



# Your Qualification



## Bachelor of Arts in Law

The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE)

The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law facilitates access to a broad range of specialized law-related careers in the media, in journalism, in criminology and the communication sciences. This qualification also provides entry into a variety of post-graduate qualifications, including the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree.

The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law, therefore, allows access into a variety of career paths and vocations requiring essential theoretical and practical knowledge of the law, language, communication science, criminology and the media. The degree also provides a sound basis in the necessary skills and knowledge needed for further professional study and ongoing life-long career development.

In particular, graduates will gain entry to further postgraduate studies in law, to careers in media law, and careers that blend with the law in the fields of communications science, journalism, legal writing and criminology.

This degree will consequently enable graduates who can think critically, can effectively communicate their points of view, who understand our Constitution and its impact on the development of the law, who are concerned with the advancement of social justice, who will adhere to the highest ethical standards, and who can contextualise local events within a globalised and dynamic world-of-work.



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### What is this Degree's accreditation status?

The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law degree is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as a minimum 360-credit qualification on level 7 (SAQA ID: 105123)

### Who is the Bachelor's degree aimed at?

If you love to read, write and to apply your mind to complex questions of a legal nature, you should consider studying The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law degree. This degree will appeal to those who have a strong sense of justice and who wish to apply their critical thinking and creative communication skills to the law and legal system.

The IIE's Bachelor of Arts in Law provides access to a variety of careers requiring the skills and knowledge relating to the area of specialization chosen (communications science, English or criminology) in partnership with substantial knowledge of the law and legal system. The qualification also provides a specialised entry-point for those who wish to progress to further postgraduate and professional studies.

### What entry requirements will I need to study this Bachelor's degree?

Minimum Admission Requirements		English	Notes
	NSC: Bachelor pass with	60%	
	NC (V): Bachelor pass with	60%	
	SC: Endorsement with	60%	
	SC(a): Bachelor pass with	60%	
	<b>International:</b> An USAf Exemption Certificate with 60% or equivalent for English.		<a href="#">Refer to the International Admissions Spreadsheets</a>
	A cognate Higher Certificate OR cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.		If discipline not cognate at least 20% of credits must be academic literacy or numeracy related.
Alternate Admission (Should the English requirement not be met at NSC Grade 12, then entrance may be granted if the English requirement is met based on the Grade 11 final mark		NSC	Notes
	English	50-59%	If 60% min in final Grade 11 results was achieved.

<b>Senate Discretionary Admissions</b>	
<b>Mature Age Exemption</b>	<p>Candidates having attained the age of 23 before or during the first year of registration with a Senior Certificate with a minimum of 40% in at least four higher or standard grade subjects, at least three of which shall have been passed simultaneously and one of which shall be a recognised higher grade subject; <b>OR</b> Candidates must have attained the age of 45 before or during the first year of registration.</p> <p>An USAf Exemption Certificate is required.</p>
<b>Senate Discretionary Mature Age Admission for students with a Senior Certificate with endorsement</b>	<p>Candidates 23 years and older at point of registration, with an endorsed Senior Certificate can be accepted on a senate discretionary mature age admission if they do not meet the additional admission requirements. Their academic progress will be tracked and reported at Senate. An USAf Exemption Certificate is not required.</p>
<b>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</b>	<p>Where candidates do not satisfy the formal admission requirements for this qualification, The IIE may consider an admission application in terms of the Credit Accumulation and Transfer, Recognition of Prior Learning and Qualification Completion Policy (IIE010).</p>
<b>USAf approved cognate foundation programme</b>	<p>Candidates who have completed an USAf approved cognate foundation programme from a registered and accredited provider may be admitted. The additional English criteria falls away.</p> <p>An USAf Exemption Certificate is required - the Office of the Registrar will facilitate, on behalf of the student, an application for degree admission to USAf, once the student has provided proof of payment to USAf.</p>
<b>Transfer students</b>	<p>Candidates who have successfully completed at least 120 credits on the first year of a cognate degree may be admitted. However, if a student completed less than 120 credits, the admission criteria on the NSC or equivalent apply.</p>
<b>OQSF qualifications</b>	<p>Candidates with an OQSF Level 5 cognate qualification may be admitted, provided the OQSF qualification has at least 120 credits at NQF Level 5. An USAf Exemption Certificate is required - the Office of the Registrar will facilitate, on behalf of the student, an application for degree admission to USAf, once the student has provided proof of payment to USAf.</p>
<b>General Education Development (GED) - An USA qualification developed by the American Council on Education (ACE)</b>	<p>Candidates with a GED qualification may be admitted if they have an USAf Foreign Conditional Exemption Certificate as well as NBT: AQL results and have obtained a score of at least 51 for Academic Literacy (AL) and a score of at least 40 for Quantitative Literacy (QL).</p>

Please note, requirements for entry to this qualification are correct at the time of printing, however, these may change. At the time of registration, please check that the entry requirements have not changed.

