STADIO

HIGHER EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF LAW

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) (PROFESSIONAL)

NQF 8 │ 255 CREDITS │ SAQA ID: 117873 │ MIN. 2 YEARS

MODE OF DELIVERY: DISTANCE LEARNING

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- A MANAGER - BACKGROUND IN COMMERCE & LAW
- START & MANAGE YOUR OWN ENTERPRISE
- CORPORATE SECRETARY
- LEGAL ADVISOR
- ATTORNEY │ ADVOCATE
- PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Laws (LLB), as a professional legal qualification, equips students with a sound knowledge of the South African legal system.

The Bachelor of Laws degree (professional) will provide access to graduates for the professional assessments by both the Law Society and General Council of the Bar and Federal Bar Council examinations.

ARTICULATION POSSIBILITIES

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Laws enables articulation towards NQF level 9 programmes in the relevant fields (LLM).

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DISTANCE LEARNING AT STADIO

STADIO's distance learning programmes offer students excellent, quality education without the need to attend venue-based classes. The rapid technological advances of the past decade have transformed distance learning into an exciting study option for many students in South Africa, SADC, and internationally. However, STADIO recognises that many prospective students have only limited access to technology, with restricted connectivity, networks, and bandwidth. The STADIO distance-learning and teaching model therefore makes provision for this reality, ensuring that students can combine work and studies meaningfully, regardless of personal circumstances.

Distance learning and teaching at STADIO is built on best practices, enabled and supported by technology. This includes a world-class learning management system where students can access their learning materials, assessments, and live online classes for each of the modules for which they have registered. In addition, in some qualifications, study materials will be provided in printed format. Key dates for milestones, such as assignment submissions and live online sessions, will be communicated well in advance to allow students to plan their studies. Online sessions are not compulsory; however, students are encouraged to participate in scheduled sessions as they are designed to promote student success. Online sessions are always recorded for convenience.

Throughout the distance-learning journey, academic support is only a click away. Questions may be asked in the online module environment, where the lecturer will provide guidance. Distance-learning students have easy access to online library facilities and an eBook library, as well as access to a variety of online databases to support their studies. There is a physical library for distance-learning students on the Krugersdorp campus. STADIO understands the potential isolation of distance learning, and further provides a range of other support services to promote academic success and general student wellbeing. The full distance-learning experience is also accessible using your mobile device.

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER DISTANCE LEARNING?

Distance learning is suitable for students who wish to study from any location without the need to attend classes at a specific venue. Apart from the obligation to submit assessment tasks punctually, distance learning provides students with the flexibility to create their own study schedules. This option is particularly well suited for working adults, mature learners, or school-leavers who prefer learning at their own pace, reside at a distance from STADIO's campuses, or have other commitments during the day. Despite the physical distance, students still have access to expert lecturers, current study materials, and peer engagement through the online module learning environment.

That said, it is important to highlight that some assessments, including the final examination, may require attendance at one of our exam venues, available throughout South Africa and internationally. This is STADIO's commitment to ensuring the integrity of its qualifications and the credibility of its graduates.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM STADIO

Students will have access to a range of resources and facilities in person and online, designed to support not only their learning journey but also their social and emotional well-being. In most modules offered through distance learning in the schools of Administration and Management, Commerce, Law, and Policing and Law Enforcement, printed study materials are available in addition to the online study guides. STADIO offers academic support and wellness initiatives throughout the learning journey to help students realise their goals.

WHAT STADIO WILL EXPECT FROM YOU

In addition to engaging with the study materials (whether printed or online), students are required to utilise the online learning management system on their learning journey. Students, therefore, need access to a computer and to the internet to access and submit their assessments and to access feedback. STADIO believes that the key to academic success, especially in distance learning, is motivation and consistent engagement. Students will be expected to submit their assessment tasks on time and to take part in the learning activities designed to assist their learning journey. STADIO expects all students to always act in accordance with the principles of the Student Code of Conduct and the STADIO values and to be familiar with the institutional policies and rules, especially those pertaining to student success.

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OUTCOMES

Upon completing the LLB, students will be able to:

1. Apply the knowledge base, theory, methodology of discipline and application relevant to the field.
2. Implement the values and principles of law as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking and analytical reasoning as required in the law profession.
4. Apply the law accurately in a range of environments including professional and career contexts.
5. Act as responsible South African and global citizens.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **A STADIO BCom Law (NQF 7) or BA Law (NQF 7); or**
- **an accredited bachelor's degree in the field of law (NQF 7) with 360 credits.**

In the event of an applicant not complying with the minimum admission requirements as stated above (an undergraduate law qualification), he or she must complete the following eight (8) bridging modules prior to commencing with the qualification. To qualify for the bridging programme a 360-credit bachelor's degree is required.

