a recognised legal qualification and eventual admission as an attorney or advocate in South Africa with a Bachelor of Laws degree behind your name, given the *status quo* in South Africa in 2019 and excluding forthcoming amendments to the Legal Practice Act, 28 of 2014:



## OR

Any prior recognised degree

+

Followed by a Bachelor of Laws degree 4 YEARS minimum

If you are interested in a career in **patent law**, you should first pursue a science degree (Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Engineering) degree, and/or followed by an honours degree in Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Engineering, followed by a Bachelor of Laws degree, or vice versa. Here you are looking at a minimum period of seven years of studying. However, this will prepare you for the Patent Examination Board, as required in Section 21 of the Patents Act, 57 of 1978, as amended, for a career as a patent attorney. However, it is important to note that admission as a patent advocate or attorney is subject to passing the Bar Examination for pupils or the Competency-based Examination for Admission as an Attorney too. Should you be interested in this field of law, you may find more relevant information on the websites of patent attorneys, the South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law (SAIPL) and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).



Hereafter, should you qualify, you could consider pursuing a **master's degree** in law (optional).

Master's programmes are presented as follows:

- Coursework: evening classes, examinations and a mini-research dissertation; or
- Full dissertation: comprehensive master's dissertation.

The duration of a master's degree at UP is minimum one year.

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## Exemption/credits for modules passed at other institutions

Students must apply on the prescribed form (available from the Faculty's Student Administration) for exemption from modules passed at other institutions. An academic record and the complete syllabus of the module concerned must accompany the application.

Students transferring from other universities must complete at least 50% of the modules required for the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree at the University of Pretoria. In addition, they must be registered at the University for a minimum of two years before the LLB degree can be conferred.



## Examination

The examinations for first-semester modules take place in May and June, while examinations in second-semester modules take place in October and November.

Every student has the responsibility to consult the official examination timetable to determine when the examinations for the student's modules will be written.



## Composition of the Bachelor of Laws degree

### First year

First semester	Second semester
<b>Fundamental modules</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AIM 111 Academic Information Management</li> <li>▪ AIM 121 Academic Information Management</li> <li>▪ JUR 110 Jurisprudence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ JUR 120 Jurisprudence</li> </ul>
<b>Core modules</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PSR 110 Law of persons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FMR 121 Family law</li> <li>▪ ROM 120 Roman law</li> </ul>
<p><b>Plus</b> Choose any 2 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ENG 110 English</li> <li>▪ ENG 118 English for specific purposes</li> <li>▪ ENG 120 English</li> </ul>	
<b>Elective modules</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any other language module offered by the Faculty of Humanities other than the required English language modules</li> <li>▪ FIL 110, 120 Philosophy</li> <li>▪ FRK 111, 122 Financial accounting</li> <li>▪ GES 110, 120 History</li> <li>▪ INF 183 Informatics</li> <li>▪ KRM 110, 120 Criminology</li> <li>▪ PTO 111, 120 Politics</li> <li>▪ SOC 110, 120 Sociology</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The following aspects should be kept in mind:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students have to familiarise themselves with the prerequisites for modules from other faculties.</li> <li>▪ The modules may not clash.</li> <li>▪ Some modules have limits on the number of students who may register.</li> </ul>	

## CORE AND FUNDAMENTAL LAW MODULES

### JUR 110 Jurisprudence (15 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module introduces students to the nature of law, its relationship with society, politics, history and language, as well as different perspectives on law. It also covers the South African legal system, its sources and historical development. A strong focus is placed on building academic and legal skills such as research, reading and interpreting legal sources, critical writing and essay construction.

### JUR 120 Jurisprudence (15 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law and Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law*

This module introduces students to the basic principles of several areas of law. These include the law of obligations, such as contracts and wrongful acts (delicts). It also covers criminal law, civil procedure, criminal procedure and the rules of evidence.

The module explores access to justice in South Africa. It looks at how courts and alternative dispute resolution work, the role of the legal profession and the challenges people face in accessing justice. It also discusses the organisations involved in helping people get representation, especially in criminal matters.

Alongside the theory, students develop practical skills. They learn how to draft a simple contract based on given facts. They also practise reading, summarising and applying the principles from a court case about delict. Students work on analysing and improving a piece of writing about evidence law. Finally, they learn how to conduct examinations and cross-examinations in preparation for taking part in a moot court or debate.

### PSR 110 Law of persons (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module focuses on the legal rules that apply to people as legal subjects. It explains when and how a person comes into existence in law, what their legal status is in private law and when their legal personality ends.

### FMR 121 Family law (15 credits)

*Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module introduces the basic principles of family law in South Africa. It covers the nature and forms of family relationships, requirements for valid, putative and voidable marriages, invariable consequences of marriage and aspects such as divorce and maintenance. The focus is on understanding the legal framework that regulates family life.

### ROM 120 Roman law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module introduces students to Roman law. It covers the Roman law of things, including possession, ownership, limits on ownership and rights over another person's property. It also looks at the Roman law of contract, focusing on the general rules of contracts, the main types of contracts and situations treated like contracts. It also explores the Roman law of delict, which deals with wrongful acts that cause harm, the different types of delicts and similar cases treated as delicts.