### **What professional qualifications can the IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law articulate into?**

The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law degree is structured in accordance with the Higher Education Qualifications Sub-framework (HEQSF) guidelines. It will equip students with the knowledge, skills and applied competencies required for the articulation to a range of postgraduate academic studies, including the LLB degree and specialised Honours degrees.

- The LLB degree may be obtained with a further minimum 2-3 years of study (duration depending on the institution offering the qualification). The LLB degree alone provides access to the attorneys' and advocates' professions in South Africa.
- Subject to meeting the entry requirements of the institution concerned, an Honours degree may be followed in the chosen area of specialisation namely English, communications science or criminology.
- This qualification will also facilitate entry into a variety of Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) and Advanced Diploma programmes (for example in Taxation or Estate Planning) offered by South African universities.

### **What is The Teaching and Learning Strategy of The IIE's Varsity College, and how will it help prepare me for the 21st century working world?**

Our teaching and learning approach is based on active learning which enables us to focus on the skills you need to succeed in the New World. This way, the student is at the centre of learning. Academic life, we believe, should be as relevant and participative as possible – a dynamic, two-way exchange. This enables students to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills for the 21st Century workforce.

This collaborative approach teaches you how to think, and to ask questions; the right questions. We call it New World Thinking.

Our active learning approach is structured as a blend between online and face-2-face lectures. This allows us to take learning beyond the confines of the lecture room. independent, self-directed learners. Our Learning Management System called VCLearn enables this blend and affords you a range of approaches to teaching and learning, and resources that are designed to promote self-organised learning and thought leadership.

### **How is this Bachelor's degree structured at The IIE's Varsity College?**

The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law degree is a three-year degree. The modules are delivered on a full-time basis with lectures being scheduled during the day from Monday to Friday.

The curriculum below is correct at the time of print. Please note that in line with academic practice, The IIE's curriculum is reviewed annually thus changes may occur in module structure and sequence in order to ensure that the qualification remains relevant. The exit level outcomes of the programme do not change. Registered students receive an updated programme curriculum on an annual basis.

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<b>YEAR 1:</b>	<b>NQF Level</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>		<b>NQF Level</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>			<b>Semester 2</b>		
<b>LOPF5121</b> -Law of Persons and the Family 1A	5	15	<b>LOPF5122</b> -Law of Persons and the Family 1B	5	15
<b>FSALS121</b> -Fundamentals of the South African Legal System	5	15	<b>FDSL5122</b> -Foundations of the South African Law	5	15
<b>ENFL6122</b> -English for Law	6	15	<b>SLAW5122</b> - Skills for Law	5	15
<b>Electives* (Students are required to choose a core discipline (English, Communication Science or Criminology) for the duration of the qualification)</b>					
<b>ENGL5121</b> -English 1A	5	15	<b>ENGL6122</b> - English 1B	6	15
<b>CRIM5111</b> -Introduction to Criminology 1A	5	15	<b>CRIM5112</b> -Introduction to Criminology 1B	5	15
<b>COSC5121</b> -Communication Science 1A	5	15	<b>COSC5132</b> -Communication Science 1B	5	15
<b>YEAR 2:</b>					
<b>PUBL6211</b> - Public Law A: Constitutional Law	6	15	<b>PUBL6212</b> - Public Law B: Fundamental Rights and Interpretation of Statutes	6	15
<b>LASU6221</b> -Law of Succession	6	15	<b>LADE6222</b> -Law of Delict	6	15
			<b>XBAL6219</b> -Work Integrated Learning 2	6	15
<b>Electives* (Students are required to choose a core discipline (English, Communication Science or Criminology) for the duration of the qualification. Depending on students' chosen core discipline, in the first semester only, students will be able to choose an accompanying law elective [either Media Law and Ethics for students who have chosen <u>Communication Science</u> as their core discipline, <u>General Principles of Criminal Law</u> for students who have chosen <u>Criminology</u> as their core discipline or <u>Introduction to Intellectual Property Law</u> for students who have <u>English</u> as their core discipline]</b>					
<b>COSC6231</b> -Communication Science 2A	6	15	<b>COSC6222</b> -Communication Science 2B	6	15
<b>CRIM6211</b> -Criminology 2A	6	15	<b>CRIM6212</b> -Criminology 2B	6	15
<b>ENGL6221</b> -English 2A	6	15	<b>ENGL6222</b> -English 2B	6	15
<b>MELE6221</b> -Media Law and Ethics (Elective with Communication Science 2A)	6	15			
<b>GPCL6211</b> -General Principles of Criminal Law (Elective with Criminology 2A)	6	15			
<b>INPL6211</b> -Introduction to Intellectual Property Law (Elective with English 2A)	6	15			
<b>YEAR 3:</b>					
<b>LACO6321</b> -Law of Contract	6	15	<b>SPCO7322</b> -Specific Contracts	7	15
<b>LALA6321</b> -Labour Law	6	15	<b>REPR7312</b> -Research Practice	7	15
<b>INRS7321</b> -Introduction to Research	7	15	<b>XBAL7319</b> -Work Integrated Learning 3	7	15
<b>Electives* (Students are required to choose a core discipline (English, Communication Science or Criminology) for the duration of the qualification)</b>					
<b>COSC7321</b> -Communication Science 3A	7	15	<b>COSC7322</b> -Communication Science 3B	7	15
<b>CRIM7311</b> -Criminology 3A	7	15	<b>CRIM7312</b> -Criminology 3B	7	15
<b>ENGL7321</b> -English 3A	7	15	<b>ENGL7322</b> -English 3B	7	15

