

Bachelor of Laws with Honours - LM310

1. Objectives

To equip students with knowledge and skill for the legal professions and other professions where an extensive legal background is required.

2. General Entry Requirements

As per General Entry Requirements for admission to the University for Undergraduate Degrees.

3. Programme Requirement

'O' Level in French.

4. Programme Duration

	Normal (Years)	Maximum (Years)
Degree:	3	5

5. Credits per Semester: Minimum 9, Maximum 24 subject to Regulation 4.

6. Minimum Credits Required for Award of Undergraduate Degree: 99

Breakdown as follows:

Degree (3 years)	(Minimum) Core Taught Modules	Elective Modules	Dissertation (equivalent to 2 modules)	Mini- Project	Total
Either	81	12	6	-	99
Or	81	15	-	3	99

7. Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2-hour or 3-hour duration as specified and continuous assessment carrying a range of 10% to 30% of total marks except for a Programme where the structure makes for other specific provision(s). Continuous assessment may be based on assignments and should include at least one class test.

For a student to pass a module, a minimum of 30% should be attained in both Continuous Assessment and Written Examination separately, with an overall total of a minimum of 40% in that module.

Dissertation will carry 6 credits and mini-Projects will carry 3 credits.

8. List of Modules - Bachelor of Laws with Honours

CORE MODULES

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
		L+P	
LAWS 1101(1)	Legal Method & Mauritian Legal System	3+0	3
LAWS 1102(1)	Droits Subjectifs & Droits des Personnes	3+0	3
LAWS 1103(1)	Constitutional Law	3+0	3
LAWS 1104(1)	Communication Skills for Lawyers	3+0	3
LAWS 1107(1)	Administrative Law	3+0	3
LAWS 1201(1)	Human Rights and Civil Liberties	3+0	3
LAWS 1202(1)	Droit des Contrats & Régime des Obligations	3+0	3
LAWS 1203(1)	Responsabilité Délictuelle & Quasi-Contrats	3+0	3
LAWS 1204(1)	General Principles of Public International Law	3+0	3
LAWS 1205(1)	Droit Commercial et Droit des Sociétés	3+0	3
LAWS 2101(3)	Droit Pénal Général	3+0	3
LAWS 2102(3)	Droit des Biens	3+0	3
LAWS 2103(3)	Law of Trusts	3+0	3
LAWS 2104(3)	Company Law	3+0	3
LAWS 2105(3)	Contrats Spéciaux I	3+0	3
LAWS 2106(3)	Environmental Law	3+0	3
LAWS 2201(3)	Droit Pénal Spécial	3+0	3
LAWS 2202(3)	Droit de la Famille	3+0	3
LAWS 2203(3)	Intellectual Property Law	3+0	3
LAWS 3101(5)	Labour Law I	3+0	3
LAWS 2205(3)	Law of Insolvency & Corporate Reorganisation	3+0	3
LAWS 2204(3)	Revenue Law	3+0	3
LAWS 3106(5)	Sûretés	3+0	3
LAWS 3102(5)	Droit des Régimes Matrimoniaux	3+0	3
LAWS 3000Y(5)	Dissertation	-	6
LAWS 3200(5)	Mini-Project	-	3
LAWS 3201(5)	Jurisprudence	3+0	3
LAWS 3203(5)	Droit des Successions & Libéralités	3+0	3
LAWS 3202(5)	Legal Aspects of Finance	3+0	3

ELECTIVE MODULES

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
		L+P	
LAWS 3103(5)	International Economic Law	3+0	3
LAWS 3104(5)	Private International Law	3+0	3
LAWS 3105(5)	Litigation and the Law of Evidence	3+0	3
LAWS 3204(5)	Industrial Relations Law	3+0	3
LAWS 3208(5)	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3+0	3
LAWS 3209(5)	Comparative Legal Studies	3+0	3
ACF 1000(1)	Accounting for Financial Decision Making	3+0	3
LAWS 3002(5)	Cyber Laws	3+0	3
MGT 1117(1)	Principles & Practice of Management	3+0	3
CSE 3203(5)	Management Information Systems	3+0	3

