

FACULTY OF LAW

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT

BACKGROUND

The Faculty of Law currently offers LLB modules in the following programmes:

1. LLB (4 years) – undergraduate
2. BCom (Law) (offered by the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences)
3. BAAccLLB (offered jointly with the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences)
4. BA (Law) (offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences)
5. LLB (3 years) – second degree, after the completion of another bachelor's degree

Based on teaching considerations and facility limitations the Faculty of Law can only accommodate a total of approximately 320 new students in the above-mentioned programmes each year.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. See www.maties.com for the minimum admission requirements for each programme.
2. Requirements for specific schooling systems¹

All applicants with an American High School Diploma or IEB: International Secondary Certificate or applicants from any online schooling system must complete the NBTs or SATs for admission in 2027.

2.1 SAT scores

A SAT score of a minimum of 610 for English and 530 for Mathematics (for programmes that require Mathematics as an admission requirement).

2.2 NBT scores

- For degree programmes that have a minimum Maths requirement of a 4 or more: “proficient scores” in Academic Literacy (AL), Quantitative Literacy (QL), and Mathematics (MAT),
- For programmes that do not require Maths at a 4 or better: “proficient scores” for AL & QL.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Closing date

- 1.1 The closing date for applications for the LLB (4 years), BCom (Law), BA (Law) and BAAccLLB is **31 July**.

Applicants must write the National Benchmark Test by **31 July** [visit www.nbt.ac.za for more information and to book the test date]. The results of the National Benchmark Test will be used together with the final Grade 11 (or if available final Grade 12 results) for selection. Applicants must ensure that the results reach the University as soon as they become available.

¹ Subject to Faculty Board approval (May 2026)

1.2 The closing date for the LLB (3 year) programme is **31 July**.

2. Selection lists

Separate selection lists are compiled for each programme, these selection lists reach the Faculty by **30 August**.

IMPORTANT: The Faculty of Law reserves its right to adjust marks in specific subjects, in particular Mathematics, for selection purposes. For example the Faculty will adjust the mark that applicants for the LLB (4 year) and BA (Law) programme obtained for Mathematics in order to ensure that applicants that have taken Mathematics (instead of Mathematical Literacy) are fairly treated during selection. Such adjustments are only for selection purposes, provisionally accepted students must always meet the minimum admission requirements of a programme in order to register.

LLB (4 years)

Applicants are arranged according to academic merit (their final Grade 11 aggregate or, if available, their final Grade 12 aggregate, excluding Life Orientation) and their National Benchmark Test (NBT) aggregate (for Academic Literacy and Numeracy Skills) in an 80:20 ratio.

BA (Law)

Applicants are arranged according to academic merit (their final Grade 11 aggregate or, if available, their final Grade 12 aggregate, excluding Life Orientation) and their NBT aggregate (for Academic Literacy and Numeracy Skills) in an 80:20 ratio.

BCom (Law)

Applicants are arranged according to academic merit (their final Grade 11 aggregate or, if available, their final Grade 12 aggregate, excluding Life Orientation) and their NBT aggregate (for Academic Literacy and Numeracy Skills) in an 80:20 ratio.

BAccLLB

Applicants are arranged according to academic merit (their final Grade 11 aggregate or, if available, their final Grade 12 aggregate, excluding Life Orientation) and their NBT aggregate (for Academic Literacy and Numeracy Skills) in an 80:20 ratio.

LLB (3 years)

The selection committee will consider the following during the selection process:

- The overall academic record, including the number of years that an applicant has taken to complete the qualification.
- Performance in the final year of the bachelor's degree (mid-year or final marks, if available).
- The focus area of the bachelor qualification. The 3-year LLB is specifically aimed at students that have obtained bachelor's degrees in non-law programmes, therefore the number of students with prior law qualifications will be limited to 20% of the cohort that will be selected to the programme to ensure that the programme enrolls students from diverse educational backgrounds.
- Any other university qualifications that the applicant may have completed.

3. Selection

LLB (4 years)

First degree applicants:

In order to register the target of 120 students, approximately 160 students are selected according to merit, at least 60 of whom must be BCIA students.

BA (Law)

In order to register the target of 50 students, approximately 75 students are selected according to merit, at least 25 of whom must be BCIA students.

BCom (Law) and BAccLLB

In order to register the target of 100 students, approximately 150 students are selected according to merit, at least 50 of whom must be BCIA students. The division between the two programmes is currently 70/30 but this division may be adjusted annually.

The Faculties of Law, and Economic and Management Sciences coordinate the cut-off point of selection every year to ensure that the cut-off points of the other Economic and Management Sciences programmes and these two above-mentioned programmes correspond.

LLB (3 years)

To ensure the enrolment target of 50 students, approximately 75 students are selected according to merit. At least 50% of the selected students should be BCIA students.

The Faculty therefore selects **460 students**.

Students are informed of the results of the selection process by **30 September**. Students are admitted to a specific programme and may not register for another programme (this does not apply to BCom [Law] or BAccLLB students, as they are permitted to enrol for other Economic and Management Sciences degrees by the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences).

4. Waiting list

After the above-mentioned students have been selected, students that meet the minimum admission requirements, but have not been selected may contact the Faculty Administrator to be placed on a waiting list. Students on the waiting list are typically only considered at the beginning of the relevant academic year.

5. Transfer from other programmes or universities

Only 25 places are available for students applying for transfer from any other faculty or university to any of the above-mentioned programmes. Selection is based on university performance and school results (all applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements for the relevant programme). Should students from this group be selected, they may only register for the programmes if they passed all their modules in the previous academic year and with a total aggregate of 60% in the previous academic year

This provision does not apply to students already registered for an LLB, BA (Law), BCom (Law) or BAccLLB at Stellenbosch University. Such students may change their programmes after having obtained permission of the faculties concerned (that is Law, Economic and Management Sciences, and Arts and Social Sciences).

6. Provisional selection

Students are selected provisionally and must comply with the minimum admission requirements of the programme in order to register.