



## Criminology, Law & Society Programme LLM / MPhil

**Cutting edge new programme in Social Justice, Criminology, including Forensics, Law and Development**



### Law as a Tool for Social Change

#### ABOUT the programme

Public Law is offering a new interdisciplinary LLM/MPhil programme in Criminology, Law and Society in 2014, in conjunction with the Centre for Law & Society and the Centre of Criminology. This programme will appeal to students with interests in law and society, criminology, law and development and social justice. The programme aims at developing interdisciplinary skills in theory and research methods and offers a range of speciality courses including social justice; forensic science; punishment and human rights; policing, victimology and international criminal law, among the other exciting courses offered in the Faculty. A key focus of the programme is on equipping students with the methodological skills necessary to understand and deal with "law in action", linking them to two of the Faculty's most innovative and exciting research centres.

#### Compulsory Course:

##### Law in action: research methods (PBL5848F) \*New Course\*

This course aims to prepare students both to properly understand empirical research and methods, and to engage in empirical research projects of their own. It focuses on qualitative interviewing; observational research techniques; text analysis; and research design and evaluation.

#### Compulsory Course, choose 1 of 2:

##### Theories of Crime and Social Order (PBL5820F)

The course will help you to gain an understanding of the theoretical

ideas that have shaped and are shaping criminal justice policy and the way in which both implicit and explicit policy agendas are realized in practice. You will explore the history of criminological theory on understandings of crime and social order and consider the thinking of seminal criminological theorists and schools of thought.

##### Law & Society (In Africa) (PBL5848F) \*New Course\*

This interdisciplinary course looks at theoretical perspectives on the relationship between law and society and their application within the African context. It will consider questions of legal culture and institutions, asking questions like: why some laws are made and others not; what institutional barriers block implementation; why citizens turn to the law (or not); and what other forms of social regulation operate in tandem with law.

#### Speciality Courses:

##### Social Justice, Law and Poverty (PBL5647S)

This inter-disciplinary course is about law in context and examines and critiques different approaches to poverty alleviation, with emphasis on theories that have been translated by governments and global agencies into strategies. It focuses on how different conceptualisations of development, social justice and poverty lead to an emphasis on different institutional structures, policies and outcomes.

##### Forensic Science and Law (PBL587S) \*New Course\*

The course engages with questions of evidence and criminal procedure, as well criminology and criminal law through a focus on: the crime scene investigation process; forensic evidence that may be



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collected and presented in court; the identification, documentation and collection of physical evidence; biological evidence; forensic anthropology and odontology; fire investigation and forensic accounting.

#### **Punishment and Human Rights (PBL5815S)**

The course examines four main themes: philosophical justifications that have historically been provided for sentencing; current justifications for punishment/ purposes of the correctional system; constraints placed on sentencing in South Africa by human rights norms contained in the Bill of Rights and international law; and current and future sentencing practice in South Africa.

#### **Victims and Victimology: Theory, Policy and Practice (PBL5822S)**

The course aims to: track the development of victimology as a field of theoretical and empirical enquiry; consider policies and practices associated with victim studies; and examine the impact of post-conflict political processes of truth seeking and reconciliation on a victim-centred approach to justice.

#### **Police and Policing: Explorations in Security Governance (PBL5844S)**

The course explores what trends in governance can tell us about policing and what policing can tell us about developments in governance. It focuses on the impacts that global and local governance developments; new risks, spaces and technologies, have on state and non-state policing, and the regulatory and human rights implications of new trends in policing.

#### **International Criminal Law (PBL5807S)**

This course provides an introduction to specialist studies in international criminal law. It covers the history and development of international criminal law, detailed analysis of the core crimes of international criminal law, and the procedural and jurisdictional rules governing the domestic and international prosecution of international crimes. The prosecution of international crimes by the International Criminal Court, and States' cooperation with the Court, are given a special focus throughout the course. Students will require a background in either international or criminal law.

#### **Compulsory research component:**

#### **Masters in Criminology, Law and Society Minor Dissertation (PBL5850W)**

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