



**UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
FACULTY OF LAW
POSTGRADUATE LAW STUDENTS' ORIENTATION
PROGRAMME**

DATES: 11-13 FEBRUARY 2025

KRAMER LAW BUILDING, UCT MIDDLE CAMPUS, STANLEY ROAD, RONDEBOSCH, CAPE TOWN

Congratulations on your admission as a postgraduate student at UCT Law, whether as a doctoral or masters research candidate, or in one of our School for Advanced Legal Studies (SALS) LLM, MPhil, or PG Diploma programmes!

Below is the schedule for your **in-person** orientation taking place from 11 to 13 February 2025.

On 11 February, **all** postgraduate students (i.e. PG diploma, professional masters students, coursework and minor dissertation students, and research masters and doctoral candidates) are expected to attend. Join us for lunch in the **Pius Langa quad**.

On 12 February, SALS students who intend to do an LLM by coursework with a **minor dissertation**, as well as **research masters** and **doctoral candidates** are expected to attend (i.e. professional masters and PG diploma students are **not** expected to attend).

On 13 February, **doctoral students** are expected to attend. Research masters students **may** attend.

In the afternoon of 13 February, **all postgraduate students** are invited to attend a social hosted in collaboration with the Postgraduate Law Students Council from 3pm. RSVP [here](#).

During postgraduate orientation, not only will you receive crucial information about your postgraduate studies; orientation is also an opportunity to meet some of your lecturers, supervisors (if applicable), and fellow students, as well as learn about how our Law Faculty works.

Additional library and data management training will be available (online and in-person) to students during term.





PG LAW STUDENTS ORIENTATION 2025

DAY 1: 11 February 2025 @ Kramer Lecture Theatre 2, Level 2, Kramer Law Building (for all PG law students)

- 9h00** **All students:** Welcome, [Professor Danwood Chirwa, Dean of the Law Faculty](#)
- 9h15** **All students:** Housekeeping and student perspectives on PG studies at UCT Law, PG Orientation Leaders and Postgraduate Law Students Council reps
- 9h30** Q&A with PG students
- 9h45** **All students:** Overview of academic expectations and research ethics, [Associate Professor Kelley Moul, Deputy Dean of Postgraduate Studies](#)
- 10h30** Comfort break and refreshments
- 11h00** **Research masters and doctoral students proceed to the Faculty Common Room:** Meet prospective supervisors
LLM/MPhil coursework students remain in Kramer LT 2: Presentation on choosing between Research Tasks vs Mini-dissertation (incl. finding a supervisor and concluding a memorandum of understanding), [Associate Professor Lee-Ann Tong, Department of Commercial Law](#)
- 11h30** **LLM/MPhil coursework students:** Q&A with Lee-Ann
- 11h45** **All students return to Kramer LT 2:** Getting comfortable with your registration process, IT systems, and the Faculty Office, *Clare Richfield and other Faculty Office staff, Student Administration*
- 12h45** Q&A with Clare
- 13h00** **All students:** Finger lunch in the Pius Langa Quad (RSVP [here](#))
- 14h00** **All students:** Breakaway sessions to learn more about your degree structure and content (see next page for venues and details)
- 15h00** **All students:** Scavenger hunt – get to know the [Brand van Zyl Law Library](#), the Law Faculty building, and staff (and WIN PRIZES!) – **return to Kramer LT 2 by 16h00**
- 16h00** **All students:** Building your CV during your PG studies: publications, social media, conference attendance, seminars, and more, [Associate Professor Melanie Murcott, Department of Public Law](#)
- 16h15** Day 1 closure and prize giving, [Dr Lufuno Sadiki, Centre for Criminology](#)



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BREAKAWAY SESSIONS ON PG PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC INFORMATION
11 February 2025 14h00-14h55

Students must breakaway to the below venues to find out programme-specific information relevant to them. The purpose is to empower PG law students to choose modules in a coherent and rational manner, or to make sense of the key expectations of their research masters or doctoral degrees. In addition, students can find out about concessions to re-register for a module or for credits from other universities and other administrative issues.

Programme	Presenter	Venue
Company Law	Dr Simphiwe Phungula	Kramer 2A
Intellectual Property Law	Associate Professor Lee-Ann Tong	Kramer 2B
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Ms Monique Carels	Kramer 4A
General Commercial Law	Professor Michelle Louw	Kramer 4B
Law of Mineral and Petroleum Extraction Use	Professor Hanri Mostert	Faculty Common Room
Environmental Law and Marine and Environmental Law	Professor Alexander Paterson	Kramer LT3
Criminology, Law and Society	Associate Professor Irvin Kinnes	Kramer 5A
Human Rights Law	Ms Salona Lutchman	Kramer 5B
International Law	Associate Professor Cathy Powell	Kramer 5G
Shipping Law	Dr Denning Metuge	Kramer 5C
Constitutional and Administrative Law	Professor Pierre De Vos	Victoria Mxenge 1
Tax Law	Associate Professor Afton Titus	Victoria Mxenge 2
Labour Law	Professor Rochelle Le Roux	Kramer LT2
Research masters and doctoral students	Dr Leo Boonzaier, Patricia Phillips	Bram Fischer

