MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology and principles of Administrative Justice. Students are familiarised with legal principles related to the nature, development and sources of administrative law, the separation of powers, transformative constitutionalism, the legal subjects in administrative law and the administrative relationship, the concept "administrative action" and categories of administrative actions. The module is also concerned with the enforcement of administrative actions, administrative authorities, the duties of administrators and the requirements as to the procedure and fairness of administrative actions. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Administrative Justice to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

AFRICAN CUSTOMARY LAW

This module aims to instil an awareness of the principles of African Customary Law that will enable reasoning, and the identification and application of the principles that will guide decision-making and action in the African context. In this module students are familiarised with basic concepts, terminology and principles of African Customary Law. Students are also familiarised with the rules and principles of African Customary Law related to private law and criminal law, the role of traditional leadership and traditional courts and to the ascertainment and proof of customary law.

AFRICAN STUDIES

This module is aimed at establishing an awareness with students regarding the historical barriers on being African. Students will be exposed to colonialism and the rise of African consciousness. The nature of African culture and identity will be discussed. Contemporary African issues and the challenge of migration will be addressed. Lastly, current challenges in South Africa will be discussed.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Alternative Dispute Resolution focuses on equipping students with the knowledge and practical skills to resolve legal disputes outside of the formal court process. The module explores the principles, procedures, and legal framework governing negotiation, mediation, conciliation, and arbitration in South Africa. It emphasises the context of ADR, the role of practitioners and institutions, and the ethical considerations involved. Students are introduced to both theoretical foundations and simulated exercises to develop the competencies needed for effective, fair, and efficient dispute resolution.

AVIATION LAW

This module develops an integrated understanding of Aviation Law within the South African and international legal framework. This module positions aviation operations as the practical lens through which students engage with contract law, delict. commercial law, transport law, regulatory compliance, insurance litigation, and international aviation disputes.

CIVIL PROCEDURE

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology and procedures related to Civil Procedure. The module is also concerned with the structure of courts, jurisdiction, parties, citations and service, applications and actions, pleadings, trials, executions, appeals and reviews and legal costs. The module equips students to extract rules and principles from the Civil Procedure and to apply them to factual situations.

COMPANY LAW

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology, and principles of Company Law. The module is concerned with the legal aspects of companies as a business enterprise. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Company Law to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology and principles of Constitutional Law. The module is also concerned with the sources of Constitutional Law, the nature of the State, separation of powers and the branches of government. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Constitutional Law to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

CRIMINAL LAW

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology and principles of Criminal Law. The module is concerned with the elements of a crime, grounds of justification, criminal capacity and different crimes. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Criminal Law to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology and procedures related to Criminal Procedure Law. The module is concerned with the jurisdiction of criminal courts, prosecution, rights of an accused, bail, charge sheets, the criminal trial, sentencing and appeal and/or reviews. The module equips students to extract rules and principles from the Criminal Procedure and to apply them to factual situations.

END USER COMPUTING

Students entering Higher Education come from a variety of backgrounds, and some may have had limited opportunities to develop the computer literacy skills they will need to cope with tertiary studies. End User Computing includes an online training component which allows student to practice simulated MS Office tasks at their own pace, supported by integrated feedback which helps them to identify and remedy their mistakes; and an assessment component which will count towards their overall module result. Students will also complete several assignments in which they will be expected to apply the MS Office tools that they have practiced in the online environment.

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FAMILY LAW

This module provides students with insight into the basic concepts, terminology, and principles of Family Law. Students are familiarized with legal principles related to engagements, civil marriages, consequences of marriage, the dissolution of marriages and the principles related to life partnerships. The module also provides students with knowledge on maintenance of a spouse or child upon divorce and the best interests of the child in divorce proceedings. Students are introduced to the sources of Family Law to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations. The module also introduces students to the influence and impact of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 on the Family Law.

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

This module aims at instilling an awareness of the principles of Human Rights Law that will enable reasoning, and the identification and application of the principles that will guide decision-making and action in the South African context. In this module students will be familiarized with rights contained in the Bill of Rights (Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996), constitutional values and the interpretation and application of the Bill of Rights. Students will also briefly be familiarised with human rights at a global and regional level.

INSOLVENCY LAW

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology, and principles of the Insolvency Law. The module is concerned with sequestration, composition, the relevant procedures, insolvent deceased estates and insolvent business enterprises. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Insolvency Law to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

This module provides students with advanced knowledge of the concepts, terminology, and principles of International Law. The module is concerned with interstate relations, enforcement of International Law, jurisdiction and territory in International Law and the international protection of human rights. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of International Law to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations..

INTRODUCTION TO LAW

In this foundational module first-time law students are introduced to the law as it stands, in accessible terms, with reference to the various sources of law and the classification of the law. In this module students are shown how the law affects the everyday lives of individuals and groups in South Africa. The module exposes students to the complexities of law, the contestability of the law and uncertainties that may exist in the law. Students are further exposed to human rights, legal comparison, aspects of legal language, legal comparison, and critical voices on existing law for them to form informed opinions about the law and legal systems. The module also exposes students to the courts, legal profession and to the implications of the transformative Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS

This module covers transformational leadership, authentic leadership, team leadership, women and leadership, culture and leadership, and leadership ethics. The themes handled in the module will lay the foundations for future studies in leadership. Students will acquire the necessary knowledge and analytical skills needed to continue their studies in leadership and ethics. These skills in analysis, argumentation, and problem solving can also be implemented in other fields of study. Each theme also includes a practical exercise or thought experiment, which will enable the student to apply their knowledge and hone their analytical and critical thinking abilities.

