



Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

SAQA ID 123430 NQF Level 8

🕒 Qualification duration

Distance/Online - Campus Hours
(Optional on-campus support at any of our 12 campuses)

Full-Time

- Minimum: 4 years
- Maximum: 6 years

Part-Time

- Minimum: 6 years
- Maximum: 8 years

Distance/Online - After Hours
(Online support and lectures)

Full-Time

- Minimum: 4 years
- Maximum: 6 years

Part-Time

- Minimum: 6 years
- Maximum: 8 years

📖 Qualification description

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) is a comprehensive legal qualification designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical grounding necessary for a career in the legal profession. This degree provides a solid foundation in South African law, including its historical and constitutional context, while also addressing international legal frameworks.

📄 Qualification accreditation

- Accredited by the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC) of the Council on Higher Education (CHE)
- Registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)

This qualification is supported at the following campuses:

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| • Bedfordview | • Mbombela |
| • Bloemfontein | • Midrand |
| • Cape Town: Mowbray | • Nelson Mandela Bay |
| • Cape Town: Tyger Valley | • Potchefstroom |
| • Durban | • Pretoria |
| • East London | • Vanderbijlpark |

✅ Entry requirements

- South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) with Bachelor's degree pass.*
- Or National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 issued by the Council of General and Further Education and Training with a Bachelor's degree pass.
- Or letter or certificate confirming an exemption from Universities South Africa (USAF) for any other school-leaving results.
- Or completion of a Bachelor's degree.
- Or completion of the relevant Foundation Programme along with a letter or certificate of exemption from Universities South Africa (USAF).
- Or completion of a relevant Higher Certificate.
- Or completion of the relevant Eduvos Access Programme.

AND

- 25 Eduvos points or more.*
- 50% or above for Grade 12 English or equivalent.



Possible career options

- Academics and Researchers
- Corporate Legal Advisors
- Government and Public Sector Officials
- Human Rights Advocates and NGO Representatives
- Judicial Officers (Magistrates, Judges – with further qualification and experience)
- Legal Consultants
- Legal Practitioners (Advocates or Attorneys)



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Qualification structure

Year 1

The first year of the LLB programme lays a strong foundation in legal principles, academic skills, and analytical reasoning essential for success in legal studies. Students are introduced to key areas of law, including Introduction to Law, Family Law, and the Law of Persons.

To enhance critical thinking and communication skills, modules such as Business English, Introduction to Critical Reasoning, and Introduction to Legal Research equip students with essential writing, argumentation, and research abilities. Computer Skills and Introduction to Data Analysis ensure proficiency in digital literacy and quantitative analysis, which are increasingly relevant in legal practice today.

Students can tailor their studies by selecting two electives from Introduction to Business Management, Introduction to Economics or Introduction to Psychology, allowing them to develop interdisciplinary knowledge that complements their legal education. This well-rounded first-year curriculum prepares students for advanced legal studies and fosters critical, analytical, and research-driven thinking which is necessary for their future careers.

- Business English
- Computer Skills
- Family Law
- Law of Persons
- Introduction to Critical Reasoning
- Introduction to Data Analysis
- Introduction to Law
- Introduction to Legal Research
- Elective - Choose 2
 - Introduction to Business Management
 - Introduction to Economics
 - Introduction to Psychology

Year 2

In the second year of the LLB programme, students build on their foundational knowledge and engage with more specialized areas of law. Key modules such as Constitutional Law and African Customary Law provide a deeper understanding of South Africa's legal framework, emphasizing the constitutional principles that govern the country.

Students also explore Criminal Law A & B, gaining insight into general principles of criminal liability, specific offenses, and defences in South African law. Law of Delict and Law of Succession introduce civil liability and the legal principles governing the transfer of estates. Interpretation of Statutes hones students' ability to analyse and apply legislation effectively.

