

Rules for the Bachelor of Laws Degree

1. Admission to the LLB degree programme.

The general rules for admission to bachelor's degrees apply.

2. Minimum duration of programme

The minimum duration is four years; provided that this period may be reduced by credits given in terms of Rule 3; provided further that a student must pass at least sixteen law modules at this University in order to qualify for the degree.

3. Credit for modules

Senate may credit a student with comparable modules passed at other universities or similar institutions, or may credit a student with specific modules on the basis of relevant prior learning and/or work experience; provided that such a student must pass at least sixteen prescribed law modules at this institution in order to qualify for the degree.

4. Assessment

4.1 The assessment requirements for the programme and each module must be successfully completed.

4.2 In order to complete a module successfully, a student shall get a grade of between 50% and 100%.

4.3 To obtain the degree with a first class pass, a candidate shall :

4.3.1 complete the degree in the minimum prescribed duration of the curriculum and, in the case of part-time students, the minimum prescribed duration plus one year,
AND

4.3.2 obtain first-class passes or distinctions in at least sixteen modules prescribed for the last eight terms of the curriculum,
AND

4.3.3 a final grade aggregate of at least 60% for all modules prescribed for the degree.

4.4 To obtain the degree with distinction, a candidate shall :

4.4.1 complete the degree in the minimum prescribed duration of the curriculum and, in the case of part-time students, the minimum prescribed plus one year,
AND

4.4.2 obtain distinctions in at least sixteen modules prescribed for the last eight terms of the curriculum,
AND

4.4.3 obtain a final grade aggregate of at least 65% for all modules prescribed for the degree.

5. Supplementary assessment

- 5.1 Candidates who obtain a final grade of between 45% and 49% in a module assessment may be invited to a written or oral supplementary assessment at a date and time determined by the Vice-Dean (Law).
- 5.2 A candidate who is successful in the supplementary assessment shall be credited with a pass of 50%.

6. **ASSESSMENT POLICY**

- 6.1 Apart from other forms of assessment, at least two written assessments are to be conducted in respect of each module, one (the term assessment) approximately halfway through the term, and the other (the final assessment) at the end of the term.
- 6.2 The term assessment covers such parts of the work done as determined by the lecturer, and the final assessment covers all the work done during the term.
- 6.3 Both assessments are of one lecture period (one hour) duration and for fifty marks.
- 6.4 In order to determine a student's results in respect of a module, both a terms mark (TM) and the final assessment mark (FAM) is taken into account. This is in accordance with the principle of continuous assessment.
- 6.5 The TM incorporates the term assessment, and other forms of assessment, which a lecturer may conduct.
- 6.6 In calculating the result, the following formula is used :
 - (a) $TM > FAM$: both marks carry equal weights (50%).
Reason for this is to reward students who work hard during the term.
 - (b) $TM < FAM$: TM carries 30% weight and FAM 70% weight.
Reasons :
 - Final assessment should carry more weight since it covers all the work done.
 - It is deemed that such a student shows progress and improvement, and should be rewarded for that.
- 6.7 For the purpose of recording a student's performance, the following categories will apply:

0%	-	44%	:	Fail
45%	-	49%	:	Supplementary Assessment
50	-	64%	:	Pass

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65	-	74%	:	First Class Pass
%				
75	-	100%	:	Pass With Distinction
%				

- 6.8 A student who obtained a result of between 45% and 49% qualifies for a supplementary assessment in terms of Faculty Rules.
- 6.9 A student who missed either of the written assessments cannot pass, except in the case where he/she missed the term assessment and obtained a mark of a at least thirty-six out of fifty for the final assessment. (That would give a result of fifty : $36 \div 5 \times 7 = 50,4$).
- 6.10. **Where a student misses one of the written assessments, admission to the supplementary assessment is not automatic. In order to qualify, the student must comply with the following :**
- (a) Satisfy the Vice-Dean/Head (Acting-Head) of Department/Lecturer that he/she has a valid excuse for being absent (e.g. illness certified by a medical practitioner or death of a family member supported by a death certificate).
- (b) He/she must have performed adequately in terms of other methods of assessment. This performance, together with the mark obtained in the one written assessment should justify a result of 45% (the mark required for a supplementary assessment).

The implication is that a student who misses both written assessments cannot pass the module.

7. Academic progress

- 7.1 Students must register for modules comprising the programme in the order prescribed by the curriculum.
- 7.2 A student may only register for prescribed autonomous modules (including law modules in the third and fourth terms of the first year) if he/she has either passed the modules prescribed for the first two terms of the first year, or has attended lectures in the modules as a registered student and participated in all prescribed assessments.
- 7.3 In respect of the modules listed below, students may only register for subsequent modules if he/she has either passed all prior modules, or has attended lectures therein as a registered student and participated in all prescribed assessments:

Indigenous Law modules	LPPR013 and LPPU014
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Criminal Law modules	LRCL021/LRGP022 and LRSC024
Law of Contract modules	LPFC021/LPBC022 and LPSL023/LPCA024
Civil Procedure modules	LRIC021/LRMC022 and LRHC023/LRTC024
Law of Delict modules	LPDL032 and LPSD033/LPAD034
Corporate Law modules	LMBE031/LMCC032 and LMCL043
Law of Evidence modules	LRBC041/LREV042 and LREE043
Constitutional Law modules	LRCNA14, LRCNB41 and LRCNC42
Labour Law modules	LRLLA32 and LRLLB33/LRLLC34
Administrative Law modules	LRADA33 and LRADB34
Bills of Exchange modules	LMMPA41 and LMMPB42
Fundamental Rights modules	LRFRA43 and LRFRB44

See **Faculty of Arts** for :

Basic Reading (AEKA010); Basic Writing (AEKB010); Functional English for Communication (AEKC013); English for Law (AEKF014).

See **Faculty of Science and Agriculture** for :

Introduction to Computers and Operating Systems (SDCA010); Word Processing (SDWP010).