

SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMME

IIE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL SYSTEM SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMME (Contact)

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this short learning programme (SLP) is to provide the students with an overview of the SA legal system, which includes its historical origins and the role that the South African legal history continues playing in today's legal environment. This SLP also introduces students to the manner in which one deals with legal problems and/or questions. This includes the identification of the legal question from the specific set of facts, and subsequent to this, the identification of the location or source of the law, in order to address the legal question. The SLP also explains the impact of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Constitution) on the South African Legal system; i.e. how the law operates within a Constitutional dispensation. This SLP develops and provides students with a broad range of foundational legal skills including communication, various aspects of South African law, and legal office management.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

For those with the skills, drive and initiative, the legal work environment is a place of great opportunity and reward. Students interested in commencing or furthering a career within the legal environment should attend.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students should meet the following requirements:

- Be proficient in English.
- Should have three to four years work experience.
- Must be able to prepare for lectures and engage in self-directed study outside the classroom and be prepared for dynamic discussion in the classroom.

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DURATION

Lectures are conducted once a week in the evening or on a Saturday morning over 11 weeks.

PROGRAMME EVALUATION

The successful completion of assignments, tests and examinations.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

- Knowledge of the historical origins of the South African law.
- Knowledge of the sources, including the Constitution, legislation, judicial precedent the SA common law (primarily Roman-Dutch), Customary Law (custom) and Indigenous Law.
- Understanding the importance of the Constitution (and the Bill of Rights) and the role it plays in everyday life.
- Understanding the structure and functioning of the SA courts.
- Differentiating between the various sections/classes of law.

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?

At The IIE's Varsity College we are proud of and passionate about our shift away from the 'traditional lecturing' methodology to our blended-learning strategy – the VC Blend.

This blended-learning strategy extends learning beyond the confines of the classroom and creates opportunities for our students to work collaboratively, with peers and their educators, to construct their understanding of concepts. Student engagement is supported by the use of a learning management system (LMS) and the online learning materials that have been developed to underpin our teaching strategy.

This student-focused approach compels our students to be accountable for their learning while developing the critical skills they will need to thrive in the rapidly changing 21st century work environment.

As such, academic life for our students is dynamic, challenging and relevant.

Due to the VCBlend approach, you will be expected to spend time conducting your own research, study for assessments and work on assignments. To gain the most from the blended learning experience, VC's Wireless classrooms and campuses, students are required to BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) such as mobile devices, netbooks, laptops or tablets, etc. so as to develop the necessary academic and digital literacies.

The curriculum below is correct at the time of print. Please note that in line with academic practice, The IIE's curriculum is annually reviewed 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.

CERTIFICATION

Fundamentals of the South African Legal Systems is a SLP that is certified by The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE). Varsity College is an educational brand of The IIE.

Students enrolled for this SLP can submit an application for academic credit upon completion, to be exempt from the equivalent full qualification module when registering for The IIE Higher Certificate in Legal Studies programme.

All SLPs available through Varsity College's The Business School have been specifically designed for working adults. These SLPs differ from The IIE full qualifications also available through Varsity College which are registered on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). Before registration students must ensure that the programme selected best suits their individual learning and workplace objectives.

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 International Higher Education Institution confirming our confidence in the international comparability of our standards.

“The IIE is the only South African private higher education provider which carries the BAC accreditation at this time. Within the challenging context of higher education in our country, it is important that private higher education providers are able to confidently and competently offer options to potential students above and beyond those provided by the public universities and to do so by being able to present evidence of the international comparability of our standards,” said Dr Coughlan.

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

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