The curriculum further includes Corporate Law and Labour Law, preparing students for legal practice in business and employment sectors. To ensure financial literacy in the legal profession, Accounting for Law Students provides essential knowledge of financial principles relevant to legal contexts. By the end of the second year, students will have developed a solid legal foundation, equipping them with critical reasoning, statutory interpretation, and problem-solving skills for advanced legal studies.

- Accounting for Law Students
- African Customary Law
- Constitutional Law
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Law A
- Criminal Law B
- Interpretation of Statutes
- Labour Law
- Law of Delict
- Law of Succession



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The third year of the LLB programme marks a transition into more advanced and practice-oriented areas of law. Students engage with key private law subjects such as the Law of Contract and Property Law, which are fundamental to legal transactions and ownership rights. Jurisprudence introduces philosophical and theoretical perspectives on law, encouraging critical reflection on legal principles and their application in society.

Procedural law becomes a focal point with Civil Procedure A & B and Criminal Procedure A & B, where students learn about court processes, litigation, and the administration of justice in both civil and criminal matters. Law of Evidence equips students with the necessary skills to evaluate, present, and challenge evidence in legal proceedings.

To prepare for legal practice in the commercial sector, Entrepreneurial Law covers corporate financing, financial markets, ethics, financing, and stakeholder relationships.

By the end of this year, students will have developed strong analytical, procedural, and advocacy skills, preparing them for the final year of study and the transition into legal practice.

- Civil Procedure A
- Civil Procedure B
- Criminal Procedure A
- Criminal Procedure B
- Entrepreneurial Law
- Jurisprudence
- Law of Contract
- Law of Evidence
- Property Law
- Public International Law

Year 4

The final year of the LLB programme is designed to refine students' legal expertise and prepare them for professional practice. A strong focus is placed on Practical Legal training where students engage in Practical Training, Moot Courts, Community Service and Internship, Administrative Law, Legal Ethics, and Compliance and Risk Management, ensuring that graduates understand regulatory frameworks, ethical responsibilities, and corporate accountability.

Specialized subjects such as Cyber and Security Law and Insolvency Law introduce students to emerging legal challenges and financial regulations, while Alternative Dispute Resolution provides practical skills in mediation and arbitration as alternatives to litigation. To tailor their expertise, students choose two electives from a diverse range of specialized areas, including International Human Rights Law, International Trade Law, Intellectual Property Law, Taxation Law, Advanced Labour Law, Advanced Corporate Law, and Corporate Governance.

By the end of the fourth year, students will be well-prepared for professional legal practice, postgraduate studies, or careers in corporate or other legal sectors.

- Administrative Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Compliance and Risk Management
- Cyber and Security Law
- Insolvency Law
- Legal Ethics
- Practical Legal Training
- Research and Innovation Project
- Elective - Choose 2
 - Advanced Corporate Law
 - Advanced Labour Law
 - Corporate Governance
 - Intellectual Property Law
 - International Human Rights Law
 - International Trade Law
 - Taxation Law



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Business English

The aim of this module is to provide students with an understanding and practical knowledge of the business communication skills essential to any business venture.

Computer Skills

The aim of this module is to provide practical use of computer applications to create, manage and format data by developing word-processing, spreadsheet and presentation skills in a Windows Operating System (OS) environment.

Family Law

This module aims to provide you with a basic understanding of the workings of Family Law, a subfield of Private Law. Family Law regulates the legal relationships between members of a family unit and matters incidental thereto.

Introduction to Business Management

This module introduces students to the fundamentals of business and key management practices in an organization, including in enterprises. The concept of business management refers to those activities that a manager in a business needs to undertake to operate the enterprise successfully, ranging from the business plan to the managing of resources and people. The module provides students with essential information and skills to understand and engage in management activities and business operations. A range of issues and challenges faced by managers also form part of the content of Business Management. Day-to-day operational issues – such as communication, government regulatory compliance, improving the quality of products and services – are key concerns for all managers.

Introduction to Critical Reasoning

The aim of this module is to facilitate the acquisition of the capabilities needed to think critically. These include identifying and analysing arguments, logical fallacies and the language used. In addition, the module also aims to apply these skills to specific disciplines.