9. Programme Plan - Bachelor of Laws with Honours

YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits	Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
CORE				CORE			
LAWS 1101(1)	Legal Method & Mauritian Legal System	3+0	3	LAWS 1201(1)	Human Rights and Civil Liberties	3+0	3
LAWS 1102(1)	Droits Subjectifs & Droits des Personnes	3+0	3	LAWS 1202(1)	Droit des Contrats & Régime des Obligations	3+0	3
LAWS 1103(1)	Constitutional Law	3+0	3	LAWS 1203(1)	Responsabilité Délictuelle & Quasi-Contrats	3+0	3
LAWS 1104(1)	Communication Skills for Lawyers	3+0	3	LAWS 1204(1)	General Principles of Public International Law	3+0	3
LAWS 1107(1)	Administrative Law	3+0	3	LAWS 1205(1)	Droit Commercial et Droit des Sociétés	3+0	3

YEAR 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits	Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
CORE				CORE			
LAWS 2101(3)	Droit Pénal Général	3+0	3	LAWS 2201(3)	Droit Pénal Spécial	3+0	3
LAWS 2102(3)	Droit des Biens	3+0	3	LAWS 2202(3)	Droit de la Famille	3+0	3
LAWS 2103(3)	Law of Trusts	3+0	3	LAWS 2203(3)	Intellectual Property Law	3+0	3
LAWS 2104(3)	Company Law	3+0	3	LAWS 3101(5)	Labour Law I	3+0	3
LAWS 2105(3)	Contrats Spéciaux I	3+0	3	LAWS 2205(3)	Law of Insolvency & Corporate Reorganisation	3+0	3
LAWS 2106(3)	Environmental Law	3+0	3	LAWS 2204(3)	Revenue Law	3+0	3

YEAR 3							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits	Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
CORE				CORE			
LAWS 3000Y(5)	Dissertation OR	-	-	LAWS 3000Y(5)	Dissertation OR	-	6
LAWS 3200(5)	Mini-Project	-	3	LAWS 3200(5)	Mini-Project	-	3
LAWS 3106(5)	Sûretés	3+0	3	LAWS 3201(5)	Jurisprudence	3+0	3
LAWS 3102(5)	Droit des Régimes Matrimoniaux	3+0	3	LAWS 3203(5)	Droit des Successions & Libéralités	3+0	3
				LAWS 3202(5)	Legal Aspects of Finance	3+0	3
ELECTIVES	CHOOSE TWO/THREE FROM (refer to note below)			ELECTIVES	CHOOSE TWO/THREE FROM (refer to note below)		
LAWS 3103(5)	International Economic Law	3+0	3	LAWS 3204(5)	Industrial Relations Law	3+0	3
LAWS 3104(5)	Private International Law	3+0	3	LAWS 3208(5)	Alternative Dispute Resolution	3+0	3
LAWS 3105(5)	Litigation and Law of Evidence	3+0	3	LAWS 3209(5)	Comparative Legal Studies	3+0	3
MGT 1117(1)	Principles and Practice of Management	3+0	3	CSE 3203(5)	Management Information Systems	3+0	3
ACF 1000(1)	Acc for Fin Decision Making	3+0	3	LAWS 3002(5)	Cyber Laws	3+0	3

NOTE:

Dissertation (LAWS 3000Y(5)) is a 6-credit module taken over Semester 1 and Semester 2 of Year 3. Dissertation students must take 2 elective modules in Year 3 Semester 1 and a further 2 elective modules in Year 3 Semester 2.

Students who do not wish to take Dissertation (LAWS 3000Y(5)) must take Mini-Project (LAWS 3200(5)).

Mini-Project is a 3-credit module which, if chosen, can be taken either in Year 3 Semester 1 or Year 3 Semester 2.

During the semester in which Mini-Project is taken, students must choose 2 elective modules from that semester and three elective modules on the other semester.

10. Outline Syllabus

ACF 1000(1) - ACCOUNTING FOR FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING

The Role of Accounting Information; Recording and Summarising Transactions; Accounting Concepts & Preparing Final Accounts; Adjustments to Final Accounts; Capital v/s Revenue Expenditure; Bank Reconciliation Statement; Accounting Ratios; Accounting for Internal Decision Making Techniques; Elements of Cost; Costing Methods & Techniques; Decision Making Techniques; Accounting for Manufacturers; Budgets.

