UNISA Bachelor of Laws (LLB)*
(4 years full-time)

1st Year Modules

**Module: Introduction to the Theory of Law**

**Module Description**
Students will be introduced to South African law particularly its history, where to find it and how it has been shaped by the Constitution. In addition, students will gain a basic knowledge of certain areas of South African substantive law as well as the skills to solve basic legal problems.

**Module: Skills Course for Law Students**

**Module Description**
Students will gain basic knowledge, study skills and practical application skills so that they will be better equipped to deal with the practical demands required in daily practice.

**Module: Law of Persons**

**Module Description**
This module deals with the legal relationship between private individuals. It explains how the status of an individual is determined by various factors such as age, marital status, domicile and mental capacity.

**Module: Origins of South African Law**

**Module Description**
This module provides an overview of the origins of the South African legal system, focusing on the Western or European, the African and the human rights tradition.

**Module: General Principals of Criminal Law**

**Module Description**
This module focuses on the underlying principals of Criminal Law to enable the student to progress on to study specific crimes and their surrounding case law.

**Module: Research Literacy for Law**

**Module Description**
The purpose of this module is for students to gain the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary to conduct research in the various fields of law.

**Module: Accounting for Law Practitioners**

**Module Description**
This module provides the student with the accounting knowledge to enable them to properly account for trust monies and investments as well as the requirements set by the Attorneys Act.

**Module: Family Law**

**Module Description**
Students are introduced to the concepts of engagement, marriage and divorce as well as parental power, guardianship and curatorship.

*Only offered at selected campuses*
Module: Foundations of South African Law
Module Description
The is an introductory module to equip the student with the underlying general principles of the South African legal system. The actual Roman rules and principles will be explained.

Module: End User computing
Module Description
The students are introduced to the basic principles of word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.

2nd Year Modules

Module: Criminal Law (Specific Crimes)
Module Description
Students will be exposed to the concepts of participation, attempt, conspiracy and incitement, as well as the most important specific offences.

Module: Entrepreneurial Law
Module Description
The basic requirements for the establishment and formulation of the following associations are discussed in the module, namely, partnerships, companies and close corporations.

Module: Constitutional Law
Module Description
The Constitution of South Africa serves as the point of reference for this course. Students will gain sufficient knowledge on state power, separation of powers and the government structures created by the Constitution.

Module: Interpretation of Statutes
Module Description
This module deals with the principles which have to be applied when legislation has to be interpreted and applied.

Module: Law of Succession
Module Description
This module deals with the legal rules which are applicable in intestate and testate succession.

Module: Insolvency Law
Module Description
This module deals with the law relating to insolvency and selected aspects of winding up and judicial management with regards to individuals and juristic persons experiencing financial distress.

Module: Administrative Law
Module Description
Students are introduced to the right to just administrative action as well as the requirements for valid and fair administrative action.

Module: Fundamental Rights
Module Description
Chapter 2 of the Constitution (the Bill of Rights) serves as the point of departure for this module. Students will deal with the principles applicable to human rights litigation and some of the fundamental rights will be analysed in greater detail.
Module: General Principals of Civil Procedure

Module Description
This module teaches the student the laws and rules of conducting civil matters in the Magistrates and High Courts of South Africa.

Module: African Customary Law

Module Description
Indigenous law focuses on the study of the customary legal systems of the South African Bantu-speaking people. It covers traditional leadership, systems of government, the traditional courts and procedure, traditional contracts, marriages and the indigenous law of property, succession and delict.

3rd Year Modules

Module: Evidence: The Presentation and Assessment of evidence

Module Description
Students will be introduced to the general concepts and sources of the law of evidence as well as the presentation and the assessment of evidence.

Module: Evidence: Admissibility of Evidence

Module Description
This module focuses on the Rules of Evidence and Admission of Evidence in court matters.

Module: Law of Delict

Module Description
This module deals with the five elements that are necessary for a delict to be present. In addition, some specific forms of delict are discussed.

Module: Civil Procedure: Court Proceedings

Module Description
This module deals with the sources of South African civil procedure, the models for resolving civil disputes and the jurisdiction and procedure of the High Courts, the Magistrates courts and the Constitutional Court.

Module: Law of Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial

Module Description
This module deals with the principles relating to the conducting of the state’s case in a criminal matter from the moment of the arrest until judgment is given.

Module: Law of Contract

Module Description
This module deals with the general principles of law of contract and selected aspects of the law of obligations.

Module: Law of Criminal Procedure: Trial and Post-Trial

Module Description
This module focuses on the rules that govern a criminal matter during a trial and sentencing as well as the effect of sentencing and all procedural matters during these events.

Module: Labour Law

Module Description
Students are introduced to individual and collective labour law principles.
Module: Property law
Module Description
This module deals with the principles relating to neighbour law as well as the actions available to possessors of immovable property.

Module: Enrichment, liability and estoppel
Module Description
This module deals with the concept of undue enrichment and the fact that no person may be unduly enriched at the expense of another without legal cause. In addition, the defence of estoppel which precludes a 3rd party from escaping liability will be discussed.

4th Year Modules

Compulsory Modules:

Module: Professional Ethics
Module Description
This module focuses on the ethical rules applicable to practicing law and the Attorneys Act and other legislation that governs the Attorneys’ profession.

Module: Legal Philosophy
Module Description
This module will equip students with knowledge of and insight into selected aspects of legal philosophy by focusing on the various paradigms in which the question “What is law” is dealt with.

Module: International Law
Module Description
This module will equip students with knowledge and insight into the principles of public international law by focusing on treaties and customs, the relationship between national law and international law, the acquisition of territory, recognition, state liability and the enforcement of international law.

Module: Law of negotiable instruments, intellectual property and competition
Module Description
The law of negotiable instruments introduces students to the requirements for valid bills of exchange as well as the general principles of copyright, patents and trademarks.

Module: LLB Research Methodology
Module Description
The aim of the module is to gain knowledge and skills in research methodology typically used in various fields of law in order to compile a research paper.
Elective Modules:

**Module: Media Law**

**Module Description**
This module focuses on how the law governs matters may be portrayed in the media and how the Media must conduct itself in light of Freedom of the Press and the Right of Access to Information.

**Module: Law of Sale and Lease**

**Module Description**
This module focuses on the law that governs rental of immovable property and the rights and duties associated or created by such a contract.

**Module: Forensic Medicine**

**Module Description**
This module will equip students with a sound knowledge of and insight into the most important aspects of forensic medicine.

**Module: Advanced Labour Law**

**Module Description**
This module will equip students with knowledge of and insight into Labour Law by focusing on the Labour Relations Act, the Basic Conditions of Employment Act and the Employment Equity Act.

**Module: Advanced Criminal Law**

**Module Description**
This module focuses on specific crimes and the case law that governs them.