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BCom Law (07130152)

Duration of study 3 years

Total credits 429

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Programme information

The purpose of this package in law is to provide broad formative education but it does not lead to any specific career outcomes. The student is, however, enabled to continue with the LLB degree (which is career-specific) or a BComHons. The skills acquired may be applied in either the private or public sectors.

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Minimum requirements								APS
Achievement level								
Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	32

Additional requirements

- General Regulations G.1 to G.15 (with the exception of Regulation G.11.2(c)) apply to a bachelor's degree.
- A student may not take more than the prescribed number of modules per semester unless the Dean decides otherwise.
- A student may take a module not listed as an elective module only if the prior approval of the Dean has been obtained.
- A student who is in possession of a bachelor's degree may not present any modules passed for that degree for another field of specialisation or degree in this Faculty. (See General Regulations G.8 and G.9)
- A module passed at 300-level shall only be recognised for degree purposes if the corresponding prescribed module(s) at 200-level has/have been passed, unless the Dean decides otherwise, with the proviso that the following modules which are offered at 300-level only, are also considered "major subjects": Labour law 311



(ABR 311), Labour relations 320 (ABV 320) and International business management 359 and 369 (OBS 359 and 369); only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only.

- f. A module already passed may only be repeated with the approval of the Dean.
- g. A module passed may not be taken into account for more than one degree or field of specialisation.
- h. It remains the student's responsibility to ascertain, prior to registration, whether all the modules he/she intends taking can be accommodated in the class, test and examination timetables.
- i. The Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences supports an outcomes-based education system and places a high premium on the development of specific academic competences. Class attendance in all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is therefore compulsory for all students.
- j. The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations or the Faculty Regulations.

Other programme-specific information

Only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level except for the modules offered at 200- and 300-level only.

Credits will increase if Financial accounting is chosen as a major.

Advisory note: BCom (Law)-students whose aim it is to obtain an LLB degree, must note that one of the requirements for the LLB degree is a language module from the Faculty of Humanities to the value of 12 credits from the following list: AFR 110, AFR 120, AFR 114, ENG 118, ENG 110, ENG 120.

It is advisable for BCom (Law) students to combine Business management with Economics as a major, Financial accounting with Financial management or alternatively Financial accounting with Taxation.

Note: See the alphabetical list of modules for prerequisites of all modules

- FRK 122 is a terminating module. If FRK 122 is selected, a candidate will not be able to continue with Accounting at the 200- and 300-level. Also note that FRK 121 may be a prerequisite for a number of other modules (eg FBS 210 and 220) and it is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that he/she makes the appropriate choice between FRK 121 and 122.
- BCom Law students will only be allowed to take Financial management 210, 220, 310 and 320 (FBS 210, 220, 310 and 320) if Financial accounting is also taken at 200- and 300-level.
- OBS 124 must be taken as an extra module if OBS is taken at 300-level.
- Informatics 281 (extra 3 credits) is compulsory if Financial accounting 311, 321 (FRK 311, 321) are chosen.
- Recommended that students taking If Taxation is taken at 300-level FRK 211 and FRK 221.

Please note: Students whose aim is to obtain the LLB degree after completion of the BCom in Law degree, is advised to contact the Student Administration of the Faculty of Law for advice on which additional modules may be taken whilst doing their undergraduate study. Please note, however, that permission must be obtained from the Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences for extra modules to be taken.

BCom (Law) students who wish to register for additional law modules do so in terms of the Faculty of Law yearbook of the academic year in which they registered for the first time.

"Major subject"



To be considered a "major subject" the equivalent of four 14-week modules, including two at 300-level, must be passed provided that:

- the following modules which are offered at 300-level only, are also considered "major subjects": Labour law 311 (ABR 311), Labour relations 320 (ABV 320), and International business management 359 and 369 (OBS 359 and 369);
- only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only.

Promotion to next study year

According to General Regulation G.3 students have to comply with certain requirements as set by the Faculty Board.

- a. A student must pass at least 4 core semester or 2 core year modules to be admitted to the subsequent year of study.
- b. If a student has passed less than the required minimum of 4 core semester or 2 core year modules, he/she will not be readmitted to the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. Such a student may apply in writing to the Faculty's Admissions Committee to be readmitted conditionally – with the proviso that the Admissions Committee may set further conditions with regards to the student's academic progress. The Faculty's Admissions Committee may deny a student's application for readmission.
- c. If a student has been readmitted conditionally, his/her academic progress will be monitored after the first semester examinations to determine whether he/she has complied with the requirements set by the Admissions Committee. If not, his/her studies will be suspended.
- d. A student whose studies have been suspended because of his/her poor academic performance has the right to appeal against the decision of the Faculty's Admissions Committee.
- e. A student may be refused promotion to a subsequent year of study if the prescribed tuition fees are not paid.
- f. A student may be refused admission to the examination, or promotion to a subsequent year of study or promotion in a module (if applicable) if he/ she fails to fulfil the attendance requirements. Class attendance in all modules and for the full duration of all programmes is compulsory for all students.