Introduction to Data Analysis

The aim of this module is to help you gain proficiency in data analysis and to encourage you to develop the critical thinking skills necessary to assess data analyses presented in academic journals and the popular media.

Introduction to Economics

The aim of this modules is to introduce you to basic principles of Macro and Microeconomics. In this module you will develop a critical understanding of the workings of a market economy and the way in which it affects individuals and institutions operating within such a system.

Introduction to Law

The aim of this module is to provide you with the basis for your legal studies by introducing you to the background of our legal system, with an understanding of how legislation is created and introduced as law, the importance of our constitution as well as exposure to the foundations of the law. Within this module, we will discuss the different sources of our legal system and the operation of the law within society.

Law of Persons

The aim of this module is to introduce you to a subsection of Private Law that regulates the relationships between legal subjects. In this module, you will be introduced to the basic principles of the law of persons, legal personality, the different types of capacities and when legal personality come to an end.

Introduction to Psychology

The aim of this module is to introduce students to the most relevant theoretical topics that are needed as a foundation for any further study in psychology. Students are exposed to Psychology as a formal science of studying people; and studying the mind.



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Introduction to Legal Research

Welcome to the introduction to legal research module. This module aims to introduce you to the theories and principles legal research within the context of South African legal system. The student should be able to demonstrate a thorough understanding of different fields of South African law, define and distinguish between legal concepts, and provide a written or oral account of the work covered in various written and practical assignments.

As a result of learning about South African law and working with it, the student will demonstrate distinct competencies. In addition to written and print media, electronic technology will also be used, such as computers, tablets, and smartphones. The student will also be able to use electronic media for research purposes when looking at lecture content. This is in addition to content that the lecturer may prescribe outside of the students' general frame of legal reference. This is to broaden the students' awareness and knowledge of the law. To handle a legal task with authority, you must have faith in the process that will lead you to that result. Legal research is essential to legal practice. This is true regardless of practice, jurisdiction, or level of legal expertise. Legal research is critical because the right facts and knowledge can help prove or disprove a client's position on a particular issue. The use of these skills will not only improve your effectiveness in university assessment but will also prove valuable in your future career. Those who study law will continue to use legal research skills as soon as they graduate and are in practice.



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Year 2

Accounting for Law Students

The aim of this module is to provide you with a basic understanding of financial accounting principles, as well as the fundamental concepts of accounting relevant to an attorney's practice.

African Customary Law

In this module, students will learn about the history of customary law's recognition and application in the South African legal system. The primary objective of this module contribution is to outline the historical context of African customary law in South Africa and to offer solutions for how it can be developed in accordance with the Constitution as the supreme law of the land. This contribution will consider how legal pluralism can coexist in building social cohesion through the application of both African customary law and common law, rather than having one legal system used to affirm or validate the other, as was the case during the colonial period. Because the Constitution is the supreme law in the new democratic South Africa, both African customary law and common law are on equal footing, it can be deduced that African customary law has a role to play in the twenty-first century in South Africa and beyond.

Constitutional Law

The aim of this module is to provide you with an introduction to South African Constitutional law with emphasis on the supremacy of the constitution, the bill of rights, the branches and levels of government and how they operate.

Corporate Law

The aim of this module is to introduce you to partnerships, companies and close corporations. It focuses on the Companies Act. The different requirements in terms of membership and the way various entities are constituted, as well as the specific consequences attached to each business form will be highlighted. You will gain valuable insight into the advantages and disadvantages of the various forms mentioned to decide which one best suit the commercial needs of a specific business.

Criminal Law A

This module introduces students to the foundational principles of Criminal Law within the South African legal system. It explores key concepts such as punishment, elements of crime, participation, attempt, conspiracy, and incitement. Emphasizing the interaction between the Constitution and criminal law, the module develops students' ability to analyse legal principles through case studies and applied activities, fostering critical interpretation and practical application of criminal law.

