# UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

# FACULTY OF LAW UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

# 2023

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It is the vision of the University of the Free State (UFS) Faculty of Law to provide broad access to highquality, relevant, innovative, as well as research-led undergraduate and postgraduate legal programmes that place transformative constitutionalism and social justice at the core of a regionally, nationally, and globally competitive curriculum.

The UFS Faculty of Law has established itself as a centre of high-quality research, teaching and learning, as well as community service learning and engagement, all presented with integrity and professionalism. The faculty conducts all its work cognisant of its responsibility to make a contribution to the communities of which it is part – at local, regional, national, and international level. Through its research, teaching, and community engagement, the faculty seeks to contribute to the constitutionally mandated promotion of justice, fairness, non-discrimination, non-racialism, and diversity.

In line with the above, the Faculty of Law is committed to serving legal scholarship, the legal profession, and society at large by offering high-quality education and research. Through their study in this faculty, UFS Law graduates will be enabled to contribute to the search for justice in whatever walk of life they find themselves after their studies.

Welcome to the faculty.

#### **DEAN: PROF JOHN MUBANGIZI**

"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."

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## IS THE UFS YOUR BEST CHOICE



The University of the Free State creates opportunities and growth through leading learning and teaching, focused research, and impactful engagement with society. We offer world-class benefits to all individuals.



What makes us special is that our students are holistically supported to achieve some of the highest success rates in the country and that they are highly employable.



What's more, we produce research with industry and social impact and real-world application.



Our culture promotes equity, ubuntu, and accountability.



We address challenges and issues as they emerge, and we deal with them openly in a way that promotes social justice and human rights.



Situated in the heart of South Africa, our character of caring and diversity translates into an outstanding university experience.

#### **APPLICATION TO STUDY IN 2023**

#### **IMPORTANT APPLICATION OPENING DATES:**

Date	Programmes for which applications open				
1 April 2022	Applications to study any undergraduate programme offered on the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses in 2023				
1 July 2022	Applications to study any Access Programme (AP) offered on the South Campus and the sub-regions in 2023				

### APPLICATION TO STUDY AT THE UFS IS FREE







#### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE?

For degree studies at the University of the Free State, we expect that

- you have an NSC or NCV with an endorsement that allows entrance to degree studies (bachelor's degree)
  or an equivalent qualification;
- you meet all the minimum admission requirements for the programme you intend to study. Meeting the
  minimum admission requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee
  admission, as limited spaces are available in each programme;
- you have a minimum level of 4 (50%) in English Home Language or English First Additional Language; and
- you must pass certain school subjects with a minimum level of achievement in order to take a certain university module. For example, you must get a minimum mark of 60% for Mathematics in Grade 12 if you plan to study Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB). Please refer to the section on the faculty-specific admission requirements, which also includes the respective compulsory subjects and achievement levels required per programme.

#### **HOW DO YOU APPLY?**

Visit https://apply.ufs.ac.za. Keep your mobile phone and an active email address ready, as you require both to access and complete the online application form.

Proceed through all the steps and submit your electronic application. Make sure that you complete the application form properly, e.g., if you need oncampus residence accommodation or financial aid, indicate this in the relevant section.

Upload copies of the following in PDF or JPEG format when you apply for undergraduate studies:

- · Your ID if you are a South African citizen
- · Your passport if you are an international student
- Your parent's ID or passport if you are younger than 18
- Your final Grade 11 results with the school's stamp
- National Senior Certificate (NSC) or Grade 12 IEB certificate if you have already matriculated
- Your academic record, only if you are/were a student at another institution of higher learning
- USAf accreditation from the examination board for South African universities. Apply to mb.usaf.ac.za for conditional exemption, foreign conditional exemption, or mature age conditional exemption. A Universities South Africa (USAf) Certificate of Exemption is required if you do not have an endorsed South African Senior Certificate. If you are eligible for the certificate, but have not yet applied for it, we will assist you with the process. Therefore, you can apply before receiving the required certificate. Contact the Office for International Affairs at +27 51 401 3219 | niemannaja@ufs.ac.za or +27 51 401 9032 | tshabalalal@ufs.ac.za

The online application is quick and easy – no hassle, no fuss! It has an easy and 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.