JURISPRUDENCE IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of theories, philosophies, and principles of African Jurisprudence. The purpose of this module is to instil an awareness of the principles of Jurisprudence in the African Context that will enable reasoning, and identification and application of the principles that will guide decision-making and action to practice jurisprudence in the African context.

LABOUR LAW

This module provides students with knowledge of the basic concepts, terminology, and principles of Labour Law. Students are familiarized with legal principles related to the employment contract, formation, conclusion and breach of the employment contract, dismissal, unfair labour practices, employment equity and affirmative action. Students are also familiarised with the Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995, principles and rules related to collective bargaining, statutory bargaining councils, strikes and lock outs. Students are introduced to the sources of Labour Law to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

LAW OF CONTRACT

This module provides students with knowledge of the basic concepts, terminology, and principles of Law of Contract. Students are familiarised with legal principles related to the drafting of contracts, requirements of a valid contract, breach of contract, and interpretation of contracts. The module also provides students with knowledge on the impact of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 on contracts. Students are introduced to the sources of Law of Contract to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations. The module also introduces students to the influence and impact of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, on the Law of Contract.

LAW OF DAMAGES

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology and principles of the Law of Damages. The module is concerned with the types of damages, the calculation of damages and procedural matters in respect of the Law of Damages. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of the Law of Damages to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

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LAW OF DELICT

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology, and principles of the Law of Delict. The module is concerned with the elements of a delict, grounds for justification, liability, and the apportionment of damages. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Law of Delict to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

LAW OF EVIDENCE

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology and principles of the Law of Evidence. The module is also concerned with the types of evidence, the methods of presentation of evidence, trial rules, evaluation of evidence and the verification and admissibility of evidence. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Law of Evidence to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

LAW OF PERSONS

This module provides students with insight into the basic concepts, terminology, and principles of the Law of Persons. Students are familiarized with legal personality, how it begins and ends, what it entails and what the duties and rights associated with legal personality are. The module also provides students with knowledge on legal status and matters having an impact on a person's legal status. Students are introduced to the sources of the Law of Persons to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations. The module also introduces students to the influence and impact of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 on the Law of Persons.

LAW OF PROPERTY

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology, and principles of Property Law. The module is concerned with the legal principles of ownership, holdership and possession. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Property Law to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

LAW RELATING TO BUSINESS DISTRESS

This module provides students with advanced knowledge of the concepts, terminology, and principles of Law relating to Business Distress. The module is concerned with business rescue proceedings and compromises. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Law relating to Business Distress to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

LAW OF SUCCESSION

This module equips students with knowledge of the basic concepts, terminology, and principles of Law of Succession. The module therefore aims to provide students with knowledge of the law and rules which control the transfer of assets of a deceased person to successors. Students are familiarised with legal principles related to intestate and testate succession, formalities of a will, revocation of a will, contents of a will, capacity to inherit, collation, and the administration of estates. Students are introduced to the sources of the Law of Succession to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations. The module also introduces students to the influence and impact of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, on the Law of Succession.

LEGAL FOUNDATIONS

This module provides students with an overview of the origins of the South African legal system. The module provides an outline of the Roman foundations of South African law of property and obligations and the development of the common law considering the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. The module also addresses the importance of the continuous development of the modern South African considering the values of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. Specific focus is placed on transformative constitutionalism and ubuntu.

LEGAL RESEARCH ESSAY

In this module students will, with the assistance of a supervisor, undertake in-depth legal research essay based on a research proposal drafted in the Legal Research Methodology module. In this module students will apply their research skills to conduct an analysis and evaluation of the legal rules in primary and secondary sources related to a specific topic.

LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the theoretical methods and principles applicable to the study of law. In applying these methods and principles a student will compose a descriptive and detailed analysis of the legal rules in primary and secondary sources. The module equips students with knowledge and skills to enable them to extract principles from primary and secondary sources on an identified topic to conduct research on the topic and draft a research proposal.

LEGAL SKILLS

In this foundational module first-time law students are equipped with basic legal skills they will need in their studies and in practice. The module exposes students to study skills needed to complete a qualification in law. The module also includes basic numeracy skills, research skills, reading skills, writing skills, interviewing skills, and advocacy skills. The module is aimed at learning and practicing skills required by law students and prospective practitioners.

LEGAL STRATEGY

This module aims to close the gap between law and corporate strategy of businesses, increase the importance of internal legal capabilities and to provide students with integrated knowledge and skills to develop an appropriate framework for developing a legal strategy for a business. The module helps law students with knowledge of strategic management to understand how companies can proactively use the law to craft and execute strategy, and ultimately achieve competitive advantage.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of what Social Justice is and of various aspects related thereto. The module is concerned with the concepts of white privilege, racism, oppression, sexism, classism and ableism. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of Social Justice to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations with specific reference to case law and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

SPECIAL CONTRACTS

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology, and principles related to a selection of miscellaneous contracts. The module is concerned with a selection of special contracts and the impact of the National Credit Act 34 of 2005 and the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 on the law of contract in general. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of a selection of special contracts to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

STATUTORY INTERPRETATION

Laws are not self-executing and self-explanatory. Consequently, students must be taught how to interpret and apply the law by giving lawful meaning to their purposes and requirements. In this module students are instructed on the basic skills to interpret and apply legislation. This module provides students with knowledge of the basic concepts, terminology, and principles of Statutory Interpretation. Students are familiarised with legal principles related to the drafting of legislation, judicial law-making, the principles of interpretation of legislation and approaches of interpretation. Students are introduced to the sources of Statutory Interpretation to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations. The module also introduces students to the influence and impact of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 on the interpretation of legislation.

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