Criminal Law B

Building on Criminal Law 1A, this module deepens students' understanding of the general principles of Criminal Law, including defences, forms of participation, and specific offenses. It enhances legal reasoning, problem-solving, and effective communication through class discussions and written work, equipping students with the analytical skills needed to apply criminal law principles in practical contexts.

Interpretation of Statutes

The key aim of this module is to provide students with an understanding of the theoretical and practical way legislation is interpreted and applied in South Africa. It explains the historical context and scope of interpreting legislation under old apartheid constitutional dispensation, involving parliamentary sovereignty and the influence of both Roman-Dutch and English law.

Labour Law

This module aims to introduce students to individual and collective labour laws in South Africa by exploring their origins, sources, structure, and classification. It provides both theoretical and practical knowledge of labour law within the constitutional framework, focusing on dismissal, unfair labour practices, and employment equity. Additionally, the module offers a detailed understanding of collective labour law and its application in the South African context.



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Law of Delict

The aim of this module is to empower you to apply the Law of Delict in everyday life. The study of delictual principles will enable you to think critically and analytically and solve legal issues relating to a variety of practical delictual cases

Law of Succession

The aim of this module is to introduce you to the principles regulating the law of Succession in South Africa. The focus of the module will mainly be on the consequences of death on a deceased person's estate. The Law of Succession aims to orientate you on the rules that determine the devolution of the deceased estate and who his or her successors will be.



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Civil Procedure A

This module provides an overview of the key principles of Civil Procedure, with a focus on action proceedings in both the Magistrate's Court and the High Court. It covers procedural rules for these courts on a comparative basis, emphasizing core principles rather than treating the courts separately. Students will also gain insight into civil jurisdiction, locus standi, and the process of action proceedings from the letter of demand to trial. Additionally, the module introduces commonly used interlocutory applications, including summary judgment, exceptions, and applications to strike out.

Civil Procedure B

This module provides a fundamental overview of Civil Procedure, focusing on application proceedings in both the Magistrate's Court and the High Court. It examines motion procedures in these courts on a principle-based approach rather than treating them separately. Students will be introduced to various application procedures, including 'on notice' applications, ex parte applications, urgent applications, summary judgment, and provisional sentence. The module also covers appeals and reviews, rescission and enforcement of judgments, execution, and costs, equipping students with the essential procedural knowledge in these areas.

Criminal Procedure A

The principal aim of this module is to provide students with general knowledge of the rules of the law of Criminal Procedure relating to a criminal trial and the processes that could possibly be followed thereafter. The module will also expose students to the constitutional imperatives affecting criminal procedure using appropriate case studies and applied activities to related to Criminal Procedure.

Criminal Procedure B

This module will expose students to the constitutional imperatives affecting criminal procedure using appropriate case studies and applied activities to related to Criminal Procedure. Some of the critical aspects that will be discussed include prosecution, search and seizure; legal representation, rules relating to duplication of convictions; plea and sentencing agreements, appeals from convictions and prosecution of corporations.

Entrepreneurial Law

The aim of this module The purpose of this module is to provide a comprehensive and systematic understanding of the law governing business entities, more particularly the law relating to corporate governance; business ethics, financial markets, business rescue, security registration and transfer, corporate financing, corporate criminal liability; financial reporting, transparency and social responsibility and the duties and responsibilities of an auditor, shareholders and the board of directors and the identification and management of risk. It explores the relationship between the business entities and their internal stakeholders as well as with third parties including the remedies available to stakeholders.

Jurisprudence

The principal aim of this module is to nurture an appreciation of the core areas of jurisprudence and their significance and application to the South African social context. To that end, this course will scrutinize questions such as judicial decision-making as well as other issues that are not explored by 'traditional jurisprudence' such as the relationship between race and power and how these impacts on the functioning of legal institutions. The ability to critically debate as well as communicate contemporary South African legal problems from a jurisprudential perspective will be addressed.