CSE 3203(5) - MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Fundamentals of information systems; Information systems for business operations; Decision support systems; Information systems for strategic advantage; Managing information technology; Planning and implementing change; Business process re-engineering; Executive Information systems.

LAWS 1101(1) - LEGAL METHOD AND MAURITIAN LEGAL SYSTEM

The Historical Background of Mauritian Law – Impact of English Law and French Law and other Legal Systems – Features of a mixed law system. Various branches of law – Civil Process; Criminal Process; Organisation of Courts; The legal profession and Judiciary; Meaning of Law; Nature of law; Law and Social Sciences; Law and Morality and other Normative System; Sources of Law; Constitution, Legislation, Subsidiary legislation, Customs, Books of Authority, Common Law and Equity; Statutory interpretation; Legal personality; Legal Thoughts and Legal Reasoning.

LAWS 1102(1) - DROITS SUBJECTIFS & DROITS DES PERSONNES

Principes de droit civil du code civil et institutions principales: droit des biens et des obligations; droit de la famille; droit de la personne; droits personnels, droits réels; droit de la personnalité; Droits patrimoniaux et extra-patrimoniaux; capacité juridique; patrimoine.

LAWS 1103(1) - CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Concept of constitution and constitutionalism; Evolution of the Constitution; Theories underlying the Constitutions; Supremacy of the Constitutions v/s Supremacy of Parliament; Constitutional review of legislation; Basic Human Rights Principles; The Executive Parliament; The Judiciary; Constitutionally guaranteed posts; Comparison of the Mauritian Constitution with other Constitutions.

LAWS 1104(1) - COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR LAWYERS

Theory and Models of Communication; Use of English; Written Communication and Oral Presentation; Communication Flow; Using the Media; La Maîtrise du Français et le Juriste Mauricien; Case Study and Analysis; Legal Presentation.

LAWS 1107(1) - ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Nature, Availability and Scope of Judicial Review; Review for Errors of Law and Jurisdictional Defects; Exercise of Discretion; Procedural Impropriety; Validity of Unlawful Administrative Action; Remedies; Decisions of the Service Commissions; Liability of Public Authorities and Public Officers; Redress for the Citizen; Administrative Law and Principles of Good Administration.

LAWS 1201(1) - HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

The Human Rights Concept; Mechanism for securing rights; The right to Equality, to freedom from Discrimination. Political Rights; Rights to Protection against deprivation of property. Human rights requirements in specific contexts.

LAWS 1202(1) - DROIT DES CONTRATS & RÉGIME DES OBLIGATIONS

Le cours comprend une étude de la théorie générale du contrat soit l'acte juridique conventionnel. Tout d'abord par l'analyse des principes fondateurs et des méthodes de classification du contrat. Ensuite les règles relatives à la formation du contrat et les conditions de validité du contrat seront aussi étudiées. Nous verrons aussi les situations de fin prématurée du contrat, l'inexécution du contrat et la responsabilité contractuelle.

LAWS 1203(1) - RESPONSABILITÉ DÉLICTEUELLE & QUASI-CONTRATS

Le cours commence par une introduction à la notion de faits juridiques. Les faits juridiques "profitables", à savoir les différents quasi-contrats et leurs effets en droit, seront traités dans un premier temps. Puis, les différentes théories de la responsabilité extracontractuelle seront analysées pour mieux comprendre les faits

juridiques “dommageables”. Le cours se poursuivra par une étude du dommage, des différents faits juridiques liés au dommage et de la mise en oeuvre de la responsabilité délictuelle. La Jurisprudence française en la matière est tenue en ligne de compte tout en incluant les évolutions de la jurisprudence mauricienne dans ce domaine.

LAWS 1204(1) - GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Introduction à l’histoire du droit International depuis sa formation jusqu’à maintenant; les sources du Droit International; les Sujets du Droit International; le mécanisme juridictionnel International. Droit Humanitaire Internationale.

LAWS 1205(1) - DROIT COMMERCIAL ET DROIT DES SOCIÉTÉS

Actes de commerce; statut de commerçant; le commissionnaire; le gage commercial; les critères de la société et les sociétés commerciales de personnes (société en nom collectif et en commandite simple); le droit de la faillite.

