

Faculty of Law

Defining tomorrow

If you have a heart for what is right and just, along with an astute mind, then perhaps you would like to become a legal professional. At NMMU we equip you for the cause of justice by instilling you with relevant legal know-how and exposing you to critical debates on the law. Since NMMU provides various legal services to the community, students obtain crucial practical experience that enables them to better serve society and define the legal needs of tomorrow.



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Qualification	Programme overview	Delivery mode & duration of study	APS	Admission requirements	APS testing band	Career opportunities
Bachelor of Law (LLB)						
LLB (Law in Practice) Extended Curriculum	Applicants who do not qualify for admission to the four-year LLB may be admitted to the extended five-year programme. Admission is subject to the discretion of the dean of the faculty and the outcome of access testing.	Full-time 5 years		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum NSC requirements for degree entry must be met. English, Afrikaans or isiXhosa (home language or first additional language) on at least a level 3 (40-49%). Mathematics 2 (30-39%) or Mathematical Literacy 4 (50-59%). Candidates who have and APS of 28 or higher will be referred to write an NMMU access assessment test. 	28 - 37	The LLB degree offers entry to all branches of the legal profession. Those planning to practice as attorneys or advocates must follow the LLB degree with specialised practical training and a professional examination. There are also career opportunities in the civil service for public prosecutors and public defenders, while legal advisers are employed in business and government.
LLB (Law in Practice)	<p>The four-year undergraduate LLB is a career-focused programme that is now the standard national qualification for entrance to all branches of the legal profession. The programme is designed to ensure that graduates acquire both the legal knowledge and the skills to apply the law in practice. The legal Skills and Practice course provides students with some basic practical skills and an introduction to the legal work environment. In the fourth year, students may choose from a number of elective courses, allowing them to develop additional knowledge in areas such as environmental law, tax law, attorneys' practice, information technology (IT) law, maritime law, and tourism law.</p> <p>Practical experience: The faculty's Law Clinic provides senior students with the opportunity to gain valuable practical experience by offering free legal services to needy people. The faculty is also home to the Eastern Cape Street Law project, where students become involved in educating the public about their legal rights and responsibilities.</p>	Full-time 4 years	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum statutory NSC requirements for degree entry must be met. English, Afrikaans or isiXhosa (home language or first additional language) on at least a level 3 (40-49%). Mathematics 2 (30-39%) or Mathematical Literacy 4 (50-59%). Candidates who do not meet the Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy requirements may be required to take an additional numeracy module. 	28 - 37	The LLB degree offers entry to all branches of the legal profession. Those planning to practice as attorneys or advocates must follow up their LLB degree with specialised practical training and a professional examination. There are also career opportunities in the civil service for public prosecutors and public defenders, while legal advisers are employed in business and government. Experienced legal practitioners may be appointed as magistrates or as judges of the High Court. Persons with a law degree and some practical experience are also in demand in a wide variety of positions outside normal legal practice.
LLB (Law in Practice)	A BCom degree obtained at NMMU followed by the two-year LLB degree provides an alternative route to the legal profession, and also widens your career choices. For more information, see the BCom and BCom (Rationum) information under the Faculty of Business & Economic Sciences.	Full-time 2 years		BCom (Law) obtained from NMMU.		The LLB degree offers entry to all branches of the legal profession. Those planning to practice as attorneys or advocates must follow up their LLB degree with specialised practical training and a professional examination. There are also career opportunities in the civil service for public prosecutors and public defenders, while legal advisers are employed in business and government. Experienced legal practitioners may be appointed as magistrates or as judges of the High Court.

Street Law

The primary aim of the Street Law programme is to introduce legal, human rights and democracy education to various sectors of the community in the Eastern Cape. Street Law is designed to provide a practical understanding of the law, human rights and aims to inform people about the laws that affect them in their everyday life. Street Law is a practical course which involves group discussions, problem-solving, critical thinking, debates, mock trials and excursions. The Street Law programme is presented to school learners, teacher, community and youth organisations, church groups, children in places of safety and prisoners. The objectives of the NMMU Street Law programme include, *inter alia*, to:

- Make people aware of their legal rights and how the existing legal system can be used to protect them;
- Educate people on how to access the South African judicial system;
- Improve understanding of the principles of democracy
- Encourage people to think about the arguments for and against certain laws and to help them to be tolerant of opposing points of view;
- Encourage people to use alternative ways of resolving disputes, such as mediation, arbitration and negotiation, instead of taking the law into their own hands or resorting to violence.

More information on the street law programme and its projects can be obtained from:

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Institute for Sustainable Government and Development (ISGAD)

The Institute for Sustainable Government and Development (ISGAD) is situated in the Faculty of Law and it consists of 3 centres, namely Sustainable Development, Government Support and Access to Justice. The centres are mainly focused on training, consultancy services and community outreach through the provision of legal advice and assistance. ISGAD has succeeded in establishing itself as a leading service provider for the establishment of Municipal Codes (writing and promulgation of full sets of by-laws), the implementation of Codes and the training of municipal staff in the enforcement thereof. The primary aim of ISGAD is to improve the levels of service delivery by the different spheres of government, to increase access to justice for the less fortunate sections of society, focus on the overall improvement of public sector governance and the building of general managerial and administrative capacity within the ranks of the various sectors of South African civil society through: Objectives of ISGAD include, *inter alia*, to

- Improve the skills and capacity of those who are involved in public affairs, and who can make a contribution towards improving service delivery.
- Assist public authorities to establish or improve public policies and legislation to effectively manage public problems and issues.
- Assist communities to improve their quality of life through creating access to legal resources.
- Assist communities and especially poverty stricken/indigent communities in efforts to improve their quality of life.
- Improve local government, through increasing the effectiveness of councillors, officials, ward committees and community participation.
- Publish research output, making the results of technical reports available for the benefit of communities and society at large and engaging appropriate government departments, NGO's and CBO's.
- Develop appropriate technologies to serve the public sector and civil society.

Additional information on ISGAD and its projects can be obtained from:

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Law Clinic

The primary aim of the NMMU Law Clinic is to offer an opportunity for clinical legal education to our senior law students. All the final year law students attend the clinic for 1½ hours per week. At the clinic the students have an opportunity to consult with clients, to take statements and prepare them, to determine and analyse the facts of a matter, to do research on the appropriate legislation, to apply the law to the facts and to assist in the preparation for trial, etc. The integration of theoretical knowledge and the handling of practical problem cases promote the application skills of students and make a valuable contribution to the formation of future lawyers. In addition, the Law Clinic provides legal services to the indigent members of Port Elizabeth and the surrounding towns. Legal services, owing to their costs, have become inaccessible to a large part of the South African population. In Port Elizabeth and environs the need for these services are immense. The legal aid rendered directly by the clinic is of a divergent nature, including the conducting of consultation and provision of legal advice, liaison, negotiation and correspondence with various parties such as state departments, attorneys, businesses, financial institutions, etc. The work also naturally includes appearances by the attorneys and candidate attorneys employed by the clinic in various Courts. The clinic deals with an approximately 2 000 clients and make approximately 300 court appearances on behalf of the clients every year.

The Law Clinic also provides training to ten (10) candidate attorneys per year. In appointing these candidate attorneys preference is given to NMMU Alumni from a disadvantaged background

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