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TWENTY **20**

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

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ENQUIRIES

“Studying Law in the judicial capital of South Africa means that our students do not only get a thorough grounding in legal theory, but also a sound practical foundation.”



We are
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We actively embrace a culture
of **CARE and KINDNESS**



We celebrate
DIVERSITY



We are **FORWARD-THINKING**,
taking on the challenges of
the future now



Our teaching and social
environments are **SECURE AND
CONFINED** to one campus space



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everyone feels a **SENSE OF
BELONGING**

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about our
Faculty!



WELCOME

The Faculty of Law is among the best in the country. Its location in the judicial capital, Bloemfontein, exposes Law students to the practice of law in both the lower and higher divisions of the courts. Close ties with the profession allow the faculty to share the expertise of judges and legal practitioners with students. The faculty is proud of its high academic standards and its commitment to the constant improvement of its programmes.

The Faculty of Law is committed to excellence in teaching and to delivering jurists with qualifications of international renown to the professions. Legal education will open doors to a wide variety of career opportunities, including the advocates' profession, attorneys' profession, legal advising, labour consulting, prosecuting, magistrates' professions, and positions in the insurance and banking industries.

The faculty is known for outstanding and relevant research, and is also involved with community projects in which the UFS Law Clinic and several centres in the faculty play a major role.

The faculty enjoys close ties with several international law schools and law faculties, especially in Britain, Europe, and the USA. The faculty offers the LLB programme through residential learning.

DEAN: PROF JOHN MUBANGIZI

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION TO STUDY AT THE UFS



Remember to write the NBTs before the end of 2019.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

ONLINE APPLICATION: Go to www.ufs.ac.za. Follow the link <https://apply.ufs.ac.za/> – online application. Proceed through all the steps and submit your electronic application. **Upload copies of the following in PDF or JPEG format when you apply for undergraduate studies:**

- Your ID or passport
- Your parent's ID or passport if you are younger than 18 years
- Your Grade 11 final results with the school's stamp
- Your Grade 12 June results with the school's stamp must be emailed to studentadmin@ufs.ac.za as soon as they are available, especially if you have applied for a selection programme
- Your academic record, only if you are a current student at another institution of higher learning
- USAf accreditation is the examination board for South African universities. Apply to mb.usaf.ac.za for conditional exemption, foreign conditional exemption, or mature age conditional exemption.

The online application is quick and easy – no hassle, no fuss! It has a modern design and is mobile and tablet-friendly. You can apply using any device. You can expect a quicker response time if you apply online.

HARD COPY APPLICATION: Go to www.ufs.ac.za. Follow the link 'how to apply' and download the hard copy application. Complete and sign the application, and mail it with all the relevant certified documentation to: The Application Office, PO Box 339, Bloemfontein 9300.

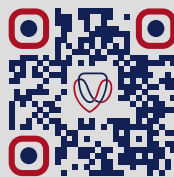
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Application to study at the UFS is **FREE**

You can apply either **online** or in hard copy.



START YOUR ONLINE
APPLICATION BY SCANNING
THE ABOVE QR-CODE.

IMPORTANT DATES

PROGRAMMES FOR WHICH APPLICATIONS OPEN

1 April 2019 – Applications to study any undergraduate programme offered on the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses in 2020

1 September 2019 – Applications to study any University Access Programme (UAP) offered on the South Campus in 2020

PROGRAMMES FOR WHICH APPLICATIONS CLOSE

30 September 2019 – Applications to study any of the two non-selection undergraduate programmes offered in the Faculty of Law in 2020

CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE

The UFS confirms that all personal information provided in your application form will be treated confidentially and will not be sold to a third party or used for commercial or related purposes. The UFS further confirms that your personal information will only be used for purposes relating to your potential relationship with the UFS as a student, including, but not limited to the processing of your application to study at the UFS, effecting registration at the UFS, and for any communication purposes related to your application and/or registration to study at the UFS.

