

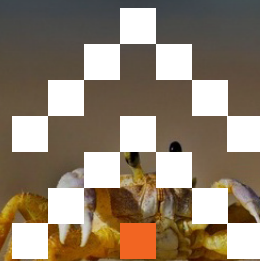
Faculty of Law

Short Learning Programme: Foundations of Animal Law



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Introduction:

The Faculty of Law at the University of Johannesburg will be offering a short learning programme titled: **Foundations of Animal Law**. This is the third time the animal law course is being held, after being offered for the first time in South Africa (and Africa more generally) in 2022 and the second time in 2023. The course will be held fully online and provide learners with a convenient and accelerated opportunity to learn about this exciting field. This programme will introduce learners to the way in which the law and policy intersects with animals and explore cutting-edge legal developments in this area. It will provide an understanding of the main regulatory framework governing animal law in South Africa and further analyse the gaps, realities and opportunities for providing greater protection for animals in law and policy.

How Will You Learn?

The programme is held online in the evenings and is broken down into approximately 10 sessions. It features a range of interactive content, including live video lectures, a selection of materials and case studies and access to various further educational resources. The programme is presented on the Blackboard e-Learning platform. After successful registration, students will receive their personal log-in details and will gain access through the uLink portal. The lecture portion of the programme will take place with one to two lectures per week with exact dates to be confirmed culminating in the requirement to write a detailed position paper at the end of the course (for which another few weeks will be provided).

Certificate and Continuing Professional Development:

- Delegates who successfully complete the programme will qualify for a **certificate from the University signalling their completion of the course**.
- The course has been approved for 28 CPD points with the South African Veterinary Council.

Admission:

- The course is open to all who may be interested, but learners are required to have at least an NQF level 6 qualification in their area of expertise.
- Ideal for a person who has legal credits in their degree or has a degree such as an LLB or a degree in public policy;
- Open to a current student of law who is in their second year of study or more;
- Suitable for a person who works with animals professionally (for example in organisations, in animal industry, as animal inspectors or as veterinarians) who has some legal knowledge and background and who must have at least an NQF level 6 qualification in their area of expertise; or
- Suitable for academics and practitioners in other areas who wish to expand their knowledge their knowledge of the intersection of animals and their areas of expertise.

Documents Required:

- *certified* copy of ID Document
- *certified* copy of Marriage Certificate (If applicable e.g. your Surname is different on your Grade 12 Certificate to what appears on your Tertiary Qualification Certificate/s)
- *certified* copy of Matric / Senior Certificate / School Leaving Certificate
- *certified* copy of Tertiary Qualification Certificate/s (If applicable)
- *certified* copy of Academic Record of your qualification/s obtained (If applicable)
- CV

Assessment:

Each participant will be required to write:

- A short writing assignment or assignments; and
- a longer academic style position paper relating to the subject matter of the course.

Course Fees:

The Course fees for 2024 are as follows:

Course Fee	SLP in Animal Law		R16 900.00
	First Minimum payment – all students	R16 900.00	
	TOTAL		R16 900.00
Non-Refundable	International Levy – SADC Students (Residing outside South Africa)		R1 000.00
	TOTAL – SADC Students		R17 900.00

In accordance with a council decision, all fees are subject to change without notice. The University reserves the right to change fees without prior notice or without providing reasons thereof.

Course fee payable **R16 900.00** upon registration

N.B. All students, including students whose fees are paid by sponsors or employers, must pay a minimum amount 5 days prior to the date of the academic registration.

This breakdown of fees DOES NOT apply to students whose fees are paid by a bursary sponsor or employer.

In these instances where the full fees must be paid, tax invoices must be requested from the Financial Officer, Mr Isaac Moagi - imoagi@uj.ac.za

Students who fail to pay all fees will not be permitted to attend classes.

The banking details are as follows:

Bank: FNB

Account holder: University of Johannesburg

Account number: 62615873199

Branch code: 210-554

Branch name: Client Services

Account Type: Cheque Account

Swift Code: FIRNZ AJJ

N.B. Ensure that you use **only** your **Student Number** as the reference

Applications:

The closing date for applications is 1 August 2024.

Programme start date

The lectures for the programme will commence on 20 August 2024.

Administrative Enquiries:

For administrative assistance regarding this programme, please contact:

- Esmeralde du Plessis: esmeraldep@uj.ac.za or call 011 559 2328 (Course Coordinator)

Course Leaders:

Professor David Bilchitz is a Professor of Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Law at the University of Johannesburg and Professor of Law at the University of Reading. He is also Director of the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC) and Vice-President of the International Association of Constitutional Law. He is also a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa. Bilchitz has a BA (Hons) LLB

from the University of the Witwatersrand and an MPhil and PhD from the University of Cambridge. In relation to animal law, Prof Bilchitz is co-founder and a director of Animal Law Reform South Africa and has been involved actively in changing the plight of animals in South Africa. He has also written several articles considering the changes that the new democratic constitutional order - that emerged in South Africa in 1994 - should bring about in relation to the status and entitlements of animals.

Attorney Amy P. Wilson is an attorney and the first South African to graduate with a master's degree in Animal Law. Amy has BCom, LLB and LLM degrees and previously practiced corporate commercial law as a senior associate before leaving practice to focus on social justice in academia and research. Amy is co-founder and Executive Director of the first dedicated animal law nonprofit in the country – Animal Law Reform South Africa and holds several leadership roles in animal protection nonprofits throughout Africa. She is a lecturer, research associate and LLD candidate with the University of Johannesburg.. Amy has worked as a fellow at UCLA School of Law in Los Angeles, California and at the world's premier animal law programme at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. She has consulted for academic and international animal protection organisations. Amy is an Independent Expert with the United Nations in Harmony with Nature Programme, which focuses on the rights of nature in law and policy. She has published in international peer reviewed journals and books and presented to audiences around the world.

Course Outline:

The course will be run over approximately 10 sessions spread between August and October 2024 which will cover some of the main aspects of animal law. Some highlights will include:

- An introduction to key notions and concepts in the field such as animal welfare, animal rights and defining key terms including animal law;
- Exploring the philosophical, ethical and legal foundation for rights, duties and obligations and how these concepts apply to nonhuman animals and exploring the particularities of African philosophy and animals;
- Exploring the place of animals in the South African Constitution and the possibilities that exist for their protection with a focus on key case law and jurisprudence;
- An overview of the main animal welfare laws and policy in South Africa and their gaps in providing protection for animals;
- Exploring the connection between the environment and animals and key laws and case law surrounding these issues;
- Probing practical issues relating to wild animals such as trophy hunting, the wildlife trade, the captive lion and other wildlife industry and the management of wild animals;
- Examining the plight of captive animals (both wild and domestic) and the legal framework governing them;
- Engaging with the issues and legal framework surrounding animals in agriculture including practices such as factory farming and the live export of animals;
- Considering the need for global regulation around animals and relevant international law and animals;
- Considering South African experience in light of foreign and comparative law that is developing around animals; and
- Exploring the relationship between protection for animals and the well-being of humans.

Online Application

TO MAKE AN ONLINE APPLICATION (No Application Fee is payable)

- The Course Code is: **S4ANMO**
- For a quicker and easier application process for first-time (new) applicants use the link below: Short Web Application
https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/wuj012pkg.wuj012_startup
- And the **RETURNING** student web link is:
https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/w99pkg.mi_login
- For both processes above the "token" that must be used by applicants is **LAWSLP**

For assistance regarding Applications please contact the University call centre on (+27) 11 559 4555 or at mylife@uj.ac.za

