Lincoln University of Eswatini (LUE)

Faculty of Law

PROSPECTUS

Master of Laws

(LLM)

Advance Your Legal Career Without Leaving Eswatini

1.5 Years | 3 Semesters | 60 Credits per Semester | 180 Total Credits | ESQF Level 9

ACCREDITATION STATUS: This programme has been developed by LUE in accordance with Eswatini Higher Education Council (ESHEC) Programme Approval Standards and is being submitted to ESHEC for accreditation. Prospective applicants should confirm the current accreditation status of this programme with LUE's Admissions Office before enrolling.

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WELCOME

LUE's Master of Laws (LLM) is Eswatini's first locally available postgraduate legal qualification — a 1.5-year programme combining advanced coursework in constitutional law, human rights, commercial and banking law, intellectual property and international trade law with a substantial dissertation.

Why Study LLM at LUE?

- Until now, Emaswati LLB graduates seeking postgraduate legal training have had to study abroad, at significant personal cost.
- Benchmarked directly against leading regional LLM programmes (University of Pretoria, University of Cape Town), so your qualification is recognised.
- Specialised coverage of commercial, corporate, banking/finance and intellectual-property law relevant to Eswatini's growing economy.
- A genuine research LLM: a 45-credit dissertation examined with an external examiner, not just coursework.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Award:	Master of Laws
Faculty:	Faculty of Law
Duration:	1.5 Years | 3 Semesters | 60 Credits per Semester | 180 Total Credits | ESQF Level 9
Total Credits:	180 credits
ESQF Level:	Level 9
Mode of Study:	Full-Time, Campus Learning
Number of Modules:	10 modules
Practical/Workplace Learning:	A 45-credit Dissertation, examined with an external examiner

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- An LLB degree (or equivalent professional law qualification) with an average of at least 60% across final-year modules.
- Admitted attorneys/advocates whose LLB average falls below 60% may be considered on the strength of subsequent professional experience.

International qualifications are accepted subject to LUE's equivalency assessment and Eswatini Qualifications Authority (EQA) confirmation. Mature applicants without the standard qualifications may apply via LUE's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process. All applicants remain subject to LUE's Admissions Committee decision, which may apply additional selection criteria where places are limited.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

180 credits over 1.5 years (3 semesters): two semesters of advanced coursework, followed by dissertation research and writing.

Semester 1

Module	Credits
Advanced Legal Research and Writing	15 cr.
Jurisprudence and Legal Theory	15 cr.
Comparative Constitutional Law	15 cr.
International Human Rights Law	15 cr.

Semester 2

Module	Credits
Commercial and Corporate Law	15 cr.
Banking and Finance Law	15 cr.
Intellectual Property Law	15 cr.
International Trade and Investment Law	15 cr.

Semester 3

Module	Credits
Law and Development in the SADC Region	15 cr.
LLM Dissertation	45 cr.

Full Course Learning Outcomes, weekly teaching schedules and reading lists for every module are available in LUE's Detailed Course Outlines for this programme, available on request from the Admissions Office.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Foundational Legal Theory

Jurisprudence and Legal Theory, Comparative Constitutional Law, and International Human Rights Law.

Commercial and Regulatory Specialisation

Commercial and Corporate Law, Banking and Finance Law, Intellectual Property Law, and International Trade and Investment Law.

Eswatini and Regional Relevance

Law and Development in the SADC Region examines legal-sector reform and regional integration specific to Eswatini's context.

CAREER AND FURTHER-STUDY PATHWAYS

LLM graduates are prepared for advanced legal practice and beyond:

- Senior legal practice (commercial, banking or human-rights law)
- Judicial or regulatory-body careers
- Financial-sector legal/compliance roles
- Legal academia
- Doctoral (PhD) study in law

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Every module is assessed using LUE's standardised, criterion-referenced rubrics, moderated internally and, for capstone/thesis/dissertation components, externally examined. Marks are converted to a letter grade and grade point on LUE's institution-wide scale:

Percentage Mark	Letter Grade	Grade Point	Interpretation
80–100	A+	4.00	Exceptional
70–79	A	4.00	Excellent
60–69	B	3.00	Very Good
50–59	C	2.00	Good
45–49	D	1.00	Pass
0–44	F	0.00	Fail

Award Classification

Classification	Weighted Average
Distinction	70% and above
Merit	60% – 69%
Pass	50% – 59%

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit a completed LUE application form, available from the Admissions Office or LUE's website.
- Attach certified copies of academic transcripts and certificates evidencing the entry requirements set out above.
- Attach a certified copy of your national identity document or passport.
- Pay the non-refundable application fee specified by LUE's Finance Office.
- Attend an admissions interview or assessment, where required for this programme.

Applications are considered by LUE's Admissions Committee, and successful applicants receive a formal offer of a place, conditional upon final confirmation of qualifications and, where applicable, ESHEC accreditation status at the time of enrolment.

Contact

Faculty:	Faculty of Law

Office:	LUE Admissions Office

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