ADMISSION

Academic excellence is what the UFS is about – the higher your AP score, the better your chances of being chosen and finally admitted to study. Meeting the minimum admission requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study, does not guarantee selection and admission as all programmes have a limited number of spaces available. Applicants with the highest AP scores are chosen first and the admission continues until all spaces have been filled. If you do not meet the minimum admission requirements for your intended/ chosen programme of study, you will not be selected. Consult the Faculty-specific admission requirements for all the programmes you qualify for and apply for the two programmes that best fit your personality, purpose and passion.

Pay attention to the following important information:

- The UFS reserves the right to change the minimum requirements of each programme or any other information without notifying you.
 - A performance level of at least 4 (50%) in each of these four (4) subjects
- All admission requirements apply to first-year students in 2020.

- Admission to study at the UFS is dependent on the following:
 - Your application should meet all the minimum requirements for the programme
 - The programme must have available space and capacity to admit students
 - You have to submit valid school results with your application

An admission point (AP) consisting of seven levels is used. Points will be awarded for six academic subjects.

Note: No points will be awarded for achievement levels lower than 30%:

| % | 7 (90–100%) | 7 (80–89%) | 6 (70–79%) | 5 (60–69%) | 4 (50–59%) | 3 (40–49%) | 2 (30–39%) |
|----|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| AP | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

One point is awarded for Life Orientation (LO) from achievement level 5 (60%) or higher.

DISCLAIMER – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Kindly take note that this faculty programme booklet is aimed at prospective undergraduate students wishing to apply for a place at the University of the Free State (“UFS”) and whom wish to start their studies at the UFS during the 2020 academic year. The faculty programme booklet accordingly describes and outlines the programmes and services offered by the UFS, as well as the minimum admission requirements for each programme, but must be read with the policies, rules and regulations of the UFS (as may be amended from time to time). In order to be considered for selection for a programme, an applicant is required to comply with the programme’s minimum admission criteria in respect of the total AP score, subject specific requirements (as determined per programme), and faculty/department’s specific requirements. However, due to limited space, fulfilling all the minimum entry (admission) requirements does not guarantee acceptance to study at the UFS, or entrance into any particular programme offered by the UFS.

The UFS makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in this faculty programme booklet is accurate and up-to-date at the time of going to press. However, it may be necessary for the UFS to make some changes to the information presented in the faculty programme booklet following publication – for example, where it is necessary to reflect changes in policy, practice or theory, or if an accrediting body necessitates requirements to be amended. Furthermore, certain programmes may only be offered if there is a sufficient number of applicants. The UFS undertakes to take all reasonable steps to provide the services (including, but not limited to, presentation of the programmes) described in the faculty programme booklet. It does not, however guarantee the provision of such services or the presentation of any or all programmes described herein. Should circumstances beyond the control of the UFS interfere with its ability to provide the services or presentation of any programme described herein, the UFS undertakes to use all reasonable steps to minimise any disruption to the services.

Furthermore, the UFS reserves its right to make amendments to admission requirements if and when necessary. It reserves the right to withdraw, wholly or in part, the delivery of programmes. Applicants for, and students in programmes affected, will be informed in advance of the commencement of their studies for the academic year concerned.

FACULTY-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES AND REQUIREMENTS

ABBREVIATIONS

From this point forward, we will use these abbreviations instead of the full terms:

NSC: National Senior Certificate

AP: Admission Point

NBT: Compulsory National Benchmark Test

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMES ARE PRESENTED ONLY ON THE BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS:

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| PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION | | MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Programme | Academic Plan Code | AP | Language of instruction | Mathematics | Mathematical Literacy | NBT |
| Bachelor of Laws (LLB) – Four years | 3302 | 33 | 6 (70%) | 4 (50%) | 6 (70%) | AL, QL |
| Either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy is required. | | | | | | |
| Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Extended Curriculum Programme – Five years | 3303 | 28 | 4 (50%) | | | N/A |
| <p>Notwithstanding this, you can – at the recommendation of the Dean, be admitted to the first year of study in the Extended Curriculum Programme for the LLB (study code 3303) if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firstly, in possession of an endorsed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSC with an AP score of 25–27 points, and have successfully completed at least the first year of study of an Extended Curriculum Programme in another faculty without failing any module or - Senior Certificate (until 2007) with an M-score of 24–27 and have successfully completed at least the first year of study of an Extended Curriculum Programme in another faculty without failing any module. • Secondly, have an M-score of less than 24 points or an AP score of less than 25 points, and have successfully completed the entire University Access Programme (UAP) with a final mark of 70% per module. | | | | | | |

