

# **Programme Overview**

# Empowering Professionals to Navigate Business Rescue with Confidence and Expertise!

Enrolling in this Business Rescue Programme is crucial for professionals navigating today's evolving legal and business landscape. It provides practical skills, keeps students updated on legal developments, and equips students to leverage technological advancements.

The Faculty of Law: Non-subsidised Programmes is proud to present its Short Learning Programme in Business Rescue in a fully online format, enriched with engaging guest lectures by experienced practitioners, banking experts and esteemed academics from both local and international backgrounds.

#### **Programme Content**

The programme comprises four modules, each designed to provide a thorough understanding of South Africa's business rescue framework and its practical application.

Module 1 delves into the history and evolution of business rescue legislation in South Africa, compares international restructuring tools and examines the framework of the Companies Act 2008. Covering critical topics such as the commencement of proceedings, the interface between business rescue and liquidation; and the role, regulation and responsibilities of Business Rescue Practitioners (BRPs).

Module 2 addresses the legal consequences of initiating business rescue, focusing on the general moratorium, post-commencement finance, uncompleted contracts and the rights and roles of creditors, employees and directors throughout the process.

Module 3 provides an in-depth exploration of business rescue plans, including their drafting, prescribed content, approval or rejection consequences and practical implementation.

**Module 4** incorporates essential business management considerations, featuring a case study and insights from senior practitioners. A new lecture has been introduced this year, focusing on the challenges and opportunities presented by cryptocurrencies and emerging technologies in the business rescue environment.

Each module is further enriched with lessons drawn from case law ensuring a robust, practical and contemporary learning experience.

#### Assessments

There will be one assignment and a final online examination will be written in **October/ November**.

# Programme Presenter(s)



**Prof Kathleen Van der Linde** – is the acting Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Johannesburg and Professor of Corporate Law in the Department of Mercantile Law. She is the programme director for the LLM in Corporate Law and has extensive teaching experience and has presented training on the Companies Act to several prominent law firms and businesses. Prof Van der Linde is a co-author of *Hockly's Insolvency Law*. In 2021, the Amsterdam district court appointed her as an independent expert

member of the committee of representation in the Dutch restructuring proceedings of the Steinhoff group.



**Prof Juanitta Calitz** – is the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Johannesburg. She holds LLB, LLM and LLD qualifications from the University of Pretoria. She presents undergraduate; postgraduate and extra-curricular courses in insolvency law, corporate insolvency law as well as business rescue and has presented papers at various national and international conferences. She is a co-author of *Mars: The Law of Insolvency in South Africa* (10th ed) and co-author of *Hockly's Law of Insolvency, Winding-up and Business Rescue* (10th ed)

2022). Juanitta previously chaired the INSOL Academic Forum, currently co-chairs the International Insolvency Institute (III) Regional Committee EMEA and serves on the International Advisory Council of the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative (SGRI). She is a member of the Insolvency Law Academy (ILA) Task Force on Insolvency Laws in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs) in India and serves on the steering committee of the Regional Centre for Insolvency and Bankruptcy of the ILA and ICFAI Law School. She is also an honorary member of the South African Restructuring and Insolvency Practitioners Association (SARIPA). She has participated in multiple insolvency and business rescue law reform and training projects with organisations such as INSOL and the World Bank.

# **Lectures and Workshops**

The programme is divided into four manageable modules, featuring a variety of interactive content such as online video lectures, case studies, and access to numerous additional educational resources. In addition to the assessed content, the programme includes two guest lectures on pertinent topics. The programme is delivered via the Moodle e-Learning platform. The duration of the programme is six months. The workshops will be held from **May - August 2025**, including a research assignment and concluding with an online examination.

# **Admission Requirements**

Any equivalent qualification on NQF 5 level, or matric certificate on NQF Level 4 with relevant practical experience.

# **Application dates**

Applications open from the 31 August 2024 and close on 31 May 2025.

### **Documents Required**

- certified copy of ID
- 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
- certified copy of academic record of your qualification/s obtained
- an abridged CV

# **Online Application**

TO MAKE AN ONLINE APPLICATION (No application fee is payable)

- The Course Code is: **S4BRSQ**
- For a quicker and easier application process for first-time (new) applicants use the Short web application

https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/wuj012pkg.wuj012\_startup

- 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
- Password/Pin reset: If you have previously created a password/pin, you will be prompted
  to login with that password/pin. You can click on the "Forgot Password/Pin" button if you
  cannot remember your password/pin and follow the instructions to reset your password/pin.

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

# **Programme Fees**

Fees for 2025 R11 290.00

A full upfront payment of the course fees is required upon registration. It is advised that students start making payments towards their fees by depositing money into their student account on a monthly basis upon being admitted for the programme. The course fee includes the cost of the textbook.

Non-refundable International Levy - SADC students: R1 000.00

Please contact your course coordinator for the final course fees.

Please be aware that SADC students also pay an international levy. SADC/International students must also contact the International Office of UJ on 011 559 4399 or **Email:** international1@ Ui.ac.za prior to registration.

Students whose fees are paid by a bursary sponsor or employer must request for a tax invoice from the NSP financial officer, Mr Isaac Moaqi - imoaqi@ui.ac.za

Students who do not pay the full fees will not be permitted to register and thus will not be able to attend classes.

#### **Administrative Enquiries:**

For administrative assistance regarding this programme, please contact: Lefa Morwena, **Tel:** 011 559 3631 or **Email:** lefam@uj.ac.za