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The University of Johannesburg's LLM in Banking Law programme is designed to provide students with specialist knowledge on aspects of the law that are highly relevant to the banking sector. It is designed to be completed by full-time students within one year and by part-time students over two years.

This programme consists of a minor dissertation (60 credits) together with three compulsory taught modules (3x40 credits), namely:

(i) Banking Law:

This module has a distinct private-law focus. The central concepts of money and payment are investigated by way of introduction. This is followed by a study of the bank-customer agreement. The module further deals with banks as payment intermediaries (in various methods of especially domestic payment). Finally, the module focuses on bank liability arising from contract, delict and enrichment.

(ii) Financial Services Regulation:

The importance of sound regulation of financial services has been well demonstrated by global financial crises during the past two decades or so. Certain key international bodies drive international cooperation in this regard. As part of this process, South Africa has decided to switch to a twin-peaks system in terms of which all financial services are regulated under the auspices of a prudential and market conduct regulator, overseen by a financial stability oversight committee jointly represented by these two regulators. In this module some fundamental theoretical concepts in the regulation of financial services are explored, including systemic risk and contagion. Both the prudential and market-conduct regulation are considered with a focus on the legislative components that form part of this regulatory system.

(iii) Credit Law:

This module focuses on the National Credit Act, arguably one of the most important pieces of legislation in South Africa, which has featured in many reported cases and has generated much academic commentary.

Classes or seminars in the taught modules are generally presented in the evenings on weekdays from 18h00 to 20h00 (one class per module per week). Some classes may be arranged differently (blocked) in consultation with the class.

Two of the taught modules will be presented in one semester, and the remaining module in the other semester.

The next student intake will be in February 2025. In general, as a minimum admission requirement, students must have attained an average of 65% for the law subjects in their LLB degree. The number of students who can be accommodated effectively in the programme and modules having regard to the high level of personal interaction required between LLM students and supervisors/module leaders will also be taken into account.

For further information and enquiries regarding entry requirements, closing dates and the application procedure, as well as more information on the content of the coursework, please do not hesitate to contact the faculty:

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