Note: Language of instruction includes English home language, Afrikaans home language, Afrikaans first additional language, and English first additional language in Grade 12.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Faculty of Law at the University of the Free State annually produces a number of sought-after graduates. An active placement programme for graduates into suitable positions, managed within the faculty, ensures a good future for the successful student who makes use of this opportunity. The School for Legal Practice (Free State), where graduates receive further vocational training, also actively facilitates the placement of candidate attorneys in vacancies. However, a legal qualification does not mean that you are limited to becoming either an advocate or an attorney. Many jurists follow successful careers in other professions.

Career opportunities and employers include:

South African Law Commission • Academic law career • Messenger of the Court • Department of Correctional Services • National Directors of Prosecution • Human Rights Commission • Public Protector • Attorneys • Advocates • Companies, Patents, and Trademarks • Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration • Directors of Public Protection (State advocates and prosecutors) • Masters of the High Court • Registrars of the High Court • State attorneys • Clerks of the Magistrate's Court • Legal Aid Board • South African Police Service • Legal aid and Legal advice • State legal adviser • Law Clinics at universities.

DEPARTMENTS

MERCANTILE LAW

Enquiries: Head of Department: Dr HJ Moolman: +27 51 401 7084

The field of Mercantile Law encompasses that section of the law that deals with aspects relating to the world of trade and commerce.

Specific modules in Mercantile Law include, among others:

- Instruments of Payment Law, dealing with cheques, traveller's cheques, etc.
- Law of Business Enterprises, where students learn about partnerships, close corporations, companies, and trusts and how these entities function in the legal world.
- Labour Law, which has become an absolute necessity for any entrepreneur or manager – this field grows more important each day and encompasses all the rules applicable to the relationship between employers and employees.
- Tax Law, which deals with what is owed to the Revenue Service and when and why to pay it.
- Insurance Law, where students find out more about items and interests that can be insured, as well as how the law functions to treat the insurer and the insured fairly.
- International Economic Law, which introduces students to the field of international trade transactions and the international protection of investments.
- Insolvency and Liquidation Law, where students will learn about dissolving business ventures due to insolvency and also how to sequestrate the estates of persons.
- Mercantile contracts, insurance and consumer law, where students are introduced to the law applicable to day-to-day commercial transactions.

PRIVATE LAW

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Private Law is that section of the law that governs the relationship between persons, and covers such aspects of society as births and deaths, marriages, contracts, property, and succession. In the field of private law, the following modules are offered in the LLB degree:

- Family Law, in which students learn more about engagements, the Marriages Act, community of property, and the general principles applicable to divorce, child maintenance, and custody.
- Law of Persons, where students obtain knowledge of legal subjects and their origin and status – this refers to when the law will recognise you as a living person capable of concluding transactions.
- Law of Succession and Administration of Estates deals with the contents of wills, how people inherit when there is no will, and the administration of the estates of deceased persons.
- Law of Property, in which students learn about the difference between possession and ownership, and what it means to be the holder of a right in property – also in terms of the Constitution.
- The Law of Delict, which deals with the negligent or purposeful causation of damage and the remedies available to the wronged party.
- The Law of Contract is one of the most important courses in legal studies and is studied extensively to prepare students for practice.
- Private Law further encompasses such fields as Enrichment, Estoppel, Insurance Law, Road Accident Fund, Sectional Title, Law of Damages, and the Law of Trusts.

Roman Law, Legal History, and Comparative Law (Part of Department of Private Law)

This field comprises the entire origin and background of the South African Legal System and includes a thorough study of the following modules:

- Legal history, which includes the history of the Roman Law, the development of this law in the west of Europe, and the eventual introduction of Roman Dutch Law into South Africa as the common law.
- Roman Law, in which students are introduced to the law of succession, law of persons, criminal law, procedural law, and family law of the ancient Romans.
- Comparative Law, which comprises the study of law utilising the comparative method of legal research and the application of this method on selected themes in South African law.