#### For assistance, contact:

+27 51 401 9666 or studentadmin@ufs.ac.za





#### IMPORTANT APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If your application is received after the following closing dates, it will not be considered.

Date	Selection and non-selection programme/s for which applications close				
31 May 2022	MB ChB     Occupational Therapy     Optometry     Physiotherapy     Radiation Sciences				
31 July 2022	<ul> <li>Architecture</li> <li>Biokinetics</li> <li>Dietetics</li> <li>Nursing</li> <li>Social Work</li> <li>Sport Coaching</li> </ul>				
31 August 2022	<ul> <li>All Access Programmes on the South Campus and the sub-regions</li> <li>International undergraduate applications</li> </ul>				
1 September 2022	Fine Arts				
30 September 2022	<ul> <li>All non-selection programmes</li> <li>Applications from students transferring from other tertiary institutions</li> <li>Community Development (Qwaqwa Campus only)</li> <li>Construction Economics and Management (Full-time)</li> <li>Construction Management (Compact Learning)</li> <li>Drama and Theatre Arts</li> <li>Forensic Sciences</li> <li>Geology</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Physics with Engineering Sciences</li> <li>Quantity Surveying (Compact Learning)</li> </ul>				

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

- Limited space: Keep in mind that all programmes have limited space available; therefore, you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. When we process your application for admission, we capture your details onto the UFS databases if your details are not available, or if you have omitted it on your application form, you will not be admitted or be able to register. For this reason, it is very important to complete the application form in full and to stick to the closing dates. Meeting the minimum admission requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee admission, as limited space is available in each programme.
- National Senior Certificate: If you already have a National Senior Certificate (NSC), you must include a copy with your application form.
- Application: Make sure that you complete the application properly and attach all the required documents.
   An incomplete application, as well as outstanding documents, will delay your application process. Make sure that you complete the application form thoroughly, e.g., your personal details, school performance levels, the correct name of the school you are currently attending or have attended if you have already matriculated, if you need on-campus residence accommodation and/or financial aid, indicate this in the relevant section.
- Transferring students: If you transfer from another tertiary institution, you must include a certificate of conduct and an official study record from the previous tertiary institution with your application.
- International students: If you are from another country, you must attach your certified school-leaving certificate and relevant diplomas. Universities South Africa (USAf) Certificate of Exemption is required if you do not have an endorsed South African Senior Certificate.
  - You can apply at the UFS before receiving the exemption certificate from USAf.

- If you are an international student who is currently in Grade 12, the UFS may make a conditional offer based on your final Grade 11 results.
- If you do not have matriculation exemption, the Office for International Affairs will apply for the USAf
  certificate of exemption. You will have to pay the prescribed fee before the Office for International Affairs
  attends to the USAf exemption application. You must pay and submit the relevant documentation as
  soon as you receive the final Grade 12 results.

#### **ADMISSION TO STUDY AT THE UFS**

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.



You will be **CONDITIONALLY ADMITTED** based on your Grade 11 or equivalent results, subject to you meeting all the minimum requirements for the intended programme of study. Please note that conditional admission is not applicable to all the selection programmes in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Your **FINAL ADMISSION** to the programme of your choice will depend on your final Grade 12 results. You will be notified of the university's admission decision immediately after your final Grade 12 results have been released by the Department of Education. Therefore, it is your responsibility to ensure that your contact details on your application form are correct.

#### 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.
- There are specific admission requirements that you should meet if you want to study at any South African
  university. If you finished school in or after 2008 and have a National Senior Certificate (NSC), you need
  to have a performance level of at least 4 (50%) in four (4) of the seven (7) subjects included in your NSC
  subject package.
- All admission requirements apply to first-year students in 2023.

