

Faculty of Law

LLM – Cyber Law



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**The Future
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The Faculty of Law at the University of Johannesburg is offering an LLM programme in Cyber Law.

This LLM programme is a *sui generis* programme that discusses related aspects of Cyber Law. These Cyber Law aspects encapsulate the intersection that exists between law and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). It also aims to provide students with in-depth legal and technical knowledge and skills of establishing and implementing responsive programmes, policy and legal frameworks relating to the ever-expanding area of Cyber Law.

The LLM programme in Cyber Law elucidates both the benefits and challenges that Information and Communications Technology (ICTs) offer to society. Therefore, it introduces students to the important aspects of the law that deals with the manner of embracing the benefits of ICTs and regulating or controlling the challenges emanating from these ICTs. In doing so, industry experts in the field of Cyber Law are invited to provide practical insight into the law and its relevance to 4IR.

Consequently, the programme details, in an elementary and expertly manner, both the benefits and shortcomings of the law in dealing with the developments emerging consequent to 4IR. It furthermore sets out legally workable frameworks that address these benefits and limitations in a digital era.

About the programme

Duration: 12 Months

Method: Blended approach that includes the use of classes and online discussions and/or activities.

Assessment: Class activities, individual or group discussions, written assignment(s), tests and exams, and a mini-dissertation.

Outcome: On completion of the LLM in Cyber Law, students will receive a LLM degree in Cyber Law from the University of Johannesburg.

Programme contents

The programme is designed to enhance the student's understanding of the topics indicated below and to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the principles, standards and guidance on how to deal, in real time, with the advantages of 4IR and addressing the position of the law in responding to 4IR.

Modules

1.1 E-Commerce:

- (a) This module studies e-commerce. The focus is on, inter alia, the formation of commercial agreements and requisite formalities relating to the establishment of these contracts. It also covers the available legal principles for the protection of consumers who transact online.

1.2 Cybersecurity and cybercrimes:

- (a) This contains a complete discussion of cybercrimes and cybersecurity. Facts based scenarios are discussed to illustrate the strengths and limits of the law in regulating crimes committed online or committed using the Internet as the tool or instrument.
- (b) This also covers the position of the law in relation to crimes the commission of which do not require human intervention or human control of a technology. In this manner, AI, robots or machines are used as an example.

1.3 Information privacy and data protection Law:

- (a) This module provides a broad overview of information privacy and data protection law and principles. It also details the essence, importance and impact of these principles on society.
- (b) It also studies the effect of 4IR on the lawful collection and processing of data. The principles regulating the collection and processing of data guide this discussion.

Programme presenters

Prof MM Watney is the coordinator of this programme.

Who should attend?

The programme covers a wide array of fields or industries extending beyond, inter alia, the legal, forensic and technical professions.

Entry requirements

As a minimum admission requirement, students must have attained an average of 65% for the law subjects in their LLB degree.

Foreign students

Non-South African students should enquire from the Faculty about the legislative requirements.

Applications

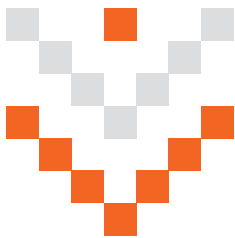
The next student intake will be in February 2024. The Faculty reserves the right to not offer particular modules in a specific year.

Kindly take note: Additional information relating to the degree and/or the application process can be acquired by contacting the Faculty:

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