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## Second year

First semester	Second semester
<b>Core modules</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KTR 211 Law of contract</li> <li>▪ PBL 210 Public law</li> <li>▪ RPK 210 Legal practice</li> <li>▪ RPR 210 Legal pluralism</li> <li>▪ RVW 210 Legal interpretation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ERF 222 Law of succession</li> <li>▪ KTH 220 Specific contracts</li> <li>▪ PBL 220 Public law</li> <li>▪ RPK 220 Legal practice</li> <li>▪ VBB 220 Consumer protection</li> </ul>

### CORE LAW MODULES

#### KTR 211 Law of contract (15 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module explains the general principles of contract law. It looks at how contracts are formed, their content, interpretation, breach and remedies, termination of obligations and the basics of drafting contracts.

#### PBL 210 Public Law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Administration and Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law*

This module introduces constitutional law. It covers the relationship between the state and the individual, key constitutional principles, the history and development of constitutional law in South Africa, sources of law and the structure of government at national and provincial levels.

#### RPK 210 Legal practice (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module introduces the legal profession. It covers its history and development, the laws that regulate it, professional conduct and ethics, legal costs and fees and the liability of practitioners. It also develops research and writing skills, such as drafting letters of advice, office memoranda and heads of argument.

#### RPR 210 Legal pluralism (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law*

This module examines indigenous legal systems in South Africa. It explores the law of persons, family law, delict, succession and contract in indigenous cultures, as well as conflicts between different legal systems and court structures. It also looks at religious-based legal systems in South Africa.

#### RVW 210 Legal interpretation (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Administration and Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law*

This module deals with statutory law and how it is interpreted. It introduces the structure and types of legislation, and how laws are enacted, amended and repealed. Students learn theories and methods of interpretation, the role of the Constitution in interpretation, and the use of aids to understand legislative purpose. The module also covers constitutional interpretation and judicial law-making.

#### ERF 222 Law of succession (15 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module deals with how a person's property is distributed after death. It covers intestate succession (when there is no will), testate succession (when there is a valid will) and the administration of estates.



#### KTH 220 Specific contracts (15 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module focuses on particular types of contracts, including the law of purchase and sale, letting and hiring of things, agency, suretyship and letting and hiring of work.

#### PBL 220 Public Law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Administration and Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law*

This module explores constitutional rights within different approaches to constitutionalism. It covers the Bill of Rights, how rights are interpreted and applied, who holds rights and duties and how constitutional disputes are resolved. It examines specific rights such as equality, freedom of religion, freedom of expression and socio-economic rights. The module also looks at enforcement through the courts and Chapter IX institutions, with critical discussion of constitutional developments.

#### RPK 220 Legal practice (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module builds on practical aspects of legal work. It includes practice management, taking instructions, bookkeeping and trial advocacy. It also develops further research and writing skills through practical applications.

#### VBB 220 Consumer protection (15 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module introduces the law of consumer protection. It covers the basic principles of the National Credit Act, the law relating to credit agreements and the key provisions of the Consumer Protection Act.

## STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS



'Choosing to study law at the University of Pretoria was not something I had planned on doing, but once I explored the faculty and its programme, I knew it was the right fit. I was excited to start a degree that would challenge me in ways I had never anticipated.

Unlike many others, studying law was not my childhood dream. I was convinced that I was going to be a mining engineer, but little did I know that I was meant for something different. My whole life I had been told that my love for Mathematics and science had already carved a specific career path for me. Nothing could have been further from the truth—law chose me, and I responded to the call.

My journey while studying law has been challenging but also rewarding in many ways. I have learnt to be resilient in the face of difficulties and to lean on the support of my peers and lecturers, which made all the difference. I became aware of the importance of building a community and seeking guidance, which has been invaluable both academically and personally.

Choosing UP Law was intentional. The curriculum is carefully designed to link every year of study, allowing for continuous growth and development. Being at a top-ranked law faculty in Africa pushed me to strive for excellence and gave me a well-rounded experience both inside and outside of the lecture hall.

Today, I am in my first year of articles as a candidate attorney at one of South Africa's Big Five Law Firms. This next step is both exciting and humbling, and I am grateful for the foundation that UP Law gave me.

I am proud to be a Tukkies. I am proud to have answered the call of law and begun this next chapter of my professional journey.'

**Rofhiwa Patricia Mudau** – Bachelor of Laws (LLB)



## STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS



'My study at UP Law has been extremely gratifying, both intellectually and emotionally. The Faculty fosters an environment that enables you to think critically, engage thoroughly in legal topics, work in a team setting, and develop into a well-rounded professional. Making the Dean's List, being inducted into Golden Key, receiving my LLB with distinction, and serving as a Constitutional Tribunal Judge are some of my finest achievements. These events taught me the value of discipline, integrity, flexibility and leadership.

