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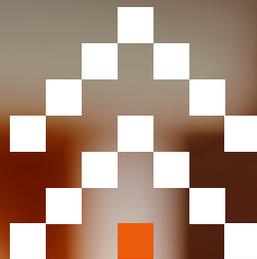
Short Learning Programme in Social Security Law

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Programme Overview

The Fully Online Short Learning Programme (SLP) in Social Security Law offers an in-depth overview of South Africa's normative and institutional framework for social protection. Through a sound discussion of the constitutional foundations for the provision of social protection in the country, the programme offers a deeper understanding of the relevant contingencies within Social Security Law as well as the protection measures in place. The programme is designed for professionals and practitioners in the social protection space, policy makers, and individuals passionate about socio-economic rights advocacy, students will be able to navigate, influence, and advance socio-economic rights in both public and private sectors.

Programme Purpose and Impact

South Africa stands at a crucial juncture in achieving socio-economic justice, resulting in a growing need for specialists in social security law. This SLP equips students with the legal knowledge necessary to make meaningful contributions in their fields. Whether you are involved in law, public policy, development, or social services or are making a shift into these domains, this programme offers expert insights that improves the ability to lead, litigate, conduct research, and advocate effectively. Aligned with **SDG 1: No Poverty** and **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities**, the SLP in Social Security Law directly addresses societal needs and strengthens the students' capacity to fulfil their professional and ethical obligations.

Programme Content

The programme provides students with a solid understanding of the constitutional foundations for social protection in South Africa, covering the following key topics:

Topic 1: Introduction to social security law

Topic 2: The Constitutional context

Topic 3: The institutional and administrative frameworks

Topic 4: Social assistance

Topic 5: Employment injuries and diseases

Topic 6: Unemployment

Topic 7: Healthcare

Topic 8: Maternity and parental responsibility

Topic 9: Old age and dependants' benefits

Programme Presenter



The Programme is presented by Professor Swikani Ncube, an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Practical Business Law at UJ. He holds the degrees LLB (Fort Hare), LLM (Stellenbosch) and LLD (UJ). Professor Ncube teaches Social Security Law in the mainstream LLB programme and has presented conference papers and published journal articles and book chapters on the subject. His 2024 co-authored journal article titled "A renewed argument for the designation of Social Security Law as a module in the LLB curriculum" underscores the importance of Social Security Law in South Africa and calls for public universities to make the module a core module in the LLB curriculum. Professor Ncube is a member of the South African Branch of the International Law

Association (SABILA), the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) and the African Network of Constitutional Lawyers (ANCL). He is also an Associate Editor of the Comparative and International Law Journal of Southern Africa (CILSA).

Programme Delivery

The programme is delivered fully online via UJ's Moodle platform, combining live and recorded sessions for flexibility. Students will attend weekly two-hour online workshops over 10 weeks with exact dates to be confirmed. Students will engage with curated resources and participate in interactive discussions that deepen their understanding of the subject matter.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must hold a Diploma (NQF Level 6) or an equivalent qualification in law, labour, social justice, political science, or a related field.

Application Dates

Applications for 2026 open **31 August 2025** and closes **20 March 2026**.

Documents Required

- **Certified** copy of identity document.
- **Certified** copy of matric certificate.
- **Certified** copy of tertiary qualification(s).
- Copy of academic transcript of your qualifications.
- **Certified** copy of marriage/divorce certificate (if applicable).

Online Application

For online applications, follow the link below or scan the QR Code. No fee is payable for online applications.

Link: https://registration.uj.ac.za/pls/prodi41/wuj012pkg.wuj012_startup

Use Token: **LAWDIGI**, to find and apply for our **Online Programmes**.

For help with your application, follow this link: <https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/law/courses-and-programmes/short-courses/step-by-step-to-apply/>.



Should you require assistance with recovering your student number/pin/password, contact the University call centre on **Tel:** 011 559 4555 or **Email:** mylife@uj.ac.za

Programme Fees

Fees for 2026
R10 000.00

A full upfront payment of the course fees is required upon registration. It is advised that students start making payments towards their fees by depositing money into their student account on a monthly basis upon being admitted for the programme.

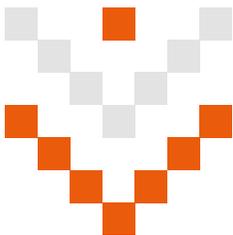
Contact the course administrator for the final course fees.

Students whose fees are paid by a bursary, or employer must request for a tax invoice from the NSP financial officer, Ms Lydia Sibanda, **Email:** nspfinance@uj.ac.za or **Tel:** 011 559 2037.

Students who do not pay the required deposit fee will not be permitted to register and thus will not be able to attend class.

Administrative Enquiries

For administrative assistance and enquiries, please contact the course administrator, Mrs. Precious Musembwa, **Email:** mprecious@uj.ac.za or **Tel:** 011 559 2399.



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