



**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 **Tuesday, 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 **Wednesday, 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 **Thursday, 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 Moulton, 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 Hannah Woolaver	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 Philips	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 and concluding a memorandum of understanding with your supervisor, [Prof. Caroline Ncube, DSI/NRF SARChI Research Chair in Intellectual Property, Innovation and Development](#), Department of Commercial 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, facilitated by Dr Lufuno Sadiki, Centre for Criminology
- 13h00 [Lunch in the Pius Langa Quad](#) (RSVP [here](#))
- 14h00 Preparing a literature review, Associate Professor Kelley Moul, Deputy Dean: Postgraduate Studies (or another member of the Centre for Criminology)
- 15h00 [Comfort break](#)
- 15h15 Finding a research question, [Associate Professor Jameelah Omar, Deputy Dean: Undergraduate Studies and Department of Public Law](#)
- 16h15 Preparing a research proposal, [Dr Leo Boonzaier, Department of Private Law](#)
- 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, [Dr Leo Boonzaier, Department of Private Law](#)
12h40 Support for PG students, Amanda Bessick, Office for Postgraduate Studies and Researcher Development
13h00 *Lunch in the Common Room (Level 4)* (RSVP [here](#))
14h00 Succeeding in your doctoral research panel discussion, chaired by [Dr Nomfundo Ramalekana](#)

On 14 February, there will be an Introduction to SA Law session in Kramer Lecture Theatre 1 for foreign/MPhil students, commencing at 8h30, and ending at 14h00.

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 - GENERAL

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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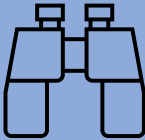

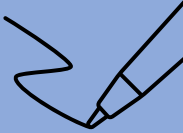

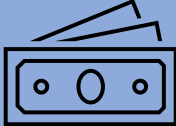






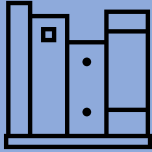

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - REGISTRATION

I have registered, but need to change my curriculum, what should I do?	Students who wish to change their curriculum post-registration need to submit this form: https://forms.uct.ac.za/studentadmin/aca09.pdf via a Peoplesoft service request. Please consult your programme convenor a student advisor for advice regarding this change.
Who are the SALS Student Advisors?	A/Prof Afton Titus (Commercial Law Courses) A/Prof Lee-Ann Tong (Commercial Law Courses and General) A/Prof Hannah Woolaver (Private and Public Law Courses)
Who are the Postgraduate Programme Convenors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Law Dr F Adams • Comparative Business Law in Africa Professor A Ordor • Constitutional and Administrative Law Professor P de Vos • Criminology, Law and Society Associate Professor I Kinnes • Dispute Resolution L Mkhwanazi • Human Rights Law S Lutchman (1st semester) ; M Baase (2nd semester) • Environmental Law Professor A Paterson • Intellectual Property Law Associate Professor L-A Tong (1st semester); Associate Professor T Schonwetter (2nd semester) • Judicial Studies Professor P de Vos • International Law Associate Professor H Woolaver • International Trade Law Professor A Ordor • Labour Law Professor R Le Roux • Marine and Environmental Law Professor A Paterson • Law of Mineral and Petroleum Extraction and Use Professor H Mostert • Public Law Associate Professor H Woolaver • Shipping Law Dr D Metuge • Tax Law Associate Professor A Titus • International Taxation Professor J Hattingh
How do I generate proof of registration?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in to PeopleSoft with your student number and password, and click on 'self-service' 2. Select the 'proof of registration' option and the year you require (this can be found on the drop-down menu 'Academic records' on the Student Centre) 3. Follow the link and click on the green email icon to send it to your student email account 4. Log in to your student e-mail account 5. Your proof of registration will be sent to you as a PDF document.
Who can help me if I have trouble registering online?	Log a call with SSS: sss-helpdesk@uct.ac.za or 012 650 5227 them during work hours.
How do I cancel my registration?	If you are unable to continue your studies, submit a cancellation of registration form ACA08 via a Peoplesoft service request: https://forms.uct.ac.za/aca08.pdf . Note that there are deadlines and fee implications.

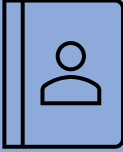

















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<p><i>Overview of SALS PG programmes</i></p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p><i>Writing Centre</i></p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p><i>Funding opportunities</i></p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p><i>Student Wellness</i></p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p><i>Registration details</i></p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p><i>Law Library resources such as plagiarism declaration, online tools, etc.</i></p> 	 <p>SCAN ME</p>



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



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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