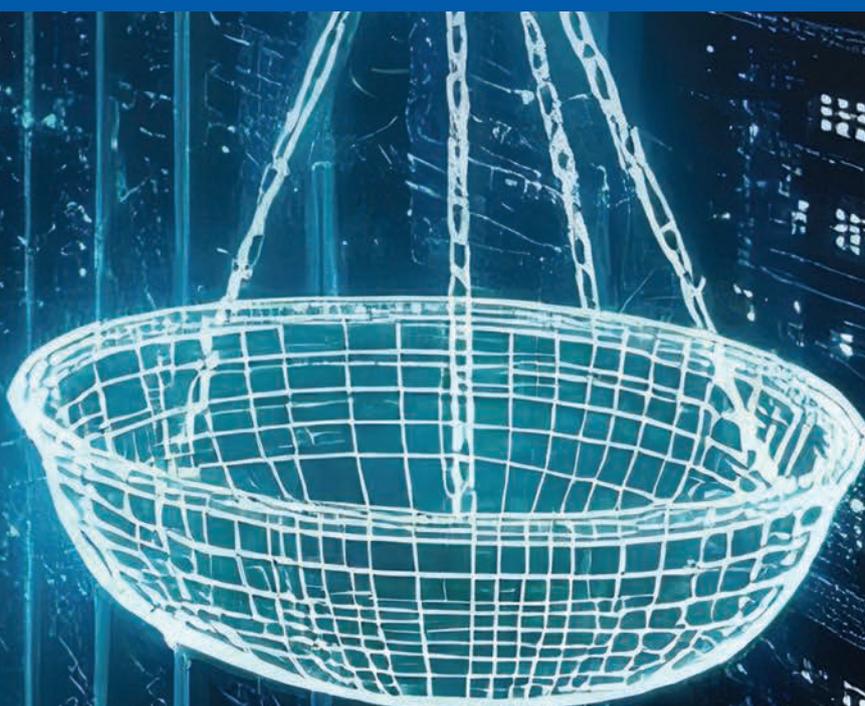
Being involved in moot court, as both a participant and later as a coach and judge, allowed me to hone my advocacy and mentoring abilities while also instilling in me a feeling of responsibility to help others. Working as an Academic Associate in the Procedural Law Department has given me a greater respect for the dedication, time, and attention to detail required of a faculty that routinely produces some of the top legal talent in the country.

UP Law taught me not solely about the law, but also its social role and potential as a tool for change. I am incredibly appreciative for the opportunity to connect with and learn from some of the finest brains in many disciplines of the law. Looking back, the combination of challenging academics, extracurricular leadership, and exposure to other ideas has had a significant impact on both my professional approach and personal development.

Looking ahead, I hope to put the valuable skills I've gained as a member of this faculty to use when I start as a candidate attorney the following year, which was a dream come true for me and the perfect culmination of my academic journey at the University of Pretoria.

In pursuing a career in corporate law, I aspire to set the benchmark and represent the continent's most illustrious and prestigious university of law. I feel that my academic experience at the University of Pretoria has prepared me to be one of the leading practitioners in my profession, and I hope to be cited in prestigious global legal publications.'

**Muhammed Samaria** – Bachelor of Laws (LLB)



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## Third year

First semester	Second semester
<b>Core modules</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BLR 310 Tax law</li> <li>▪ BWR 310 Law of evidence</li> <li>▪ ISR 310 Insolvency law</li> <li>▪ JUR 310 Jurisprudence</li> <li>▪ PBL 310 Public law</li> <li>▪ SAR 310 Law of things</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BWR 320 Law of evidence</li> <li>▪ DLR 320 Law of delict</li> <li>▪ IGZ 320 Intellectual property law</li> <li>▪ ODR 320 Entrepreneurial law</li> <li>▪ PBL 320 Public law</li> <li>▪ RHP 320 Research methodology</li> <li>▪ VHD 320 Payment methods</li> </ul>

## CORE LAW MODULES

### BLR 310 Tax law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module introduces the foundations of income tax and covers the calculation of income tax payable, including capital gains tax.

### BWR 310 Law of evidence (8 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module explores the foundations of the Law of Evidence, including its history, transformation, and key rules on relevance, admissibility, and different forms of evidence such as hearsay, opinion and character evidence.

### ISR 310 Insolvency law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module introduces the principles of insolvency law, including the history of the field, the process and effects of sequestration and the rules on void and voidable dispositions. It also looks at the administration of insolvent estates, the rehabilitation of insolvent persons, offences in insolvency and the liquidation of insolvent companies and close corporations.

### JUR 310 Jurisprudence (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law*

This module provides an overview of the most important schools of thought in jurisprudence, including natural law, positivism, realism, critical legal theory and postmodern approaches. It explores both the theoretical and practical value of these perspectives, with particular attention to their relevance in post-apartheid South Africa.

### PBL 310 Public law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Administration*

This module focuses on judicial review of administrative action in light of the Constitution and the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act. It explores the scope and grounds of judicial review and examines its role in promoting accountable governance.

### SAR 310 Law of things (15 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module examines the principles of property law, focusing on possession, ownership and limited real rights. It also explores constitutional aspects of property and specific forms of ownership such as joint ownership and sectional-title property.

### BWR 320 Law of evidence (7 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module continues the study of evidence law, focusing on privilege, witness rules, types of evidence, confessions, unconstitutional evidence, the burden of proof and trial practice.

### DLR 320 Law of delict (15 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts specialising in Law and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module covers the general principles of delict and selected rules relating to specific delicts.