LAWS 2101(3) - DROIT PÉNAL GÉNÉRAL

Introduction au Droit Pénal. Les éléments de l’infraction. La Responsabilité pénale; Imputabilité et Culpabilité. La sanction pénale.

LAWS 2102(3) - DROIT DES BIENS

Le patrimoine; la classification des choses; le droit de propriété – les modalités d’exercice, la propriété immobilière, l’indivision, la co-propriété; la possession et l’acquisition du droit de propriété; les servitudes; l’usufruit.

LAWS 2103(3) - LAW OF TRUSTS

Creation and Nature of Trusts; Appointment of Trustees; Charitable Trusts; Duties of Trustees; Powers of Investment and General Powers; Breach of Trust; Liabilities, Indemnities and Remuneration of Trustees; Rights and Liabilities of Beneficiaries; Maintenance, Advancement and Protective Trusts; Jurisdiction of Court to make Orders; Termination of Trusteeship.

LAWS 2104(3) - COMPANY LAW

Incorporation, lifting the corporate veil; Promoters, Pre-Incorporation Contracts; Memorandum of Association; Articles of Association; Share Capital; Shares; Dividends; Debentures and Loan Capital; Management of Companies; Duties of Directors; Meetings; Minority Protection.

LAWS 2105(3) - CONTRATS SPÉCIAUX I

La vente; le louage; le mandat; le contrat d’entreprise.

LAWS 2106(3) - ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Sources of Environmental Law and Environmental Protection Agencies; Regulation of Environmental Protection; Enforcement of Environmental Law; Town and Country Planning; Environmental Assessment; Atmospheric and Water Pollution; Waste Management; Conservation and Protection of the Countryside, Coastlines, Trees and Woodlands.

LAWS 2201(3) - DROIT PÉNAL SPÉCIAL

Offences against Property; Larceny; Embezzlement; Swindling; Offence against the person; Murder; Wounds and Blows; Offences against the State; Forgery; Conspiracy; Rape; Dangerous Drugs Act; Economic Crimes.

LAWS 2202(3) - DROIT DE LA FAMILLE

Les obligations résultant du lien familial, l’obligation alimentaire; Le mariage; Le divorce; La filiation légitime et la filiation naturelle; L’adoption; La minorité; les incapables majeurs; la tutelle.

LAWS 2203(3) - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Copyrights, Patents; Trademarks; Concurrence Déloyale; Passing Off; Industrial Design.

LAWS 2204(3) - REVENUE LAW

Definition of Tax and Revenue; 'Economic Theories' underlying revenue and taxation; Basis of Mauritian taxation-concept and procedure; Powers of the Commissioner of Income Tax; Offences; Filing of Documents; The PAYE, CPS; Taxation of Income; Taxation of Business Income; Taxation of Companies and Trusts; Tax avoidance; Elements of International Taxation.

LAWS 2205(3) - LAW OF INSOLVENCY & CORPORATE REORGANISATION

Sources and Objectives of Insolvency Law; Causes of Corporate Failure; General Principles of Winding Up. The Appointment, Control, Powers, Duties and Release of the Liquidator; Contributors; The Special Manager; Powers of the Court, Voluntary Winding Up; Members' and Creditors' Winding Up; Declaration of Solvency; Meetings of Members and Creditors; Dissolution; Defunct Companies; Outstanding Assets; The Official Receiver; Receivers and Managers. Arrangement and Reconstruction; Compromise; Amalgamation; Take Over Schemes; Protection of Rights; Acquisition of Shares of Dissenting Members.

LAWS 3000Y(5) - DISSERTATION

Dissertation (equivalent to 2 modules) of not more than 15,000 words on an approved relevant topic.

LAWS 3002(5) - CYBER LAWS

Legal effects of electronic evidence. Digital signatures. Internet law; domain names and the law. Electronic money, online credit card payments, and electronic bills of lading. Computer-related intellectual property rights. Hardware and software contracts. Data protection. Cyber crimes.