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Law of Contract

The aim of this module is to give students an insightful approach to the Law of Contract in South Africa. After the completion of this module, you will be able to analyse legal problems pertaining to contract law and solve them accordingly with reference to contractual principles and case law.

Contract law is an exciting, complex field of law that requires a sound understanding of the principles which need to be applied in a variety of practical cases.

Contract law is used often in everyday life, instances of which include daily interactions with taxi drivers, shopkeepers, bank tellers, mobile phone providers, as well as at the gym. Of course, contracts are also widely used in commercial business transactions, employment, sports etc. Contracts differ greatly in form, substance and content, and there are different types of contracts for different industries in the workplace.

A law student must be able to understand the concept of a contract, as well as the surrounding facts of a given scenario to bring a legal solution to the problem at hand. This is sometimes difficult to do if practical experience is missing. However, this year, with an in depth look at theory as well as practical case studies, contract law should prove to be both exciting and relevant in the workplace. It is an integral part of everyday life.

Law of Evidence

This module exposes students to the theoretical underpinnings of the general principles of Law of Evidence. Law of Evidence forms part of Formal Law and is concerned with the Law of Evidence's place in the South African legal system, the functions of the Law of Evidence, relevance as a criterion for the admissibility of evidence and how this is applied to specific types of evidence.

Property Law

The aim of this module is to give you an insightful approach to and detailed knowledge of the South African Law of Property. You are required to always think critically within a contextual framework and analyse legal problems by applying definitions learned and applicable legislation and caselaw.

Public International Law

The aim of this module is to empower you to apply the principles of public international law. It provides a comprehensive examination of public international law, with useful references throughout to current events, classic and contemporary cases and scholarship. This module will significantly depend on judgments and advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), which is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations (UN). This module will teach you what public international law is, the role it plays in the world today, how it can be used. You will also gain knowledge to help you better discern legal arguments within the flow of international news and reports.



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Administrative Law

This module introduces students to administrative law, with a focus on its application in South Africa. It examines the impact of constitutional provisions on administrative law and explores key legal principles, including the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act. Topics include judicial review, the definition of "administrative action," grounds for review, standing, remedies, and procedures. The module also covers the history, theory, and classification of administrative law, alongside an exploration of constitutional rights, state liability, and the interaction of administrative law with other legal fields.

Advanced Corporate Law

This module exposes students to the advanced knowledge of the legal nature of business organisations and the legal issues that arise in relation to their formation, financing, control, management and liquidation.

Advanced Labour Law

This module exposes students to advanced principles of labour law relating to the common law contract of employment, individual and collective labour law, workplace-related social security law as well as non-core legislation that have an impact and influence on the workplace.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

The principal aim of this module is to provide students with the theoretical foundations of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods, such as conciliation, mediation, arbitration, advisory investigation, and negotiation. It introduces the concept of Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) and the drafting of ENE clauses. Students will gain practical knowledge of ADR principles, their operation in South Africa and selected foreign jurisdictions, and the context in which they are applied. The module also examines the challenges of litigation, the benefits and drawbacks of ADR processes, and principles of restorative justice.

Compliance and Risk Management

The module exposes students to the central principles of compliance and risk management within and organization. Students will be required to identify and assess the regulations applicable to an entity and the mechanisms and processes which identify, analyse and categorise risk within an entity. Students will also learn the practice of risk management by illustrating the various ways in which an entity may respond to risk, and the consequences thereof.

Cyber and Security Law

This module provides an overview of data and information privacy law, cybercrimes, and cybersecurity principles. Using a facts-based approach, it discusses scenarios to explore the strengths and limitations of the law in regulating online crimes and those committed using the Internet. The module examines emerging legal issues in cyber security, cybercrime, privacy, and data protection, including domestic and cross-border regulatory frameworks and their ethical dimensions. It also critically assesses the ethics of cyber data management and the legal implications of personal information access, such as the POPI Act in South Africa, equipping students with the legal and technical skills to develop and implement policies and frameworks in the field of Cyber Law.