### IGZ 320 Intellectual property law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module introduces intellectual property law, focusing on copyright, patents, designs, trademarks, plant breeders' rights and competition law.

### ODR 320 Entrepreneurial law (12 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module examines the laws governing business entities, including companies, close corporations and partnerships.

### PBL 320 Public law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module introduces the principles of international law, including its history, sources, and subjects. It covers key concepts such as territory, jurisdiction, immunity, and state responsibility, as well as methods for resolving international disputes and the role of international law within South African law.

### RHP 320 Research methodology (5 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module equips students with legal research skills. It covers the planning of research projects, drafting of proposals and chapters, proper citation and the ethics of academic writing. It also introduces different research methods, including comparative law, legal history, legal pluralism, and socio-legal approaches as well as broader theoretical perspectives on legal research.

### VHD 320 Payment methods (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce specialising in Law*

This module looks at traditional and electronic methods of payment. Topics include negotiable instruments such as bills of exchange, cheques, and promissory notes; requirements for validity and negotiation; the banker-client relationship; and modern electronic payment systems.

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## Fourth year

First semester	Second semester
<b>Core modules</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ABR 410 Labour law</li> <li>▪ ESS 400 Research: Essay and seminar</li> <li>▪ PBL 410 Public law</li> <li>▪ SIP 410 Civil procedure law</li> <li>▪ SPR 411 Criminal procedure law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PBL 420 Public law</li> <li>▪ PVR 420 Private law</li> <li>▪ SIP 420 Civil procedure law</li> <li>▪ SPR 412 Criminal procedure law</li> </ul>
<b>Elective modules</b>	
<p>In your fourth year, students must select four elective law modules to the value of 40 credits, in addition to the core requirements. A full list of electives and their descriptions can be found in the Faculty of Law Yearbook.</p> <p><a href="http://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/2025/pdf/faculty/LAW">www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/2025/pdf/faculty/LAW</a></p>	

## CORE LAW MODULES

### ABR 410 Labour law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module explores the rules that govern work relationships in South Africa. It looks at individual labour law, which covers the rights and duties between employers and employees, such as contracts and fair treatment at work. It also covers collective labour law and examines how labour disputes are resolved through negotiation, mediation, arbitration and the courts.

### ESS 400 Research: Essay and seminar (25 credits)

In this module, students complete a major research essay on a legal topic. The essay is between 8,000 and 10,000 words and develops skills in independent research, legal writing and critical thinking. Students attend a seminar to discuss their chosen topics, plan their essays and receive feedback. Later, they present their findings in a group seminar, where peers and lecturers can give comments. This module prepares students for advanced research and analysis in law.

### PBL 410 Public law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module introduces students to criminal law. It explains what criminal law is, how it differs from other parts of law, and its history and purpose in society. Students study what makes an act a crime, including concepts such as legality, unlawfulness, fault and capacity. The module also looks at how crimes are classified and explores general defences that may be used in criminal cases.

### SIP 410 Civil procedure law (8 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module introduces civil procedure and the court system. It covers jurisdiction in the High Court, Magistrate's Court and Small Claims Court, as well as the roles of the parties in proceedings. Students learn about applications, summons, claims, service of process and early judgments, including summary judgment.

### SPR 411 Criminal procedure law (8 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module introduces the principles of criminal procedure by examining the courts and the prosecuting authority. It focuses on pre-trial procedures for children, the attendance of the accused at court, and measures relating to interrogation, interception and establishing the physical features of a person. Students also study the rules governing search and seizure, bail applications and release on warning.

### PBL 420 Public law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

Building on PBL 410, this module looks at particular crimes such as murder, assault, theft, sexual offences and crimes against the state. It also covers attempts to commit crimes, conspiracy and helping someone after a crime. Students learn how different crimes affect individuals and society. The module ends with an overview of punishment, exploring why we punish, theories of punishment and the different forms punishment can take.

### PVR 420 Private law (10 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module examines selected advanced topics in private law. Students may study areas such as enrichment (when someone benefits unfairly at another's expense), estoppel (when a person is prevented from denying something they previously represented as true) and personality rights (rights that protect a person's dignity, reputation and identity).