Pass with distinction

- a. A degree may be awarded with distinction provided the candidate meets the following criteria:
 - i. Completes the degree within three years;
 - ii. Obtains a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 75%;
 - iii. Repeated passed modules will not be considered. The initial pass mark of module will be used when calculating the GPA.
- b. Transferees from other faculties and from other universities who still complete their bachelor degrees (including credits transferred and recognised from the degrees they registered for originally) within three years will be considered as exceptional cases by the Dean.
- c. The GPA will be not be rounded up to a whole number.
- d. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Dean.



General information

Minimum requirements for bachelor's degrees; semester and year modules; new regulations

1. Students who commenced their studies before 2015 must complete the programme in terms of the curriculum of the year in which they commenced their studies, or in terms of the curriculum of the year in which they switched to their current field of specialisation. Students who prefer to do so may, however, apply to change over to the latest curriculum, but then they should comply with all the requirements thereof and they may not revert to the regulations of an earlier year.
2. Students who are registering for a degree programme for the first time in 2015 must take the modules indicated under the particular field of specialisation.

Please note: Only two 14-week modules, or the equivalent thereof, that are not preceded by the 100- and 200-level modules, may be taken for degree purposes. In other words, at least four 14-week modules must be taken at 300-level that are preceded by the 100- and 200-level, except for modules offered on 200- and 300-level only. It is thus the responsibility of students to ensure before registration, that their curricula comply with all the requirements of the applicable regulations.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 146

Fundamental modules

- Afrikaans 110 (AFR 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Afrikaans 114 (AFR 114) - Credits: 12.00
- Afrikaans 120 (AFR 120) - Credits: 12.00
- English 110 (ENG 110) - Credits: 12.00
- English 120 (ENG 120) - Credits: 12.00
- English for specific purposes 118 (ENG 118) - Credits: 12.00
- Jurisprudence 110 (JUR 110) - Credits: 15.00
- Jurisprudence 120 (JUR 120) - Credits: 15.00
- Academic information management 102 (AIM 102) - Credits: 6.00

Core modules

- Economics 110 (EKN 110) - Credits: 10.00
- Economics 120 (EKN 120) - Credits: 10.00
- Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111) - Credits: 10.00
- Financial accounting 121 (FRK 121) - Credits: 12.00
- Business management 114 (OBS 114) - Credits: 10.00
- Law of persons 110 (PSR 110) - Credits: 10.00
- Statistics 110 (STK 110) - Credits: 13.00
- Statistics 120 (STK 120) - Credits: 13.00
- Financial accounting 122 (FRK 122) - Credits: 12.00
- Roman law 120 (ROM 120) - Credits: 10.00

Elective modules

- Business management 124 (OBS 124) - Credits: 10.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 127

Core modules

- Specific contracts 220 (KTH 220) - Credits: 15.00
- Consumer protection 220 (VBB 220) - Credits: 15.00
- Law of succession 222 (ERF 222) - Credits: 15.00
- Law of contract 211 (KTR 211) - Credits: 15.00

Elective modules

- Taxation 200 (BEL 200) - Credits: 32.00
- Economics 214 (EKN 214) - Credits: 16.00
- Economics 224 (EKN 224) - Credits: 16.00
- Financial management 210 (FBS 210) - Credits: 16.00
- Financial management 220 (FBS 220) - Credits: 16.00
- Financial accounting 211 (FRK 211) - Credits: 16.00
- Financial accounting 221 (FRK 221) - Credits: 16.00
- Business management 210 (OBS 210) - Credits: 16.00
- Business management 220 (OBS 220) - Credits: 16.00
- Statistics 210 (STK 210) - Credits: 20.00
- Statistics 220 (STK 220) - Credits: 20.00
- Informatics 281 (INF 281) - Credits: 3.00
- Economics 234 (EKN 234) - Credits: 16.00
- Economics 244 (EKN 244) - Credits: 16.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 142

Core modules

- Law of delict 320 (DLR 320) - Credits: 15.00
- Law of things 310 (SAR 310) - Credits: 15.00
- Payment methods 320 (VHD 320) - Credits: 10.00
- Insolvency law 310 (ISR 310) - Credits: 10.00
- Entrepreneurial law 320 (ODR 320) - Credits: 12.00

Elective modules

- Taxation 300 (BEL 300) - Credits: 40.00
- Economics 310 (EKN 310) - Credits: 20.00
- Economics 314 (EKN 314) - Credits: 20.00
- Economics 320 (EKN 320) - Credits: 20.00
- Economics 325 (EKN 325) - Credits: 20.00
- Financial management 310 (FBS 310) - Credits: 20.00
- Financial management 320 (FBS 320) - Credits: 20.00
- Financial accounting 311 (FRK 311) - Credits: 20.00
- Financial accounting 321 (FRK 321) - Credits: 20.00
- Business management 310 (OBS 310) - Credits: 20.00
- Business management 320 (OBS 320) - Credits: 20.00
- Statistics 310 (STK 310) - Credits: 25.00
- Statistics 320 (STK 320) - Credits: 25.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.