



RHODES UNIVERSITY
Where leaders learn

Why Study Law?



- ✍ Rhodes has a unique character combining historical, cultural and geographical factors.
- ✍ Rhodes boasts outstanding technology and human resources where students can obtain a well-rounded legal education
- ✍ Graduates from the Rhodes Law Faculty are highly sought after and each year law firms come from all over South Africa

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

The LLB is the minimum academic qualification required for practising law in South Africa. At Rhodes, the LLB degree is offered as a:

- ✍ 2 year programme following a degree in which Legal Theory was a major, or
 - ✍ 3 year programme following a degree with no law major, or
 - ✍ 4 year programme
- (see detailed curricula overleaf)

- ✍ The Faculty of Law has a sound reputation for excellence.
- ✍ Each year the Faculty hosts visiting Professors who are experts in their fields.
- ✍ Our researchers are well-known and respected and they have held top positions all over the world.
- ✍ Several of our distinguished alumni have served as Judges President, Chief Justices and in the Supreme Court of Appeal.

- ✍ Excellent library facilities
- ✍ Well-equipped computer laboratory
- ✍ Small student : staff ratio
- ✍ Integrated Tutorial Programme
- ✍ Supplemental Instruction
- ✍ Interactive Teaching
- ✍ Academic Development
- ✍ Small Group Learning

The Rhodes Law Faculty aims to:

- ✍ provide students with a solid theoretical grounding in law;
- ✍ introduce students to skills that they will need in legal practice;
- ✍ expose students to some of the issues that arise in practice and to give them opportunities to apply theoretical concepts to practical problems;
- ✍ produce graduates who are capable of becoming leaders in the practice of law, as academics and in other areas such as commerce, industry and politics.

Students are given a wide variety of opportunities to polish their practical legal skills:

- ✍ Managing their own clients and files at the Law Clinic
- ✍ Mock Trials
- ✍ Moots
- ✍ Participation in various moot and mock trial competitions

Student Exchange Programmes

A number of international exchange opportunities are available to undergraduate students at:

- ✍ The University of Leicester in the UK
- ✍ The University of Utrecht in The Netherlands
- ✍ Students attend courses at the other university and receive credits towards their Rhodes LLB degree.

The Law Clinic

- ✍ provides hands-on practical experience and training for law students.
- ✍ provides free legal services to indigent people through offices in both Grahamstown and Queenstown, staffed by attorneys, candidate attorneys and support staff.
- ✍ runs an Advice Office Project which provides training and on-site back-up legal services to about 50 paralegal advice offices throughout the Eastern Cape Province.

EXAMPLES OF SOME CURRICULA

1 THE FIVE - YEAR STREAM

(BA, B Com, BSc, etc, with a major in Legal Theory (3 years) to be followed by a 2-year LLB)

This curriculum exempts one from the first two years of the LLB degree. The LLB curriculum following this degree will therefore be the same as that for the Penultimate and Final years of the LLB curriculum.

1.1 The curriculum in the first degree (BA, BCom, BSc, etc):

FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR
Any three non-law courses	One non-law course at second-year level; Two non-law courses at first-year level or second-year level.	One non-law course at third-year level
Legal Theory 1, consisting of: <u>First Semester:</u> Foundations of Law <u>Second Semester:</u> Introduction to Law	Legal Theory 2, consisting of: <u>First Semester:</u> Legal Interpretation Constitutional Law A <u>Second Semester:</u> Customary Law Constitutional Law B	Legal Theory 3, consisting of: <u>First Semester:</u> Law of Contract A Law of Persons Law of Property A <u>Second Semester:</u> Law of Contract B Law of Life Partnerships Law of Property B

1.2 The curriculum in the second degree (LLB):

PENULTIMATE YEAR	FINAL YEAR
First Semester: Civil Procedure A Company Law A Criminal Law A Criminal Procedure A Law of Delict A Public International Law Legal Skills Legal Practice (either 1 st or 2 nd sem.)	First Semester: Administrative Law A Civil Procedure B Criminal Procedure B Individual Labour Law Law of Sale and Lease 2 Electives from the first semester list (subject to note 3 below)
Second Semester: Company Law B Criminal Law B Jurisprudence Law of Delict B Law of Evidence A Law of Partnerships and Trusts Legal Practice (either 1 st or 2 nd sem.) 1 Elective from the 2 nd semester list (subject to note 2 below)	Second Semester: Administrative Law B Law of Evidence B Insolvency and Winding up of Companies Law of Agency, Insurance and Credit Agreements Law of Succession and Administration of Estates 2 Electives from the second semester list (subject to note 3 below)