### SIP 420 Civil procedure law (7 credits)

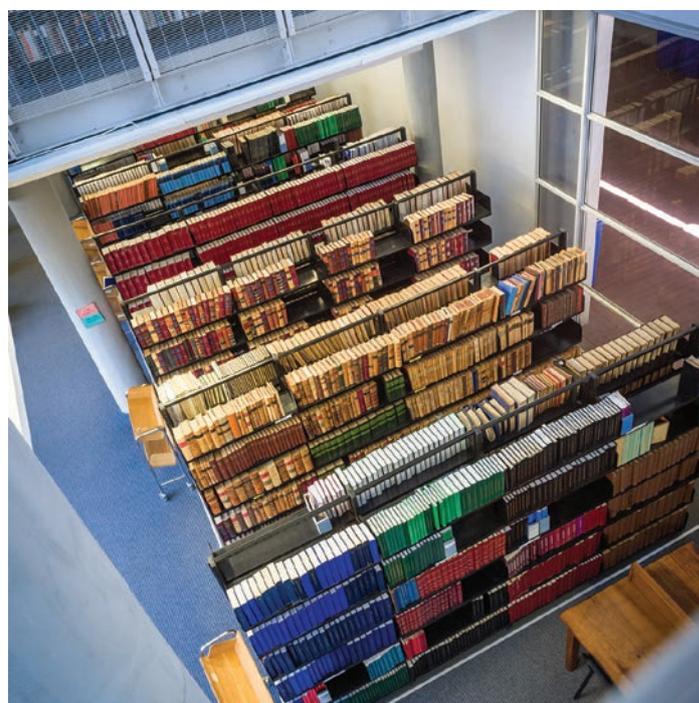
*For Bachelor of Laws*

This module builds on SIP 410 by addressing defective processes, compliance with procedural rules, and alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation. It covers pleadings (including pleas, counterclaims and amendments), trial preparation and conduct, as well as appeals, reviews, execution, and debt collection. The course concludes with legal costs and remedies such as interdicts, Mareva injunctions and Anton Piller orders.

### SPR 412 Criminal procedure law (7 credits)

*For Bachelor of Laws*

The second part of criminal procedure law focuses on the progression of criminal cases. Topics include alternative procedures to finalise a criminal matter, indictments and charge sheets. The module examines different plea options, including guilty pleas, not guilty pleas and their consequences. It also addresses the trial process, verdicts and sentencing. The module concludes with a study of review proceedings and appeals.



## ARTICLE

## UP Law Moot Society team triumphs at Philip Jessup National Rounds

The University of Pretoria (UP) Law Moot Society team has won the national rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition—the world's largest and most prestigious moot court competition. This victory secured them the honour of representing both UP and South Africa at the international rounds in Washington, D.C., United States.

In the national rounds, which featured seven South African universities, the UP team faced four preliminary hearings—twice as applicants and twice as respondents—before advancing to the final round against the University of Johannesburg. Emerging victorious, they not only claimed the championship title but also swept every award on offer: best memorials for both applicant and respondent and the award for best speaker, presented to Comfort Ayeloni.

Preparing for this competition required extraordinary dedication. Despite the national rounds taking place in March, the team worked

through Christmas and New Year's to meet the January deadline for their memorial submissions. They balanced the demanding preparation with their regular academic workload, which showed their resilience and commitment.

The team credited much of their success to the UP Moot Society, whose strong organisational structure, well-established memorial writing process and innovative support systems helped set them apart. Significantly, the Society also prioritised the mental health of its members by running workshops to help students cope with the pressures of constant critique during moots. These resources proved invaluable in maintaining both focus and well-being.

The team expressed immense gratitude to UP for providing the structures, mentorship and resources that enabled them to succeed at the highest level.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**A law degree prepares you for a variety of career paths. While many graduates go on to work as attorneys or advocates, there are also many other fields where your skills and knowledge can make a difference, such as:**

### Attorneys

Attorneys are usually a client's first point of contact when legal advice or assistance is needed. They consult with clients, draft contracts, handle property transfers, manage estates and may represent clients in court. Attorneys often specialise in areas such as family law, commercial law or criminal law. They typically practise in law firms, either as sole practitioners or in partnerships. To qualify, law graduates must complete vocational training (articles of clerkship or practical legal training), write the professional admission exams and register with the Legal Practice Council.

### Advocates

Advocates, in contrast, are specialist litigators and legal advisers. They are often called upon for complex court cases and the preparation of expert legal opinions. Advocates traditionally receive cases through attorneys, but under the Legal Practice Act, some advocates may now accept work directly from the public after meeting additional requirements. Unlike attorneys, advocates must practise as sole practitioners. To qualify, law graduates must complete pupillage and pass the Bar examination.

### Public prosecutors

Public prosecutors are representatives of the National Directorate of Public Prosecutions (NDPP). They play a vital role in ensuring justice by conducting prosecutions in criminal proceedings before the magistrate's courts. A public prosecutor decides whether a person should be prosecuted and presents evidence in court to prove the state's case against an accused. To qualify, it is a prerequisite to complete a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree.

With experience, a public prosecutor may be promoted to senior public prosecutor or to the position of state advocate. There are also opportunities to move into different structures within the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA).

### State advocates

State advocates appear in the High Court on behalf of the state in criminal cases. Their work is similar to that of public prosecutors but generally involves more complex cases. They prepare criminal cases, provide legal opinions and represent the state during trial. To become a state advocate, one must:

- hold an LLB degree;
- be admitted as an advocate; and
- undergo training with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.

A state advocate may be promoted to senior state advocate. Unlike private advocates, state advocates are not required to be members of the Bar.

### Legal Advisers

Legal advisers are often qualified attorneys, advocates or graduates with law degrees who choose not to practise formally in court. Instead, they provide expert legal advice within corporations, government departments and other organisations. Their work often involves drafting contracts, ensuring compliance with legislation, managing risks and guiding decision-making from a legal perspective. Importantly, a practising attorney or advocate cannot hold the position of legal adviser while their name remains on the roll of practising legal practitioners. Many legal advisers specialise in areas such as corporate law, labour law, intellectual property or regulatory compliance, depending on the needs of the organisation they serve.

