



UNIVERSITY
OF
JOHANNESBURG

Faculty of Law

Diploma in Law (Paralegal Studies)

Centre for Continuing Education Programmes



COURSE WITH LIMITED CONTACT (DISTANCE)

More and more institutions rely on paralegals to render support services in the field of law and commerce. The responsibility that rests on the shoulders of the paralegal has increased significantly over the past few years, creating a need for thorough training.

The Diploma in Law (Paralegal Studies) presented by the Faculty of Law of the University of Johannesburg is a qualification that focuses on the basic principles of law in combination with the skills that a paralegal needs to work with in the field of law and commerce.

It equips the paralegal to provide support functions in law, firms, legal advice offices, the Department of Justice, various functions in insurance companies and other entities in the commercial sector.

FIRST-YEAR MODULES

Introduction to SA Law and Family Law 1

Criminal Law and Law of Criminal Procedure and Evidence 1

Civil Law 1

Business Law 1 and Communication Skills

Compulsory workshop

SECOND-YEAR MODULES

Family Law 2

Criminal Law and Law of Criminal Procedure and Evidence 2

Civil Law 2

Business Law 2 and Labour Law

Compulsory workshop

THIRD-YEAR MODULES

Civil Law 3

Business Law 3

Compulsory workshop

COURSE FEES

*** Please contact our office to confirm the course fees.**

Please note: The fee or any part thereof is not refunded or carried over to another year in respect of students who are, for any reason, not able to complete the year of study.

Application Fee:

A non-refundable administration fee for first-time UJ applicants is payable on **application**.

Assessment:

There will be a written examination at the end of the academic year. One or two assignments must be completed during the year.

Prescribed material:

The programme fee includes all prescribed study material.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- A certified Senior Certificate or Matric Certificate (Grade 12) OR an equivalent qualification with endorsement or exemption to study towards a diploma
- A potential student who does possess a Senior or Matric Certificate (Grade 12) but which is **not** endorsed for study towards this diploma, may consider enrolling for the Paralegal Bridging programme, which is presented by our department. On completion of this Bridging programme, the successful student will be permitted to enroll for the Diploma in Law.
- Certified marriage certificate (if applicable)
- Certified identity document
- HESA evaluation of qualifications (**only for international students**)

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CURRICULUM IN GENERAL

- The course is presented in English.
- Learners are registered as limited contact learners for the modules mentioned.
- There are two 4 – day **compulsory workshops** during each year.
- The minimum period of study for the diploma is three years.
- The maximum period of study for the diploma is five years.
- This course comprises 10 modules and is presented over 3 years through limited contact.
- Students are assessed twice in each module by means of assignments.

- Students must obtain at least an average of 40% for both the assignments in each module in order to gain admission to the examination of that module.
- The Diploma in Law: Paralegal Studies is on a NQF Level 6 with 360 credits.

QUALIFICATION AFTER COMPLETION OF DIPLOMA

You will be able to work as:

- Assessor in criminal courts – The Department of Justice pays for services done. You have to enquire at your nearest/local Magistrates' Court.
- Mediator – contact the NPI (National Paralegal Institute), Family Life Centre, AFSA or IMSA
- Lay maintenance counsellor
- Debt collector
- Legal advisor
- Liquidator
- Executor of deceased estates
- Legal Secretary
- Insurance administrator
- Insurance claims facilitator
- Person equipped with basic legal drafting skills
- Corporate administrator
- Business enterprise administrator

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