

SHORT & CERTIFICATE COURSES

WITS PLUS

INTRODUCTION TO COMMERCIAL LAW

Join Wits Plus and study towards a certificate course *Introduction to Commercial Law*.

The programme is offered at the University of the Witwatersrand, Braamfontein Campus West, under the guidance of highly qualified specialist lecturers.

The course is limited to 35 participants, and a minimum registration of 10 participants is needed to offer the course.

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OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE

The aim of this course is to introduce participants to the South African legal system and provide them with a foundational understanding of the general principles of contract law. The course seeks to instil within each participant the skills necessary for the practical application of commercial law.

PROJECTED OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, successful participants should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the nature, role, history and sources of South African law and the implementation of the law in South Africa;
- Explain the requirements of a contract and analyse them specific to the various types of contract such as sale, lease and insurance;
- Identify the legal issue to a legal problem and apply the relevant law to the question;
- Compare and contrast the various types of contract;
- Explain the process of a risk management plan;
- Define and analyse the need for business ethics in business.

COURSE CONTENT

- Introduction to the history of South African law.
- Discussion of the various sources of South African law.
- Branches and divisions of South African law.
- General overview of South African court system.
- Forms of business enterprise.
- Risk management.
- Definition of a contract.
- Requirements for a valid contract.
- Contracts of Sale, Lease and Insurance
- Credit Agreements.
- Business Ethics.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is aimed at participants who need an introductory overview of South African corporate law for work purposes. It is not aimed at legal professionals.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Tests, assignment and a three hour examination.

LENGTH OF THE COURSE

Lectures will take place once a week over 14 weeks. The duration of each lecture will be two hours (24 total contact hours). The 13th lecture will be revision and will be followed by the 14th a three hour examination.

COMMENCEMENT DATES

Semester 1: February: Thursdays 17:30 – 19:30

Semester 2: July: Thursdays 17:30 – 19:30

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participants should hold a matriculation certificate, be fluent in English and have three to five years working experience. However, each application is considered individually.

FEES

R7 650, which excludes the prescribed textbook.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

The fees for all courses are the responsibility of the individual attending the course. All fees must be paid prior to registration. Payment can be made by electronic payment or bank deposits. You will then need to bring your original proof of payment to Registration day, dates will be provided on your acceptance letter.

CANCELLATION OF A COURSE

Wits Plus courses offered over one semester:

- Cancellation before commencement of lectures will result in an administration fee of 15% of the total course fee regardless of the reason.
- Cancellation after commencement of lectures will result in liability for the full amount of the course fees regardless of the reason.

VISITORS ACCESS

All short course participants are issued with a Visitors Access Card at a cost of ± R140. Parking disc fees also apply: arrangements need to be made with the parking office. You may park in student parking on Braamfontein Campus West.

WHO IS THE LECTURER?

This course will be taught by a subject matter expert.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should be accompanied by a brief CV (3 pages maximum); matric certificate, university academic/tertiary level study record if applicable.

Note: Wits Plus, University of the Witwatersrand, reserves the right to withdraw a course from its programme should registrations not reach viable numbers. In this event a full refund will be made. Refund requests will take a minimum of 30 working days to be processed after all documentation has been received.