### Academics

Law graduates may also pursue careers as lecturers, combining teaching with legal research. University and college lecturers are responsible for presenting lectures, assessing students' work and developing curricula. They also contribute to the growth of legal scholarship through research projects, conference presentations, and the publication of journal articles, textbooks or commentary on statutes and case law.

Career progression in academia usually follows a clear trajectory: from lecturer to senior lecturer, associate professor and eventually full professor. Some may also be appointed as heads of department, deans of law faculties or directors of law schools. Many academics bring experience from legal practice into their teaching, and law clinics run by universities often employ practising attorneys who teach while also providing valuable legal aid to the public. This allows students to gain practical experience while serving their communities.

### Judicial Officers (Magistrates and Judges)

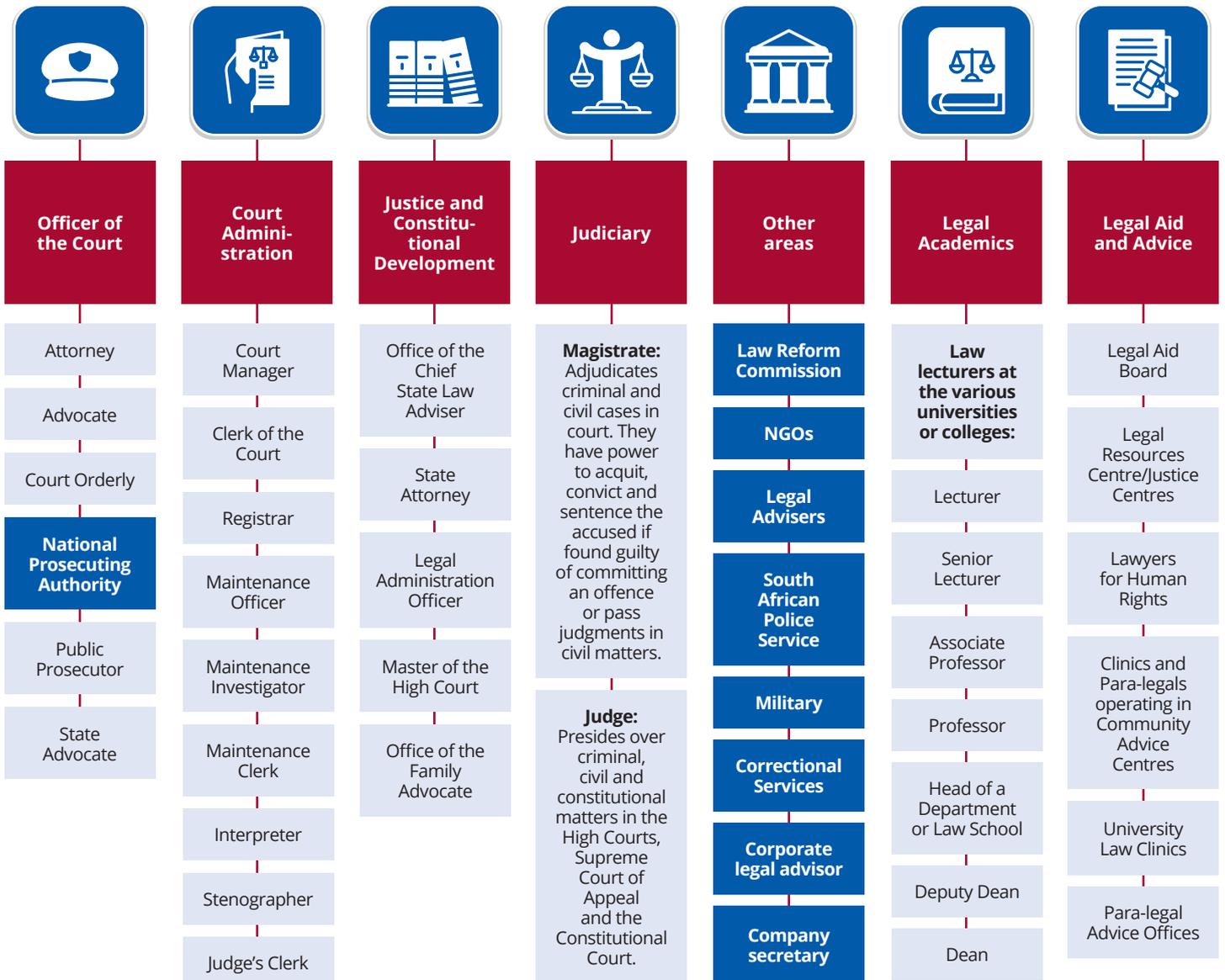
Judicial officers form the backbone of South Africa's justice system. Magistrates preside in magistrates' courts, dealing with both criminal and civil matters. They also perform administrative duties, such as acting as marriage officers. Within the magistracy, promotion can lead to positions such as senior magistrate, chief magistrate and regional court magistrate, each carrying greater responsibilities and authority.

Judges, on the other hand, preside in the High Courts, the Supreme Court of Appeal and the Constitutional Court. Historically, judges were appointed almost exclusively from among senior advocates. However, since 1994, appointments have increasingly been made from the ranks of experienced attorneys and accomplished legal academics. Judges are appointed by the Judicial Services Commission, which ensures that the bench reflects both professional competence and the values of South Africa's Constitution.