LAWS 3101(5) - LABOUR LAW I

Developpement historique du droit du travail; les finalités du droit du travail; les institutions du travail; les sources du travail; la definition du contrat de travail; la conclusion du contrat de travail; les obligations de l'employé et les obligations de l'employeur; les pouvoirs du chef d'entreprise; la suspension du contrat de travail; la modification du contrat de travail; la rupture du contrat de travail.

LAWS 3102(5) - DROIT DES RÉGIMES MATRIMONIAUX

Domaine et principes de la matière; Le régime matrimonial primaire; Régimes légaux; régime de communauté et régime de séparation des biens; Régimes conventionnels; le contrat de mariage.

LAWS 3103(5) - INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

The background of International Relations, and International Economic Relations; GATT; WTO; Regulation of Imports and Exports; International Economic Organisation; BIRD; World Bank; IMF; International Contracts; Financing of International Trade; Letters of Credit and other mode of payment; Transport; Insurance and Bill of Lading; Resolution of Disputes; LOME/COTONOU Convention; Regionalisation European Union/NAFTA; COMESA/SADC.

LAWS 3104(5) - PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

Les conflits de lois; principes des conflits de loi dans le droit de la famille et des personnes, dans le droit des contrats, de délits et des quasi-délits.

LAWS 3105(5) - LITIGATION AND LAW OF EVIDENCE

Basics of Evidence. Burden and Standard of Proof; Presumptions; Competence and Compellability of Witnesses. Examination of Witness. Evidence of Disposition. The Hearsay rule and Exceptions thereto. Confessions and Illegally Obtained Evidence. Privilege and Public Policy; Opinion Evidence Corroboration.

LAWS 3106(5) - SÛRETÉS

Les sûretés du système français; sûretés personnelles et sûretés réelles; cautionnement, garanties autonomes; hypothèques, antichrèse, gages, nantissements; les sûretés de type britannique; les sûretés fixes/flottantes.

LAWS 3200(5) - MINI-PROJECT**LAWS 3201(5) - JURISPRUDENCE**

Meaning of Jurisprudence; Scope of Jurisprudence; Jurisprudence and General Philosophy; Logic and Legal reasoning; Law and Morality Natural Law; Analytical Positivism; Pure Theory of Law; Historical School;

Sociological School; Sociology of Law; American Realism; Scandinavian Realism; Contemporary Issues in Law; Feminism and Ethnicity & Pluralism.

LAWS 3202(5) - LEGAL ASPECTS OF FINANCE

Offshore Business Activities; Laws relating to Banking, Insurance and Trade Finance; Securities, Prospectus Requirements, The Listing Rules, The Stock Exchange Act 1988; Insider Dealing; Model Code for Directors.

LAWS 3203(5) - DROIT DES SUCCESSIONS & LIBÉRALITÉS

La dévolution légale de la succession; Principes généraux: le degré de parenté; l'égalité des successeurs, l'égalité des souches, l'égalité des lignes; La réserve héréditaire; la représentation; La fente successorale. Les divers successibles: Les descendants; le conjoint survivant; les ascendants privilégiés et ordinaires, les collatéraux privilégiés et ordinaires; l'Etat. La dévolution de la succession par l'effet de la volonté; les libéralités; Les donations, la donation-partage des ascendants, les testaments; Le partage; La réduction des libéralités.

LAWS 3204(5) - INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LAW

History of Industrial Relations Law in Mauritius; The Institutional; Right to join Union; Collective Bargaining; Collective Agreement; Industrial Disputes.

LAWS 3208(5) - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Arbitration, Conciliation, Mediation and Negotiation; Advantages of Alternative Dispute Resolution; The Arbitral Agreement; Arbitral Award and Enforcement; Arbitral Tribunal and Proceedings; Appeals.

LAWS 3209(5) - COMPARATIVE LEGAL STUDIES

Legal Families, Comparison of the Civil Law and the Common Law Families. The Comparative Method. Mixed Legal System. Micro-comparison.

MGT 1117(1) - PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF MANAGEMENT

Management Concepts and Functions. The internal and external environments of the organisation. Introduction to Organisational Behaviour. Foundations of Individual and Group Behaviour. Management Decision Making. Communication. Conflict Management. Organisational Culture. Organisational Change and Development. Social Responsibility and Ethics in Management.