After the breakaway sessions, students are requested to meet their assigned PG Orientation Leader to begin their Scavenger Hunt





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DAY 2: 12 February 2025 @ Kramer Lecture Theatre 2, Level 2, Kramer Law Building (coursework with minor dissertation students, research masters and doctoral candidates)

9h00	The supervisor-student relationship, Prof. Caroline Ncube, DSI/NRF SARChI Research Chair in Intellectual Property, Innovation and Development , Department of Commercial Law
10h00	Concluding a memorandum of understanding with your supervisor, Associate Professor Cathleen Powell, Department of Public Law
10h15	Comfort break and refreshments
10h45	Navigating the electronic Research Administration System, Dr Helena Stoop, Department of Commercial Law
11h00	Introduction to the Faculty research centres, institutes, projects, and initiatives
13h00	Finger lunch in the Pius Langa Quad (RSVP here)
14h00	Finding a research question
15h00	Comfort break
15h15	Preparing a research proposal
16h15	Preparing a literature review
17h00	Day 2 closure



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DAY 3: 13 February 2025 @ Victoria Mxenge, Level 6, Kramer Law Building (doctoral candidates, optional for research masters students)

9h00	Data and bibliography management, Anthea Paulsen, Law Librarian
10h30	Comfort break and refreshments
11h00	Introduction to research methods
13h00	Finger lunch in the Pius Langa Quad (RSVP here)
14h00	Succeeding in your doctoral research panel discussion

ALL PG STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A FACULTY SOCIAL (BRAAI)
FROM 15h00 ON 13 FEBRUARY OUTSIDE LEVEL 3 OF THE KRAMER LAW
BUILDING
[RSVP](#)



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

UCT is an 'in-residence university'. What does this mean?	Students are generally expected to undertake their studies in the vicinity of UCT, as opposed to by way of correspondence.
What is SALS?	UCT Law Faculty's School for Advanced Legal Studies
When does the first term start?	Classes start on 17 February 2025. Check out the academic calendar here .
What is the difference between a SALS course offered in block weeks and a course offered weekly?	Some of SALS LLM/MPhil/PG Diploma courses are scheduled in block weeks, which means classes for the module occur in a condensed manner, typically over two weeks during the semester, whereas courses offered weekly entail 3-hour lecture slots that occur weekly throughout the semester. Block week courses are more suited to students who do not live permanently in Cape Town during their studies.
What is eRA?	UCT's electronic research administration system, where students and academics must apply for research ethics clearance, and other project approvals.
If I fail one or more courses, is there a supplementary exam?	No, students who fail, but earn an overall course mark (exam + assignment, as applicable) of 47%-49% are afforded the opportunity to do an oral exam, but no supplementary examinations are available for LLM students. A pass is 50%.
If I fail to submit my research task on the due date, may I get an extension?	A research task is to be treated like an exam. No extensions are possible for research tasks. The only way to submit is by re-enrolling the following year, and incurring the costs thereof. You may face academic exclusion.
If I fail my research task, is there a supplementary exam.	There is no supplementary examination for a research task. If you fail your research task you will need to re-enrol the following year and incur the cost thereof. You may face academic exclusion.
I am a PhD student. When is my research proposal due?	You must submit your proposal to the Faculty Office with sign off from your supervisor within 6 months of registration.
How can I book library training?	Students can book a library training session with Anthea Paulsen (anthea.paulsen@uct.ac.za).



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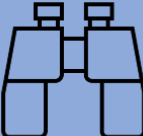



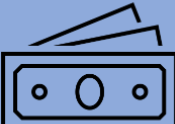






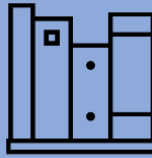

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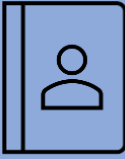

















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<p>Funding opportunities</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Student Wellness</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p>Registration details</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Law Library resources such as plagiarism declaration, online tools, etc.</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>

<p>Faculty handbook</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>International exchange programmes</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p>Student housing</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Centre for Higher Education and Development Support for PhD students</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p>UCT Policies (including research ethics)</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>SALS timetables</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p>Postgrad hub (with Rules and Regulations – see Current Postgrads)</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>List of prospective supervisors</p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>



Please join us for lunch
during the
School for Advanced Legal Studies Orientation
Tuesday 11 February 2025
13h00
Pius Langa Quad

Be part of building our Faculty community
Come and welcome our new cohort of postgrads



Meet our 2025 POSTGRADUATE cohort