Faculty of Law LLM - International Law



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Our Future Reimagined The University of Johannesburg's LLM in International Law provides students with the opportunity to engage in the advanced study of global governance and international legal responses to many of the most topical and important issues facing the world today. The degree provides a solid foundation of the core concepts in public international law as well as an in-depth understanding of different cutting-edge issues in the fields of international human rights law; international humanitarian and criminal law and international environmental law. These include: sustainable development; environmental justice as it relates to the global south; climate change and natural resources; cyberwarfare; the protection of the environment in armed conflict, healthcare in armed conflict; the crime of aggression; prosecuting war criminals; gender-based violence in war; the law of command responsibility; conflict classification; and the African human rights system.

Because international law applies all over the world, the LLM in International Law provides students who complete the degree with a competitive edge in seeking to work in a wide array of sectors, including government institutions, intergovernmental organisations, larger law firms, non-governmental organisations and academia.

About the programme

The LLM in International Law is designed to be completed by full-time students in one year and by part-time students in two years. The degree consists of three taught modules and a minor dissertation related to one of the taught modules. The taught modules are:

- International Criminal/Humanitarian Law (first semester)
- International Protection of Human Rights (first semester)
- International Environmental Law (second semester)

Lectures or seminars in the taught modules are presented in the evenings on weekdays from 17h30 to 19h30 (one seminar per week per module). These sessions are mostly conducted in person. The lecturing style is interactive and students benefit from close contact with their lecturers and experts from the relevant legal field. The Law Faculty also has a superb library and electronic resources which support students' research at a postgraduate level.

Overview of the modules

International Humanitarian Law/ International Criminal Law (IHL)	International Human Rights Law	International Environmental Law (IEL)
General principles of IHL	 The African Human Rights System 	The development of IEL
Conflict classification	 The UN Human Rights System 	Principles of IEL
Health care in armed conflict	 The right to life and lethal autonomous robotics 	Human rights and the Anthropocene
Cyber warfare	 Human Rights Law and Climate Change 	Climate change law
The jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court	The overlap and convergence between human rights law, humanitarian law and international criminal law	Natural resources law
The crime of aggression	Human rights law in business	Law relating to pollution and waste management
 Prosecuting international crimes of an SGBV nature 	The right to peaceful protests	Compliance, enforcement and liability in IEL

Programme co-ordinators

The programme is co-ordinated jointly by Professor Martha Bradley and Professor Jenny Hall. Professor Bradley is the primary lecturer for the modules on the International Protection of Human Rights and International Criminal/Humanitarian Law. Professor Hall is the primary lecturer for the module on International Environmental Law. Both are recognised in their respective fields and have published in leading journals. Professor Bradley and Professor Hall occasionally bring in guest lecturers because of their particular expertise.

Admission Requirements

The programme is suitable for students who are able to think critically, engage with the amount of reading material that is prescribed at the Masters level and who are capable of conducting independent research. In general students must have attained an average of 65% for the law subjects in their LLB degree as a minimum admission requirement. Admission is highly competitive and, if you are admitted, you will be amongst a select group of the best students who have applied.

Applications

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