

## **Bachelor of Commerce in Law**

### **The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE)**

The IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Law aims to equip learners with a well-rounded, broad education to produce graduates equipped with the knowledge base, theory and methodology of commerce and the general rules of law. Graduates will be familiar with the relationship between various aspects of commerce and the general rules of law.

Graduates will hold in high regard their duty to contribute meaningfully to the development of the local and global society and economy. The qualification will equip the learner with specialised knowledge in certain law modules, whilst the commerce modules will allow the learner the ability to develop a specialisation in tax, accounting or governance and compliance.

This qualification will also impart general skills and competencies in numeracy management, literacy and articulation. The qualification is an ideal first degree grounding for a variety of careers in law, business and government. It furthermore enables graduates to articulate to the two-year advanced Bachelor of Laws qualification, which is also offered on this campus.

#### **What is this Degree's accreditation status?**

The IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Law (BCom Law) is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as a 360-credit qualification on level 7 (SAQA ID: 97915).

#### **Who is the Bachelor's degree aimed at?**

This IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Law (BCom) degree is aimed at students who are interested in understanding and critically analysing fundamental legal and business concepts, principles, theories and their relationship to values. The students will also be afforded skills to identify, categorise, analyse and critically evaluate information and evidence from a legal and business perspective. Importantly, graduates are equipped with the ability to communicate correctly, coherently and successfully within a legal and business setting by means of written, oral, persuasive methods and sustained discourse.

## What entry requirements will I need to study this Bachelor's degree?

To be registered you must have satisfied the admission requirements as set out below:

	Criteria	English	Maths/ HG	Math Lit/ SG	Notes
<b>Minimum Admission Requirements</b>	NSC: Degree pass with	50%	40% or	60%	
	NC (V): Degree pass with	50%	50% or	60%	
	SC: Endorsement with	50%	40% or	60%	
	SC(a): Bachelor pass with	50%	40% or	60%	
	<b>International</b>				
	An USAf Exemption Certificate and meeting the relevant Maths and English requirements or requisite English test e.g. TOEFL, IELTS.				
	A cognate Higher Certificate OR cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.			If discipline not cognate at least 20% of credits must be academic literacy or numeracy related.	

Students who do not meet the admission requirements may be eligible for admission via alternate means such as RPL. Please enquire at the campus for assistance.

*Please note, requirements for entry to this qualification are correct at the time of printing, however, these may change.*

## How is this Bachelor's degree structured at The IIE MSA?

The IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Law degree is a three-year degree. The academic year runs from February to November. The modules are delivered on a full-time basis with lectures and tutorials being scheduled during the day from Monday to Friday.

Please note that in line with academic practice, The IIE's curriculum is reviewed annually 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.

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<b>YEAR 1:</b>					
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>NQF Level</b>	<b>Credit value</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>NQF Level</b>	<b>Credit value</b>
Business Management 1A	5	15	Information Systems for Lawyers	5	15
Ethics and Critical Thinking for Lawyers	5	15	Intro to micro and macro economics	5	15
Introduction to Law	5	15	Law of Persons	5	15
Accounting 1A	5	15	Accounting 1B	5	15
<b>YEAR 2:</b>					
Small Business Management	6	15	Business statistics	6	15
Constitutional Law	6	15	Bill of Rights	6	15
Introduction to Taxation Law	6	15	Compliance and Risk Management	7	15
Labour Law	6	15	Law of Enterprise Structures	7	15
<b>YEAR 3:</b>					
Introduction to Research	7	15	Research Practice	7	15
Law of Contract	7	15	Criminal Law	7	15
Strategic Management	7	15	Governance and Ethics	7	15
Family Law	7	15	Administration and Deceased Estates and Wills	7	15

### What about timetables?

The IIE full-time programmes are aimed at students wishing to dedicate themselves to full-time face-to-face studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to be available throughout the day for class in the academic year depending on how the timetable is structured. Students may also be required to write assessments or submit coursework or assignments outside of normal class-time.

Students must understand that timetables remain subject to change throughout the year. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that timetable structures will remain the same during each year of your studies with us. In addition, where students are repeating modules, these modules may be offered in the evenings or on weekends. Students are required to attend classes in order to remain up to date with the academic programme. Students who would like to pursue part-time employment opportunities outside of the academic programme must prioritise their studies and

avoid committing to work schedules until after they have received their timetables and academic calendar from the institution.

### **What must I pass in order to graduate with this Bachelor's degree?**

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for each module of the programme.

### **How long do I have to complete this qualification?**

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this qualification.

### **With what qualification will I graduate?**

You will graduate with The IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Law degree (SAQA ID: 97915).

### **Career opportunities: what career areas can I pursue once I have completed this Bachelor's degree?**

Graduates of the IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Law will be able to enter into a variety of careers in law and business, be it in the private or public sector. Alternatively, graduates may also continue to an advanced law qualification and ultimately follow a career in law, whilst armed with a firm grasp of sound business skills or become entrepreneurs by starting their own businesses.

### **Would it be possible to study further and obtain a postgraduate qualification once I have completed The IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Law degree?**

The IIE Bachelor of Commerce in Law degree is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) at level 7 - the same level as other equivalent undergraduate degrees at both private and public South African institutes of higher education. The opportunity to apply for a postgraduate certificate/diploma or Honours degree at any South African university or higher education institution exists subject to meeting their specific programme entrance criteria.

It is important to remember that your academic results remain a key factor when applying for further studies.

**Call the IIE MSA campus to discuss your career options with one of our Student Advisors.**

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

“South African students need to know, when they select a private higher education institution, that the standards offered are equivalent to those of a public University. Our students get this from our extensive local accreditation and registration. The students also benefit from knowing that we meet international standards too. The IIE is accredited as an Independent Higher Education Institution by the British Accreditation Council. Locally and internationally we have demonstrated the quality of what we offer,” said Dr Coughlan, Director, The Independent Institute of Education.

IIE MSA students can be confident that their IIE learning experience meets international best practice standards.