

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (7901)

H.59 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the programme: **Doctor of Philosophy – PhD (as indicated in H.62)**

Subject to Rule A.2.5.1, a candidate who has a degree or diploma of the University or of another tertiary institution, which latter degree or diploma in the opinion of the Faculty of Law and Senate is of a comparable standard, or who has in any other manner attained a level of competence which, in the opinion of the Faculty of Law and Senate, is adequate for the purpose of admission, may be registered for the PhD degree.

H.60 SELECTION

As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure.

H.61 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, the degree shall not be conferred on a candidate unless s/he has been registered as a student for the degree for two years; provided that the degree shall not be conferred on a candidate until four years have elapsed from the time of gaining the LLB degree or other equivalent qualification.

H.62 CURRICULUM

The thesis written by a law graduate or diplomat must be of an inter-disciplinary nature which is not suitable for an LLD degree, while such thesis written by a non-law graduate or diplomat may be either of such an inter-disciplinary nature or on a topic solely within the field of law.

The Doctor of Law programme is offered in the following areas of specialisation:

Comparative Labour Law	LAB901 / LAB902
Comparative Constitutional Law	CLL901 / CLL902
Disability Law (Not Offered)	DSL901 / DSL902
Environment Law	IEL901 / IEL902
Human Rights Protection	IHR901 / IHR902
Law, State and Multilevel Government	MLG901 / MLG902
Transnational Criminal Justice	TCJ901 / TCJ902
Mercantile Law	MER901 / MER902

H.63 ASSESSMENT

H.63.1 Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

H.63.2 The assessment shall consist of a thesis and, if Senate so prescribes or the Assessment Panel so requires, an oral and/or a written assessment on the subject of the thesis or the field concerned as a whole.

H.63.2.1 In the event of a thesis being rejected, Senate may, on the recommendation of the Assessment Panel, permit the candidate to re-submit it for assessment in a revised or extended format.

H.63.2.2 Unless with the approval of Senate, a candidate may not re-submit a thesis for assessment more than once in the same subject.

H.64 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.3.4).

H.65 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.66 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

H.66.1 Thesis

H.66.1.1 Before being admitted to study for the degree, the candidate shall submit his/her application for admission to the study, with the title of the thesis, to Senate.

H.66.1.2 Senate shall appoint:

H.66.1.2.1 A supervisor who, unless Senate decides otherwise, shall be a lecturer at the University, but should Senate appoint a supervisor from outside the University, it may appoint a co-supervisor, from the staff of the University;

H.66.1.2.2 An Assessment Panel consisting of such external and internal subject specialists as Senate, on the recommendation of the Faculty, may appoint.

H.66.1.3 The thesis shall show proof of original work and shall be a distinct contribution to the knowledge of and insight into the subject.

H.66.1.4 The title of the thesis shall be approved for a period of five years, after which period the student may apply for an extension.

H.66.1.5 The thesis shall be submitted not later than the dates stipulated in the University Calendar.

H.66.1.6 No thesis which has previously been submitted for a degree at another university shall be accepted, but material taken from publications of the candidate may be incorporated therein.

H.66.1.7 The candidate may be required to submit, together with his/her thesis, any thesis or dissertation previously submitted by him/her for another degree, whether such previous thesis or dissertation has been accepted or not.

H.66.1.8 For the purpose of assessment, a candidate shall submit three preliminary copies of the thesis. The thesis shall be typed in double spacing and shall be satisfactorily bound. After approval of the thesis and before the degree is conferred, at least one further unbound copy and one CD of the thesis shall be furnished. A summary of the thesis, not exceeding 500 words, is also required.