- 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
- Applications for all non-selection programmes close on 30 September 2022.

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

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

Percentage	7	7	6	5	4	3	2
	(90–100%)	(80-89%)	(70-79%)	(60-69%)	(50-59%)	(40-49%)	(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.

#### 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.

#### STUDENT SERVICE CENTRE

Our friendly agents are ready to assist you with the application, admission, and registration processes. Contact the agents if you require

- information on the admission requirements for any study programme;
- assistance to complete your application form (online or hard copy); and
- assistance with tracking the status of your application.

Contact: T: +27 51 401 9666 | 9111 | E: studentadmin@ufs.ac.za

#### **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 who wish to start their studies at the UFS during the 2023 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 in conjunction with the policies, rules, and regulations of the UFS (as may be amended from time to time). In order to be considered for selection in 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-specific requirements. However, due to limited space, fulfilling all the minimum entry (admission) requirements does not guarantee acceptance to study at the UFS, or admission to 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 are a sufficient number of applicants.

The UFS undertakes to implement all reasonable steps to provide the services (including, but not limited to, presentation of the programmes) described in the faculty programme booklet. However, it does not 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 measures to minimise any disruption to the services.

Furthermore, the UFS reserves the 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 and students in affected programmes will be informed before the commencement of their studies for the academic year concerned.

Note: The admission requirements as indicated below are guidelines. Meeting the minimum requirements for your chosen/intended programme of study does not guarantee admission, as limited space is available in each programme. Final selection and admission are subject to the availability of space, academic results, and other admission requirements where applicable.

#### **FACULTY-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES AND REQUIREMENTS**

Abbreviations: From this point forward, we will use these abbreviations:

- · NSC: National Senior Certificate
- AP: Admission Point
- · AL: Academic Literacy Test
- · QL: Quantitative Literacy Test

#### THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME IS 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	Compulsory National Benchmark Test
Bachelor of Laws (LLB) – Four years	BC340000	33	6 (70%)	4 (50%)	6 (70%)	AL, QL

#### Notes:

- Language of instruction includes English home language and English first additional language in Grade 12.
- Either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy is required.

#### **EXTENDED CURRICULUM PROGRAMME**

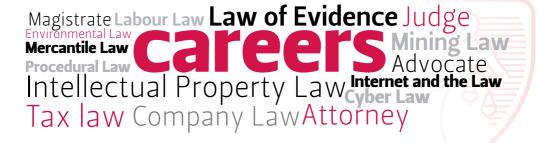
Prospective students who do not meet the minimum requirements to enrol for mainstream programmes will be considered for placement in the Extended Curriculum Programme (ECP). Placement is subject to the availability of space.

The ECP is designed to equip students who do not meet the minimum requirements with the necessary competencies to be successful in their studies. Academic support and skills development are integrated with regular academic work. To be considered for placement in the ECP, prospective students must apply for the mainstream programmes.

#### 2020 NATIONAL LIST OF OCCUPATIONS IN HIGH DEMAND

The Faculty of Law offers programmes leading to employment in specific occupations that are in high demand in the South African labour market. High-demand occupations are those that show relatively high employment growth based on past, present, and future trends and that are currently in short supply (Government Gazette, 26 November 2020).

By registering for one of the programmes in the faculty, you will contribute to the economic development and growth of South Africa and increase your chances of employment. Graduates of the Faculty of Law are highly sought after. There is a high demand for Law graduates in the following areas:



#### 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 in suitable positions, managed within the faculty, contributes towards a good future for the successful student who takes advantage 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**

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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 is becoming 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**

#### **Enquiries:**

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Private Law is that section of the law that governs the relationship between persons and covers aspects of society such 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, 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 content 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, Third Party Compensation Law, Sectional Title, Law of Damages, and the Law of Trusts.