MODULE NAME	MODULE CODE	NQF LEVEL	CREDITS	ELECTIVE / COMPULSORY
Introduction to Law	ITL152	5	15	Compulsory
Legal Skills	LSK152	5	15	Compulsory
Family Law	LFL162	6	10	Compulsory
Law of Contract	LOC262	7	20	Compulsory
Law of Delict	LOD372	7	20	Compulsory
Law of Persons	LOP162	6	10	Compulsory
Law of Property	LPY372	7	20	Compulsory
Law of Succession	LOS262	6	20	Compulsory

* A student may not register for more than four (4) modules per semester.

ADDITIONAL OR SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Other access pathways
STADIO is committed to achieving inclusion and to overcome barriers to access and success in higher education. Applicants who do not meet the stated admission criteria, but who have relevant work experience and/or prior learning may apply for admission under the policy on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). STADIO admits a maximum of 10% per cohort via RPL.
The implementation of RPL is context-specific, in terms of discipline, programme and level. Further information may be obtained from your Student Recruitment Advisor.

Mature age exemption
Candidates who do not meet the requirements for degree studies listed above, but who have reached the ages of 23 or 45 respectively, may apply for Mature Age Exemption via the USAF Matriculation Board under the following conditions:
- Candidates who have reached/will reach the age of 23 during the first year of registration and who have achieved a Senior Certificate with a pass in at least four subjects, including one of the official languages experience and including one subject on Higher Grade
- Candidates who have reached the age of 45 before or during the first year of registration.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Wi-Fi: Reliable broadband Internet access (Wi-Fi is available on all of our campuses, but you may prefer access from home as well).**
- **Web browser: Chrome/Safari/Opera/FireFox.**
- **Computer/Laptop: A current Windows or Apple Mac computer/laptop capable of running the Office 365 software Office 365 includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.**
- **PDF Viewer: The free Adobe Acrobat software.**
- **Scanning documents: Ability to scan and upload documents (typically from your cellphone or smartphone).**
- **Email/cellphone for notification and communication.**
- **Communication: A cellphone or smartphone for receiving notifications and communication.**

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY:

STADIO School of Law uses its ONLINE student administration and learning environments to provide students with materials and resources, to conduct online assessments, create discussion opportunities and render a range of administrative services.

Therefore, having continuous access to the above ONLINE facilities is essential for efficient communication, learning and success.

STUDENT SUPPORT FOR DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS

Distance learning students have access to STADIO's student support services via the learning management system. Students can access a range of presentations and online support initiatives aimed at success and wellness. At the start of the semester, new students will be invited to join the online student orientation programme to familiarise themselves with the services offered by STADIO.

STADIO, in partnership with SADAG, has a dedicated STADIO student helpline providing students with free telephonic counselling, information, referrals, and support. Students will also have access to general counselling services.

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CURRICULUM OUTLINE

SEMESTER 1	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
Compulsory (All)	Civil Procedure LCP500 (15 credits)	Administrative Justice LAJ500 (15 credits)
	Constitutional Law LCO500 (15 credits)	Law of Damages LDA500 (15 credits)
	Criminal Law LCR500 (15 credits)	Legal Research Methodology LRM50A (15 credits)
	Jurisprudence in an African Context LJU500 (15 credits)	Social Justice LSJ500 (15 credits)
SEMESTER 2	**1st YEAR**	**2nd YEAR**
Compulsory (All)	African Customary Law LAC500 (15 credits)	Law of Evidence LEV500 (15 credits)
	African Human Rights Law LAH500 (15 credits)	Legal Research Essay on Restorative Justice LRM50B (30 credits)**
	Criminal Procedure Law LPR500 (15 credits)	Mercantile Law II LME50B (15 credits)
	Mercantile Law I LME50A (15 credits)	
Electives * (choose one)		Insolvency Law LIS500 (15 credits) OR International Law LIT500 (15 credits)
CREDITS P/YEAR	**120**	**135**

* More electives may be introduced

** **MODULE PREREQUISITES**

Before commencing with LEGAL RESEARCH ESSAY ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (LRM50B) a student must complete LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (LRM50A).

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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 HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

This module aims to instil an awareness of the principles of African Human Rights Law that will enable reasoning, and the identification and application of the principles that will guide decision-making and action in the African context. This knowledge will inform its application locally and internationally. In this module students are familiarised with basic concepts, terminology and principles of African Human Right Law. Students are also familiarised with the role and rules of the African Union, United Nations and African Commission.

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.

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 LAW

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.

INSOLVENCY LAW

This module provides students with advanced 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 the 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.

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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 in the practice of jurisprudence in the African context.

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.

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.

LEGAL RESEARCH ESSAY ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

In this module students will, with the assistance of a supervisor, undertake in-depth legal research in a topic related to restorative justice for a 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.

MERCANTILE LAW I

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.

MERCANTILE LAW II

This module provides students with integrated knowledge of the concepts, terminology and principles of the law related to business enterprises. The module is concerned with the legal aspects of various business enterprises. The module equips students with knowledge of the sources of the law related to business enterprises to enable them to extract principles from these sources and apply them to factual situations.

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.

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