



MANDELA INSTITUTE

MEDIA LAW

Postgraduate Certificate Course

**R14 750
INCLUDING VAT**

**12
WEEKS**

**EVENING
LECTURES
17:30 – 19:00**

**8 MARCH –
17 JUNE**

UNIVERSITY OF THE
WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG



WITS
SCHOOL OF LAW

MEDIA LAW

Description	The Media Law postgraduate certificate course is a critical survey of the body of common law and statutory law regulating the print and electronic media in South Africa. The basis of this critical perspective is the extent to which constitutional rights and values constrain the way in which the media functions.
Outcomes	<p>At the end of the course, the student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define and discuss the substantive components of content regulation in terms of controls imposed by defamation and privacy law, the statutory restrictions on hate speech and national security restrictions • Appraise and distinguish the mechanisms of administrative regulation of the media industry • Assess and evaluate the sources and regulation of the print and broadcast media • Evaluate the number of newsgathering practices that are regulated by law. These include protection of sources, contempt of court (the sub judice rule and scandalising the court), and restrictions on the reporting of court proceedings and access to court documents.
Content	<p>The course consists of the following modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Media Law, particularly the constitutional right to freedom of expression and freedom of the media • Theories underlying freedom of expression • The constitutional hate speech exception and the prohibition of hate speech • The treatment of hate speech in comparative context • The common-law and statutory protection of privacy • The law of defamation in the context of the media • The open justice principle: reporting of court proceedings and access to court documents • National security restrictions • The regulation of the print and broadcasting media • Contempt of court and the protection of journalists' sources
Assessment	Research assignment and examination.
Certificate Criteria	<p>One of the following certificates can be obtained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Certificate of Attendance</i>: To obtain a certificate of attendance, students are required to attend and participate in 75% of the lectures. • <i>Certificate of Competence</i>: To obtain a certificate of competence, students are required to attend and participate in 75% of the lectures and to complete the assessments as required in the course.
Accreditation	This course is regarded as NQF Level 8 equivalent and may be credited, subject to university policies, towards the PG Dip in Law or LLM degrees.
Course Dates	This is a semester-long course where participants attend evening lectures from 17:30 to 19:00 once a week during the period 8 March to 17 June 2021.
Venue	Chalsty Teaching and Conference Centre, Oliver Schreiner School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, West Campus, Wits.
Cost	R14 750 including VAT
Covid-19 Arrangements	Courses will be delivered through online lecturing should lockdown regulations prevent contact classes. Students are required to have basic computer skills and stable internet connection.

Detail	Information
Entry Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A relevant <i>Bachelor of Laws</i> or <i>Bachelor of Commerce in Law</i> or <i>Bachelor of Arts in Law</i> or equivalent qualification is a prerequisite for admission to the postgraduate certificate courses; OR Applicants with any other undergraduate qualifications must complete the bridging course <i>Introduction to Law for Non- Lawyers</i> or equivalent courses first as well as have relevant legal work experience in the specific legal field before they would be considered for other courses. <p>You will be required to submit a copy of your Bachelors Degree, academic record as well as a copy of your identity document or passport. NB: ONLY applicants with an LLB qualification may apply for credit for MI short courses towards the Postgraduate Diploma or LLM degrees. Kindly note that all foreign qualifications must be submitted with a SAQA Evaluation Letter.</p> <p>Applications for the <i>Labour Dispute Resolution Practice</i> courses and applications based on <i>other undergraduate qualifications and work experience</i> need to include the following documents with the completed application form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed motivation on why the applicant wants to enrol for the courses A detailed Curriculum Vitae highlighting Certified copies of Qualifications and Academic Records Certified copy of Identity Document or Passport.
How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Online Application Form on the website. Kindly ensure that you provide all the correct details on the online application form and should your employer be responsible for the payment please complete the relevant section before submitting, as invoices cannot be amended afterwards for employer details. Please also submit all supporting documents as stipulated in the entry requirements with application form.
Application Dates	<p>1st Semester courses: 5 September 2020 to 29 January 2021 2nd Semester courses: 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 No late applications will be accepted</p>
Payment of Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL fees must be paid <u>10 days before</u> the start of the semester course or the start of the block release course. Registration is conditional on payment of full tuition fees. The tuition fees are the responsibility of the individual attending the course. For sponsored students, the individual need to ensure that the sponsor or sponsor organisation have enough time to process the payment. After the payment has been made, please ensure that the proof of payment is send.
Cancellation of Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancellation by registrant less than 10 calendar days before the start of the semester/course will result in liability for full payment of the fees. Cancellation by registrant more than 30 calendar days before commencement of the semester/course will result in an administration fee of 15% of the total course fee. Cancellation by registrant after commencement of the semester/course will result in liability for the full amount and forfeiture of all fees paid. The Mandela Institute from the School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand reserves the right to postpone or cancel a course due to lack of demand. In the event of cancellation, or reasonable postponement time, all fees paid will be refunded to the person/entity that made the original payment. Cancellation of Registration can only be done on a Cancellation of Registration Form. Please e-mail us on Mandela.Institute@wits.ac.za to request a Cancellation of Registration Form.
Registration and Enquiries	<p>Senteni Nsibande E mandela.institute@wits.ac.za T +27 11 717 8435 w www.wits.ac.za/mandelainstitute/short-courses/</p>