Corporate Governance

This module seeks to equip students with knowledge and understanding of principles of corporate governance and skills to function as key players in the implementation of corporate governance that apply to South African businesses. The module will examine regulatory influences on the behaviour of corporate managers, information disclosure, board functions or structures, and the ethical effects on the economic, financial, managerial, and environmental aspects of management. The unit summarises diverse regulatory procedures and ethical practices vital to an understanding of the principle of corporate governance.



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Insolvency Law

This module provides a comprehensive overview of insolvency law, with a focus on key concepts, requirements, and effects of insolvency, as well as the remedies available to relevant parties, such as composition and rehabilitation. The course is scenario-driven and follows the structure of the Insolvency Act, offering an in-depth analysis of its provisions.

Intellectual Property Law

The module seeks to expose students to the common law principles and legislation which regulate intellectual property law. Due to the increase of innovation and the 4IR students will be equipped with knowledge of aspects relating to IP law such as; registration of Trademarks, infringement of Trademarks; subsistence and infringement of Copy right, registration of patents and infringement of Patents, registration and infringement of Designs and IP Law and the Internet.

International Human Rights Law

The module introduces students to basic principles of international human rights law with a specific emphasis on the protection of human rights at the domestic, regional, and international levels. The module explains the basic notion of what human rights entails. It further gives a bird eye view of the following issues: the evolution of human rights as a subject, human rights under the South African Constitution, institutional framework on the protection of human rights in South Africa, human rights protection in the context of domestic, regional and international law framework. Furthermore, the module exposes some of the intricate challenges associated with the enforcement and violation of human rights.

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International Trade Law

This module aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of international trade law, focusing on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) as the foundation of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Students will explore the purpose of the WTO, the principles of free trade, trade restrictions, and dispute resolution mechanisms. The module also examines regional and free trade agreements, including the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA). Additionally, it covers legal aspects of international sales contracts, carriage of goods by sea or air, insurance, payment methods, and dispute settlement in international trade transactions.

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Legal Ethics

The aim of this module is for students to gain coherent knowledge and understanding of the legal concepts, principles, ethical obligations, and standards of conduct applicable to members of the legal profession.

It will review the ethical considerations required relating to the relationships with clients, the courts, other lawyers and the public. The module will involve an in-depth study and analysis of the concept of ethics, professional conduct, the duties of an Attorney, the requirements of a fit and proper person, the rules governing professional conduct of attorneys and the application of the rules that govern professional conduct.



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Year 4

Research and Innovation Project

This module provides students with the opportunity to participate in a group innovation project which requires use of all the legal skills and knowledge they will have acquired to solve a practical or real-life legal problem. It will also allow students to showcase the legal concepts, principles, theories and skills garnered during their legal education, and to develop their personal and legal communication skills. As part of the innovation aspect students should be able to identify a practical legal problem (or real-life scenario) and use different aspects of the law or other knowledge other than law to solve it. Lastly the module will impart the skill and ability to communicate legal principles and concepts effectively by means of written, persuasive methods in a mini-dissertation or written project.

Taxation Law

The module provides students with the theoretical underpinnings of the practices and principles of taxation in South Africa. Students will gain knowledge of principles relating to gross income; special inclusions; exempt income; allowable deductions; special deductions; capital allowances; capital gains tax; value added tax (VAT); and South African taxation law. The purpose for this module is for students to gain basic knowledge, insight, and skills for analysing and solving elementary problems relating to some of the underlying principles and practices of South African taxation law in general.



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Practical Legal Training

This module aims to provide students with practical skills to become effective legal practitioners through a practice-oriented approach.

The module also includes a work-integrated component where students will gain practical exposure in a law firm or legal department of a corporate entity or government department for a period of 2 months. In addition, students will be involved in moot courts as part of their assessments where they exchange pleadings and draft the necessary papers in action and application proceedings. As part of the module students will also be expected to complete a period of unremunerated and legally orientated community service.

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