1.3 List of electives that could be taken in the Final Year of Study:

First Semester	Second Semester	Both Semesters
Copyright and Trade Marks International Trade Law Introduction to Conveyancing Law of Banking and Payments Law of Unjustified Enrichment (not on offer in 2012) Legal Accounting Negotiation and Mediation Tax and Estate Planning	Arbitration Collective Labour Law Competition Law Constitutional Litigation Environmental Law Ethics and Professional Responsibility IsiXhosa for Law Law of Patents, Designs and Geographical Indications	Research Essay (one semester credit)

Notes:

- All electives will not necessarily be offered every year. The availability of options will depend upon teaching arrangements in the Faculty of Law. For the same reason electives may be taught in different semesters. Some electives have a restricted number of students.
- Penultimate LLB students who have either:
 - achieved an average of at least 65% in their June examinations; or
 - passed eight courses in their June examinations
 may register for an elective course in the second semester of the penultimate year.
- Students who have been placed on the Dean's list in their penultimate year of study may choose to register for three electives in one semester and one elective in the other semester (rather than the usual two electives in each semester).

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2 THE FOUR - YEAR LLB STREAM

FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	PENULTIMATE YEAR	FINAL YEAR
Three non-law courses	One non-law course at second-year level		
First Semester Foundations of Law	First Semester Constitutional Law A Legal Interpretation Law of Contract A Law of Persons Law of Property A	First Semester Civil Procedure A Company Law A Criminal Law A Criminal Procedure A Law of Delict A Public International Law Legal Skills Legal Practice (either 1 st or 2 nd sem.)	First Semester Administrative Law A Civil Procedure B Criminal Procedure B Individual Labour Law Law of Sale and Lease 2 Electives from the first semester list (subject to note 3 above)
Second Semester Introduction to Law	Second Semester Constitutional Law B Customary Law Law of Contract B Law of Life Partnerships Law of Property B	Second Semester Company Law B Criminal Law B Jurisprudence Law of Delict B Law of Evidence A Law of Partnerships and Trusts Legal Practice (either 1 st or 2 nd sem.) 1 Elective from the 2 nd semester list (subject to note 2 above)	Second Semester Administrative Law B Law of Evidence B Insolvency and Winding up of Companies Law of Agency, Insurance and Credit Agreements Law of Succession and Administration of Estates 2 Electives from the second semester list (subject to note 3 above)

3 THE THREE - YEAR LLB STREAM

(For graduate students, following a degree with no or insufficient law courses)

This route is for students who have a degree but either have no law credits at all, or insufficient law credits to qualify for the two-year option.

FIRST YEAR	PENULTIMATE YEAR	FINAL YEAR
First Semester Foundations of Law Constitutional Law A Legal Interpretation Law of Contract A Law of Persons Law of Property A	First Semester: Civil Procedure A Company Law A Criminal Law A Criminal Procedure A Law of Delict A Public International Law Legal Skills Legal Practice (either 1 st or 2 nd sem.)	First Semester: Administrative Law A Civil Procedure B Criminal Procedure B Individual Labour Law Law of Sale and Lease 2 Electives from the first semester list (subject to note 3 above)
Second Semester Introduction to Law Constitutional Law B Customary Law Law of Contract B Law of Life Partnerships Law of Property B	Second Semester: Company Law B Criminal Law B Jurisprudence Law of Delict B Law of Evidence A Law of Partnerships and Trusts Legal Practice (either 1 st or 2 nd sem.) 1 Elective from the 2 nd semester list (subject to note 2 above)	Second Semester: Administrative Law B Law of Evidence B Insolvency and Winding up of Companies Law of Agency, Insurance and Credit Agreements Law of Succession and Administration of Estates 2 Electives from the second semester list (subject to note 3 above)

Details of the degree structure, the requirements for the LLB degree and the content of the various courses can be found in the Faculty of Law section of the University Calendar. This information is also available on the Faculty Website:

<http://www.ru.ac.za/law/curricula>