

MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS LAW (7811)

The LLM programme in International Trade, Investment and Business Law is a collaborative programme between UWC, the University of Pretoria (UP), American University (Washington, DC) and the University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

This course focuses on world trade and investment, with a specific focus on the interests of Africa in the context of globalisation. Students with good academic records are invited to apply.

Students register and spend one semester at UWC and one semester at one of the two overseas partners (if funding is available).

H.35 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the programme: **Master of Laws in International Trade, Investment and Business Law - LLM (International Trade, Investment and Business Law)**

H.35.1 Applicants must be in possession of a first degree in law (LLB or equivalent) and fluent in English. The following documentation must be submitted, preferably by post:

H.35.2 Curriculum Vitae (including full particulars and contact details).

H.35.3 A covering letter motivating why you would like to do the course.

H.35.4 Certified copies of degree certificates.

H.35.5 Academic transcript listing all subjects taken and marks obtained.

H.35.6 2 letters of recommendation.

H.35.7 A submission of your financial position and motivation letter if you wish to be considered for a scholarship.

H.35.8 A recent passport-size photograph.

H.36 SELECTION

As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure. This is a very competitive programme. Only 20 students are selected and offered placements per year.

H.37 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise the duration of the programme shall be one year full-time.

H.38 CURRICULUM

A student registered for the LLM degree may follow any of the following Modes:

H.38.1 MODE I: Four Modules and a Research Paper

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
Research Paper 805 (1st Enrolment)	REP805	60
Research Paper 806 (2nd Enrolment)	REP806	
International Economic and Investment Law 813	ITB813	30
International Business and Regional Trade Law 812	ITB812	30
Students complete a further two modules at the overseas partner University		60
	TOTAL	180

H.38.2 MODE II: Two Modules and a Mini-Thesis

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
Mini-Thesis 803 (1st Enrolment)	MIN803	120
Mini-Thesis 804 (2nd Enrolment)	MIN804	
International Business and Regional Trade Law 812	ITB812	30
International Economic and Investment Law 813	ITB813	30
	TOTAL	180

H.39 ASSESSMENT

H.39.1 Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

H.39.2 Unless the Faculty Board otherwise decides, a candidate, in respect of modules enrolled for at this University, must:

H.39.2.1 Submit at least one research paper essay of approximately five thousand words for every module or equivalent form of assessment of the candidate's research ability (which shall be submitted for assessment at least two calendar weeks before the dates scheduled for the examination referred to in Rule H.39.2.2), and

H.39.2.2 Sit for an examination or final assessment in each module, the format of which shall be determined by the relevant academic department.

H.39.3 In respect of modules enrolled for at another University, a candidate must comply with the assessment requirements of that University.

H.40 PROGRESS RULES

Registration for the following year of study will be recommended by the supervisor if in his/her opinion adequate progress has been made during the current year (See Rule A.3.3).

H.41 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

The renewal of registration will be governed by the Rule A.4, as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

H.42 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

H.42.1 Research Paper

- H.42.1.1** A candidate must present a research paper of approximately 18 000 words which demonstrates the candidate's ability to conduct independent research and which is in a format suitable for publication.
- H.42.1.2** The topic of the research paper must be chosen by the candidate after consultation with and with the approval of the supervisor concerned.
- H.42.1.3** Unless extension of time has been granted by the Faculty Board, the research paper must be submitted for assessment within 3 calendar months after the candidate concerned has completed the last assessment in the four modules for which he/she has enrolled.
- H.42.1.4** No candidate may present a research paper unless he/she has successfully completed at least half of the modules required for the completion of the degree.
- H.42.1.5** A candidate may not be re-admitted to the programme if he/she has not presented his/her research paper for assessment within two years after completion of the coursework, unless an extension has been granted by Senate.
- H.42.1.6** For the purposes of assessment, a candidate must submit two provisional copies of his/her research paper. The research paper must, as a rule, be typed in double spacing and shall be satisfactorily bound. After approval of the research paper and before the degree is conferred, at least one further unbound copy and one CD of the research paper shall be furnished. A summary of the research paper, not exceeding five hundred words, is also required.

H.42.2 Mini-Thesis

- H.42.2.1** A candidate must present a mini-thesis consisting of approximately 30 000 words which must be a satisfactory contribution to the knowledge of the subject.
- H.42.2.2** The topic of the mini-thesis must be chosen by the candidate after consultation with and with the approval of the supervisor concerned.
- H.42.2.3** The mini-thesis must be presented within twelve months after the end of the academic year in which the candidate completes his/her coursework unless the Faculty Board, on good cause shown, approves a longer period of time.
- H.42.2.4** A candidate may not be re-admitted to the programme without permission of Senate if, three years after the completion of the coursework, he/she has not submitted his/her mini-thesis.
- H.42.2.5** For the purposes of assessment, a candidate must submit two provisional copies of his/her mini-thesis. The mini-thesis must, as a rule, be typed in double spacing and shall be satisfactorily bound. After approval of the mini-thesis and before the degree is conferred, at least one further unbound copy and one CD of the mini-thesis shall be furnished. A summary of the mini-thesis, not exceeding five hundred words, is also required.

H.42.3 Funding

Limited scholarships may be available. Should funding be required, include proof of financial status and motivation for financial assistance in application.