#### **PUBLIC LAW**

#### **Enquiries:**

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#### **CRIMINAL LAW**

Criminal Law is that section of the law that deals with what constitutes a crime. Modules in this field include:

Criminal law, which introduces students to the general requirements for criminal liability as well as the
various role players in crime. Attention is also paid to the specific requirements set for offences that can
be committed against the person, state, community, and property.

#### PROCEDURAL LAW AND LAW OF EVIDENCE

Procedural Law focuses mainly on the procedures followed to enforce the 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, as well as admissions and confessions. 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 professional conduct, practice
  management, case management, and the integration, transfer, and application of previously acquired
  substantive law knowledge into practical skills such as drafting court papers and advocacy. This course
  constitutes essential preparation for practice.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND PHILOSOPHY OF LAW

#### Modules include the following:

- Public International Law, in which students are introduced to the legal relationship between states, the sources and theory related to such relationships, international organisations and international courts (such as the United Nations and the International Court of Justice respectively), and aspects of international criminal law and humanitarian law.
- The Interpretation of Statutes deals with the way in which laws must be understood.
- Philosophy of Law, which critically analyses aspects of the law. This includes considering prominent legal philosophers and traditions as well as the relevance of jurisprudence for contemporary legal issues.
- Administrative Law regulates all incidences where public power is exercised or where public functions are performed.
- Constitutional Law, which addresses the principles and values required in balancing the relationship between governmental power and justice.
- Human rights, which takes an in-depth look at the chapter on the Bill of Rights in the South African
  Constitution, also against the background of the relationship between civil authorities and society, as
  well as between persons (and legal persons) among themselves. In addition, the relationship between the
  important pillars of governmental power and the law is addressed.
- Environmental Law, which focuses on the most important local and international legislation that is applicable to environmental protection.

#### SCHOOL OF FINANCIAL PLANNING LAW

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Financial planning is the profession that identifies the needs and goals of clients, and builds a holistic, lifelong plan to address those needs and to achieve the client's financial goals. Financial planning deals with all aspects of ensuring that financial matters are well managed on a month-to-month basis, thus ensuring that clients have sufficient cash flow to meet financial obligations. Financial planning also focuses on long-term planning to ensure that clients have sufficient funds for retirement and that they have done estate planning, thereby ensuring that the client and their loved ones have financial security. Financial planning further analyses the way businesses are structured and ensure the continuity of business interests within a corporate structure.

The School of Financial Planning Law (SFPL) in the Faculty of Law at the University of the Free State prides itself on its qualities of excellence and integrity in providing holistic financial planning education since 2001. The school's accredited academic programmes educate financial planners and fiduciary specialists theoretically and practically to meet the unique needs of individual clients. Approximately 1 000 students register annually for the school's programmes, all in the area of financial planning, financial planning law, and fiduciary services.

The two elements that the school values above all, are high academic standards and student satisfaction. The balance between these two values is the essence of the school's mission, which is pursued through each endeavour.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR LAW STUDENTS:**

- 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.
- I shall observe all the rules and regulations of the University of the Free State and the Faculty of Law.
- · I shall maintain high moral and ethical standards.
- 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.
- My use of social-media platforms shall not compromise the rights of others to be treated with respect and dignity and shall not violate the good name of the university and the faculty.
- I shall uphold the dignity, traditions, and culture of the legal profession.
- My conduct shall be such that at all times I may be regarded as a person fit and suitable to be admitted as a legal practitioner.
- As a prospective jurist, I shall display impeccable honesty at all times.
- I shall maintain a high standard of integrity.
- · I shall act objectively, fairly, and without bias.
- I shall employ my working potential to the full.
- 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 the Faculty Rulebook, available at www.ufs.ac.za, should therefore be consulted as the final and correct source. The UFS Council and Senate accept no responsibility for errors.

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