



LLD

Programme code

04260003

If admitted, a student can register immediately for the LLD programme. The following two or three modules must be registered for and completed within one year of registration:

Research methodology (RHP 902) offered by the Faculty of Law. (If the student can show sufficient evidence of competence in research skills required at postgraduate level the Postgraduate Committee of the Faculty of Law, on recommendation of the supervisor, may exempt the student from this module.) Research proposal and oral defence of the research proposal (RHP 904). An oral defence of the research proposal including an assessment of the feasibility of the thesis statement, research question or questions and argument to be developed in the DPhil thesis is required. A draft research proposal including a bibliography that covers the main fields to be covered by the study, the thesis statement, research question or questions and argument must be sent to the examination panel three weeks prior to the oral defence. (Such a draft research proposal must first be approved by the supervisor.) The student must convince the adjudicating panel of the feasibility of the topic and his or her knowledge of the research subject and ability to conduct the research. Where required by the panel, the draft proposal must be further reworked in light of the comments at the oral defence and a final proposal submitted to the satisfaction of the supervisor before the student may embark on the writing of the thesis. (No exemption can be granted from this requirement). A student who does not complete the abovementioned two modules within one year of registration may be excluded from the Faculty and if he/she seeks readmission to the Faculty, may submit a written request to the Dean that his/her application for readmission to the Faculty be considered in terms of the set procedure. Structured research proposal preparation (RHP 906) (non-credit-bearing). The supervisor may prescribe that a particular student must follow a structured programme to be determined by the supervisor and approved by the Postgraduate Committee. The supervisor may also set the requirements, as approved by the Postgraduate Committee, for complying with the module.

The criterion for the award of the doctorate is original research. The degree will not be conferred until work equivalent to at least two years of study has been completed.

Also consult General Regulations.

Also refer to Postgraduate Brochure for the complete study programme and Postgraduate Administrative Processes on the Faculty website.

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For the sixth consecutive year, according to the THE (Times Higher Education) ranking, University of Pretoria Law ranks best in South Africa and Africa - a feat unequalled in Africa.

The Faculty of Law has as its mission the creation and sustenance of a research and education environment that is grounded in values of social justice and excellence.

As the law is increasingly becoming multifaceted and in certain areas more global, the Faculty maintains professional relations with many international bodies, such as the United Nations (UN), the European Union (EU), the World Bank and foreign universities.

Minimum duration

2 years, full-time

Admission requirements

Relevant master's degree or relevant degree from a foreign university that allows entrance to a doctoral degree (SAQA level 9) At least 65% for the research component at master's level or below 65% for the research component at master's level: relevant work experience other academic qualifications and the merit of the research topic An admissions examination may be required A portfolio consisting of: copy of the preceding master's research component recent research-based essays or assignments a letter of motivation