For more information on how recent legislation impacts training and career progression in the legal profession, refer to the *Legal Practice Act 24 of 2014* and the *Implementation of Parts 1 and 2 of Chapter 10* (effective 1 February 2015). Further details are available at [www.lssa.org.za/about-us/about-the-attorneys-profession/becoming-a-legal-practitioner](http://www.lssa.org.za/about-us/about-the-attorneys-profession/becoming-a-legal-practitioner) and [www.lpc.org.za](http://www.lpc.org.za).

**Career opportunities in the LEGAL profession with at least a Bachelor of Laws degree:**

**Admission as an attorney or advocate is highly recommended before pursuing careers outside the organised profession!**



# CHECKLIST

## Do you have what it takes to become a successful law student and lawyer?

### Dear prospective law student

If you are reading this, you are probably considering studying towards a career in law and justice. Are you fueled by a desire to help others, solve their legal problems and ready to make an impact on society? Complete the aptitude test below to see how you fare.

(Tick the appropriate box)

<p><b>1. Motivation</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I am:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committed to a successful, honourable career in law and justice.</li> <li>Passionate about law, with my decision to pursue this career based on real experiences—such as spending time in a law firm or court, or developing a genuine interest in how law and justice serve society—rather than being influenced by misleading portrayals in TV series.</li> </ul>		<p><b>6. Digest and convert loads of information, scientific data and paperwork generated by cases</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I have the ability to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take in large amounts of information, understand it and turn it into something useful and easy to work with.</li> <li>Use logical thinking to build arguments and write legal documents.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Good listening and interpersonal skills, proficiency in languages, writing ability and literacy</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I have the ability to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persuade others to follow advice or reach a resolution through negotiation.</li> <li>Read people and figure out the best approach.</li> <li>Adapt communication style appropriately.</li> <li>Communicate clearly and effectively in court, in writing, face-to-face or over the telephone.</li> </ul>		<p><b>7. Mental agility and reasonable, logical analysis, assumptions and conclusions</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I have the ability to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look at limited information and draw logical conclusions, spotting the most important issues in complex facts, stories or testimonies.</li> <li>Think like a lawyer. 'It is a form of swift reasoning, cool logic, effortless problem-solving skills and precision analysis. The kind of calculated mental weaponry that shields you from unhelpful, inflammatory emotions while actively disarming your opponent with one slash of your sharp verbal or written blade.'<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Logical reasoning, persuasiveness and sound judgment</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I have the ability to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse and think critically, following a chain of logic to identify potential problem areas in arguments and to spot weaknesses in the reasoning of others.</li> <li>Exercise sound judgment in deciding on the best course of action.</li> </ul>		<p><b>8. Problem Solver-in-Chief</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I have the ability to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay calm and think clearly when facing problems.</li> <li>Approach and view problems as challenges or learning experiences and proactively and objectively address them.</li> <li>Solve problems, using a combination of intuition and logic to create solutions and finding opportunities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Value honesty and integrity</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I am aware that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lawyers are held to the highest degree of honesty, integrity and ethical conduct.</li> <li>I should possess intrinsic values such as a strong work ethic, ethical conduct and integrity.</li> <li>I should always maintain the highest standard of honesty, integrity and fairness towards clients, courts, colleagues and all those with whom I shall come into professional contact with.</li> </ul>		<p><b>9. Time management</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I have the ability to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritise tasks and manage time effectively.</li> <li>Understand that the law follows clear rules and procedures, and that there are limits on what can be done or decided in legal matters.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Adaptability, stamina, energy and resilience</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I am:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative, determined, enthusiastic, energetic, and possess drive, emotional intelligence and perseverance.</li> <li>Able to manage and run a profitable practice.</li> </ul>		<p><b>10. Attention to detail</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>I am</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A careful organiser with a strong eye for detail—because in law, details really matter!</li> </ul>

## FLY@UP ASSIST FIRST-YEAR AWARDS

**TABLE 1: FLY@UP ASSIST FIRST-YEAR AWARDS 2026**

Umalusi issued school-leaving certificates such as NSC, IEB and SACAI, irrespective of citizenship

Award A	Qualifying average percentage	Amount
Average percentage for the six (6) best subjects taken, excluding Life Orientation	80%–89.99%	R18 000
	90%–100%	R45 000
<b>NOTE: Award B is only applicable if you achieved Award A.</b>		
Award B*	Qualifying average percentage	Amount
Percentage obtained for Mathematics	80%–100%	R2 000
Percentage obtained for Advanced Mathematics	80%–100%	R2 000
Percentage obtained for Further Mathematics	80%–100%	R2 000
Percentage obtained for Alpha Mathematics	80%–100%	R2 000
Percentage obtained for Additional Mathematics	80%–100%	R2 000
Percentage obtained for Physical Sciences	80%–100%	R2 000
Percentage obtained for Advanced Physical Sciences	80%–100%	R2 000
Percentage obtained for Further Physical Sciences	80%–100%	R2 000

