PROGRAM RULES



Doctor of Laws

1. Enrolment application:

A candidate's enrolment application must —

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) be addressed to the executive dean; and
- (c) include
 - (i) copies of the candidate's curriculum vitae, academic record and relevant documents; and
 - (ii) a list of all published works; and
 - (iii) an overview of the material to be submitted for the degree; and
 - (iv) a statement of how the material to be submitted
 - (A) constitutes a coherent theme; and
 - (B) contributes to the advancement of knowledge in law; and
 - (v) a statement indicating any publications to be submitted for the degree that have been submitted for any other award and the awards for which they were submitted.

2. Enrolment requirements:

A person may be admitted as a candidate for the degree if the executive dean so decides and the person holds —

- (a) an LLB or JD of this University of not less than 7 years standing; or
- (b) a master of laws of this University of not less than 4 years standing; or
- (c) a PhD of this University (being a doctorate in a branch of legal knowledge); or
- (d) (i) an LLB of another tertiary institution of not less than 7 years standing; or
 - (ii) a master of laws of another tertiary institution of not less than 4 years standing; or
 - (iii) a PhD from another tertiary institution approved by the executive dean; and has carried out or intends to carry out a substantial part of the work associated with candidature for the degree at this University or otherwise has, in the opinion of the executive dean, a sufficient connection with this University.

3. Committee:

The executive dean may appoint a standing committee of eminent and qualified persons to advise on the following matters —

- (a) admission; and
- (b) nomination of examiners; and
- (c) recommendations on the award.

4. Duration:

A candidate must be enrolled for 12 months before submitting material for examination.

5. Submission of material for examination:

- 5.1 The executive dean may reject a submission of material for examination without reference to the examiners if the executive dean decides that the submission does not provide evidence of the candidate's qualifications for the award.
- 5.2 The material submitted for examination must constitute original, scholarly and substantial contributions to the advancement of knowledge of the law and must include a list of relevant publications.
- 5.3 The candidate must submit a signed statement indicating
 - (a) any part of the material that is not original work and confirming the originality of the rest; and
 - (b) any part of the material that has been submitted for another award; and
 - (c) that the candidate is the sole author of a substantial part of the material; and
 - (d) in the case of joint authorship, the extent of the candidate's own contribution.
- 5.4 The candidate must present 4 copies of the material submitted for examination to the executive dean.
- 5.5 The material must be submitted complete, in a suitable form having regard to its content, and must include
 - (a) a title defining the field; and
 - (b) an abstract of up to 700 words; and
 - (c) an indexed list of contents; and
 - (d) the signed statement under rule 5.3.

6. Examination of material:

- 6.1 The executive dean must appoint 2 examiners external to the University to report on the material submitted for examination.
- 6.2 Each examiner must report to the executive dean whether in the examiner's opinion the material
 - (a) represents an important and substantial contribution to the field of knowledge to which it relates; and
 - (b) qualifies the candidate to be recognised as an outstanding authority in that field; and
 - (c) is of sufficient merit for the award of the degree.
- 6.3 After considering the examiners' reports, the executive dean may recommend that senate award the degree.