### Prerequisites/ co-requisites:

There are no pre-requisites.

Co-requisites apply to several of the modules in this programme and must be met in order to progress through the qualification. See the table below.

#### Co-requisites

Module	Co-requisite
Communication Science 1B	Communication Science 1A
Law of Persons and the Family 1B	Law of Persons and the Family 1A
English 1B	English 1A
Criminology 1B	Criminology 1A
Communication Science 2A	Communication Science 1B
Criminology 2A	Criminology 1B
English 2A	English 1B
Communication Science 2B	Communication Science 2A
Criminology 2B	Criminology 2A
English 2B	English 2A
Public Law B: Fundamental Rights and Interpretation of Statutes	Public Law A: Constitutional Law
Communication Science 3A	Communication Science 2B
Criminology 3A	Criminology 2B
English 3A	English 2B
Communication Science 3B	Communication Science 3A
Criminology 3B	Criminology 3A
English 3B	English 3A
Research Practice	Introduction to Research
Specific Contracts	Law of Contract

#### What about timetables?

The IIE's full-time programmes are aimed at students wishing to dedicate themselves to full-time studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to engage in additional learning activities and assessments outside of the scheduled lecture-time.

Students must understand that timetables remain subject to change throughout the year. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that timetable structures will remain the same during each year of your studies with us. In addition, where students are repeating modules, these modules may be offered in the evenings or on weekends. Students are required to attend lectures in order to remain up to date with the academic programme. Students who would like to pursue limited part-time employment opportunities outside of the academic programme must prioritise their studies and avoid committing to work schedules until after they have received their timetables and academic calendar from the institution.

#### Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

Students must complete the Work Integrated Learning component to achieve the graduation requirements of this programme.

#### What must I pass in order to graduate with this Bachelor's degree?

In order to be awarded The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law degree, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for each module of the programme.

### **How long do I have to complete this qualification?**

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this qualification.

### **With what qualification will I graduate?**

You will graduate with The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law degree

### **Career opportunities: what career areas can I pursue once I have completed this Bachelor's degree?**

Careers include, but are not limited to:

- Legal advisors (private/public sector and specialising in media-related law).
- Paralegals (specialising in communications or media-related legal matters such as copyright).
- Legal office personnel.
- Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) practitioners.
- Mediators (commercial, divorce or family law).
- Corporate communications practitioners.
- Legal researchers.
- Court reporters.
- Legal writers, online content managers, editors and publishers.
- Criminologists.

### **Would it be possible to study further and obtain a postgraduate qualification once I have completed The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law degree?**

The IIE Bachelor of Arts in Law degree has been developed in line with the vision and mission of the institution as a career-focused qualification. Consequently, the outcomes of this Degree will ensure that graduates have the knowledge base, theoretical depth, and understanding of methodologies and applied skills relevant to the world of work, as the basis for further study and ongoing lifelong professional development. Hence, the qualification will facilitate entry into a variety of Postgraduate qualifications including articulation into the IIE Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB), as well as a pathway into a range of careers and vocations requiring the application of Law and practical legal skills in the context of the specialisations offered.

**Call your nearest IIE's Varsity College campus to discuss your career options with one of our Student Advisors.**

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## **British Accreditation Council**

The IIE is not only accredited in South Africa but its dedication to providing quality education also led to it being accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) in 2014. The British Accreditation Council is an independent authority in the United Kingdom that accredits private providers globally, including Greece, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates. In 2017 The IIE had its accreditation status confirmed by the BAC as an Independent Higher Education Institution confirming our confidence in the international comparability of our standards.

“South African students need to know, when they select a private higher education institution, that the standards offered are equivalent to those of a public University. Our students get this from our extensive local accreditation and registration. The students also benefit from knowing that we meet international standards too. The IIE is accredited as an Independent Higher Education Institution by the British Accreditation Council. Locally and internationally we have demonstrated the quality of what we offer,” said Dr Coughlan, Director, The Independent Institute of Education.

The IIE’s Varsity College students can be confident that their IIE learning experience meets international best practice standards.