### Conditions for the above awards:

- Table 1 primarily applies to UP candidates with Umalusi school leaving certificates (NSC, IEB and SACAI).
- FLY@UP Assist First-Year Awards are based on the final school-year examination results as issued by Umalusi via the Department of Basic Education.
- These awards are made automatically to first-time entering first-year registered undergraduate students who meet the award criteria. Students do not apply for these awards.
- First-time entering first-year students who register for studies at UP directly after Grade 12 (final school year) or who took a gap year(s) after their final school year and who meet the award criteria will be considered.
- Students who have previously registered at a tertiary educational institution before registration at UP will not be considered for FLY@UP Assist First-Year awards. Students who registered at UP in previous years, are also not considered.
- For candidates who present an NSC/IEB Certificate, the percentages obtained for the six (6) best subjects taken, excluding Life Orientation are used. Certain subjects are EXCLUDED in the calculation of average percentages:
  - Life Orientation
  - Practical Music Grade 4 and 5 (Note: Practical Music Grades 6, 7 and 8 are considered for inclusion in the calculation of the average percentage—if your music report for this subject is not part of your NSC report, please submit your official music report to the Student Service Centre at [ssc@up.ac.za](mailto:ssc@up.ac.za), before commencement of classes.)
- Mathematical Literacy, Technical Mathematics, Technical Sciences and equivalent subjects are not eligible for this award.
- \*A candidate only qualifies for Award B if the candidate meets the criteria for Award A. Therefore, candidates who obtained 80% and above for the subjects in Award B only, will not be eligible for the subject awards.
- The calculation of the average percentage is based on the University of Pretoria's formula, per examination authority and not on the number of distinctions achieved.
- The average percentage is not rounded off.
- Results obtained for papers that have been re-marked are not considered for award purposes.
- This award will be cancelled for students who discontinue, are excluded or who terminate their studies for whatever reason during the year in which the award is made. No payouts of the award will be allowed.

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**Awards information** [www.up.ac.za/student-funding/article/2746337/flyup-assist-1st-year-awards](http://www.up.ac.za/student-funding/article/2746337/flyup-assist-1st-year-awards)

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**For FLY@UP Assist Senior Undergraduate Awards 2026, refer to [www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding](http://www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding)**

**TABLE 2: FLY@UP ASSIST FIRST-YEAR AWARDS 2026**

School-leaving certificates not issued by Umalusi. A maximum of R30 000 per student can be awarded, irrespective of citizenship

Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE)		International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)	
Award	Amount	Award	Amount
A-Level: A*, A or B symbol	R5 000	IBDP: Higher Level 6 or 7 symbol	R5 000
AS-Level: A symbol	R5 000	IBDP: Standard Level 7 symbol	R5 000

### Conditions for the above awards:

The University of Pretoria (UP) reserves the right to amend award values without prior notice.

- The awards in Table 2 are made automatically to first-time entering first-year registered undergraduate students who meet the award criteria. Students do not apply for these awards.
- R5 000 is awarded per symbol and only once per subject achieved, eg if you achieved an A\*, an A or a B-symbol on A-Level in Mathematics as well as an A-symbol on AS-Level in Mathematics, you will only be awarded R5 000 for Mathematics.
- First-time entering first-year students who register for studies at UP directly after Grade 12 (final school year) or who took a gap year(s) after their final school-year and who meet the award criteria will be considered.
- Students who have previously registered at a tertiary educational institution before registration at UP will not be considered for FLY@UP Assist First-Year awards. Students who registered at UP in previous years, are also not considered.
- Results obtained for papers that have been re-marked are not considered for award purposes.
- This award will be cancelled for students who discontinue, are excluded or who terminate their studies for whatever reason during the year in which the award is made. No payouts of the award will be allowed.
- Any international school-leaving qualification that can be converted to the UP bursary formula, based on the UP conversion approved guidelines, may be eligible for an award of up to R30 000.
- The University's decision is final.
- These awards are subject to the availability of funds.

**TABLE 3: OTHER FLY@UP AWARDS 2026**

Award	Amount	Who
JuniorTukkie Grade 11 Empowerment Week Award	R16 000	The 40 learners with the best Grade 12 results (NSC or equivalent) who attended the JuniorTukkie Grade 11 Empowerment Week.
Grade 12 Dux Scholar Award	R11 000	This award will be applicable to schools identified by the University of Pretoria.
Vice-Chancellor's Previously Disadvantaged Group Award	R15 700	Top prospective African and Coloured students with the highest average percentage will be considered.
Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Merit Award (VCDMA)	The award covers three years' tuition fees and additional years may be considered on a case-by-case basis. An amount of R150 000 can be awarded in the first year of study.	This offer will be made to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first-time entering first-year student who has achieved the highest overall average percentage in the final school-year results.</li> <li>The first-time entering first-year student from a Quintile 1, 2 and 3 school who has achieved the highest overall average percentage in the final school-year results.</li> </ol> Based on the decision of the University, additional awards may be offered. The terms and conditions of the full offer will be contained in the candidate's specific award letter.

### Conditions for the above awards:

- Specific terms, conditions and exclusions do apply for each award in Table 3.
- These awards are made automatically to first-time entering first-year registered undergraduate students who meet the award criteria.
- Students do not apply for these awards.
- Qualifying students will be notified.



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