PUBLIC LAW

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Criminal Law (Part of Department of Public Law)

Criminal Law is that section of the law that deals with what constitutes a crime, and when and how persons who commit crimes should be punished. Modules in this field include:

- Criminal Law, which encompasses the general requirements to be satisfied before an act will be viewed as a crime, and the specific requirements set for certain crimes such as murder, public violence, robbery, assault, and trespassing.



Procedural Law and Law of Evidence (Part of Department of Public Law)

Procedural Law focuses mainly on the procedures followed to enforce the law and forms part of the formal law.

Modules within this discipline include:

- Criminal Procedure, which governs the prosecution, hearing, and sentencing of transgressors. It prescribes principles for summons, arrest, searching, forfeiture, taking persons into custody, escape from custody, bail pleas, and the court process.
- The Law of Civil Procedure, which introduces students to the jurisdiction of various courts, the procedures that may be followed in civil disputes, judgement, appeal, and review.
- The Law of Evidence is that part of the formal law that prescribes the way in which a case or aspects of a case must be proved legally in a court of law. Primarily this discipline deals with the sources of the law of evidence, burden of proof, relevance, admissibility of evidence, character evidence, and other aspects such as expert evidence, hearsay, privilege, admissions and confessions, etc. The presentation of evidence, forms of real and documentary evidence, and the influence of the Constitution are also dealt with.
- Legal Practice, in which academics and practitioners train students in the management of a law office and the management of cases and clients. This course is essential preparation for practice.

Constitutional Law and Philosophy of Law (Part of Department of Public Law)

Constitutional Law and Philosophy of Law have become one of the most important fields of law over the past five years, and mainly govern the constitutional development in South Africa. The emphasis throughout is on human rights, and the following modules are presented:

- International Law, in which students are introduced to the relationship between states, as well as institutions such as the United Nations. Controversial issues in international law are covered, such as the law in times of war, the prosecution of heads of state for human rights violations, and environmental law.
- The interpretation of statutes, wills and contracts, which deals with the way in which laws, wills, and contracts must be read.
- Philosophy of Law, covering the most important thinkers in the field of legal philosophy and contemporary issues in Philosophy of Law, such as Marxism and feminism and their place in legal reality.
- Public Law, which includes administrative law, human rights, the relationship between the government and the citizens of a state, and the processes to be followed in legal administration.
- Environmental Law, which focuses on the most important legislation and international principles applicable to environmental protection.

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The School of Financial Planning Law offers all the modules that are relevant to pure financial planning in the faculty. This includes economics, risk planning, investment planning, tax planning, retirement planning, and estate planning.

The following Financial Planning programmes are presented:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Planning
- Advanced Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Planning
- Advanced Diploma in Estate and Trust Administration

CODE OF ETHICS FOR LAW STUDENTS

1. I pledge loyalty to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and undertake to respect its laws and to maintain and develop its legal system.
2. I shall observe all the rules and regulations of the University of the Free State and the Faculty of Law.
3. I shall maintain high moral and ethical standards.
4. I shall strive towards ensuring that my actions are always in the interest of the public and directed towards improving the good name of the university and the faculty.
5. I shall uphold the dignity, traditions, and culture of the legal profession.
6. My behaviour shall be such that at all times I may be regarded as a person fit and suitable to be admitted as a legal practitioner.
7. As a prospective jurist, I shall display impeccable honesty at all times.
8. I shall maintain a high standard of integrity.
9. I shall act objectively, fairly, and without bias.
10. I shall employ my working potential to the full.
11. I bind myself to the code of conduct of the university and the faculty and to any disciplinary measures, should I fail to comply with my commitment to this code.

If a student fails to comply with the above-mentioned code, it could result in suspension of all legal studies at the University of the Free State or that a certificate of good conduct, required for admission to all legal professions, is refused.

The information in this booklet has been compiled with the utmost care. However, it is subject to change, and therefore the Faculty Rulebook, available at www.ufs.ac.za, should be consulted as the final and correct source. The UFS Council and Senate accept no responsibility for errors.

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11 MAY 2019

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