



Augmented Articles

2-Year Program

What is the 2 Year Augmented Articles Programme About?

The job market for attorneys, candidates, paralegals, in-house counsel, pupils and advocates, and LLB graduates generally, has become increasingly strained as a result of (amongst other things) the Covid-19 Pandemic and the resultant economic decline. Our novel 2-year Augmented Articles programme has been created to distinguish our graduates from others in the job market at all levels, by empowering them with practical training delivered in cutting edge fields by experts that will set you apart from your peers.

The aim of the programme is to give participants in the program an advantage over other applicants competing for top positions in law firms, both as candidate attorneys and admitted attorneys, as well as to equip candidate attorneys to start their own law firms upon their admission. This training is also indispensable for advocates and pupils (most especially trust account advocates) wishing to distinguish themselves from their colleagues and establish their practices in the specialised fields that training is offered in.

Graduates and employers alike have expressed frustration at the level of theoretical knowledge gained by graduates at graduation from University, as they are often not adequately equipped with the practical skills required in the legal workplace. This programme serves further as a stepping stone for those in academia who want to spread their wings into practice, but who are not quite ready yet to 'take the leap' or who feel the need to get a 'head start' in relation to their peers, before going into practice.

Our team of lecturers/facilitators consists of experienced attorneys, business leaders, university lecturers and information technologists, who are all at the forefront of their respective industries. Our network of affiliated law firms have come together to create a truly unique offering. Our affiliate network provides in-house training to the candidates at the affiliated firms, and a collaborative effort amongst our affiliates is employed to provide in-house Practical Vocational Training ("PVT") to the candidates at these firms.

Our programme includes online training most week days from 2 – 5 pm, in a wide array of fields, over a two-year period. Successful candidates will be presented with a completion certificate to validate their completion of the training.

Who is the 2 Year Augmented Articles Programme Aimed At?

Any person who wants to learn new skills in cutting edge fields of law, and equip themselves with a wide array of skills and an in-depth knowledge of new emerging fields of law, including:

- Candidate attorneys and admitted attorneys
- LLB graduates who want to distinguish themselves before going into practice
- Advocates and pupils
- Trust account advocates
- Paralegals
- Legal scholars looking to supplement their learning in various fields

Can I Work and Study at the Same Time?

Absolutely, if you are free from 2 – 5 most week days. Our program is hosted in the cloud, with the learning materials made available to our students through our curated learning management system and our contact sessions consisting mostly of online meetings over Teams/Zoom. Our study

time table runs most week days from 2 pm – 5 pm, so if you are working and your boss is happy to give you the time off to develop your skills, our programme is definitely for you.

I am Looking for Articles as a Candidate Attorney. Will this Programme Help Me?

Although this programme does not provide a guarantee of any graduate obtaining a placement as a candidate attorney, LexU has a network of participating law firms that are always looking for the brightest young minds, and we will link you to these law firms, such that you can continue your conversation in relation to employment with them.

Free PVT In-house Training for Candidate Attorneys at Affiliated Firms

If you are hired by one of our affiliated firms, you will qualify for free PVT training by our affiliated network of firms. If you are employed by any other body/person who is not affiliated you *can still do training with us* – only then you are not eligible to do free in-house PVT training with us (which you won't need if you are applying in any capacity other than as a candidate attorney anyway!). Our PVT co-ordinator runs an excellent in-house program, and is always looking to expand it and make it more exciting. The PVT program includes assistance with study and revision, in preparation for board exams in August of the first year.

Additional Perks:

- Access to legal professionals operating from our Melrose Arch, Hoedspruit, and Zebula (Limpopo) campuses;
- Membership to the Johannesburg Attorneys' Association;
- Membership to the Gauteng Attorneys' Association;
- Unlimited Wi-Fi at our campuses;
- Complimentary tea, coffee at our campuses;
- Secure environment with direct building access at our campuses;
- Use of Law Library and other electronic research tools.

Monthly Tuition Fee:

R11,845.00 incl. VAT (11 months per annum)

THE COURSE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING CORE COMPONENTS:

21 LexU Law Full Week Modules;
8 LexU Law Short Lecture Series;
Business Administration courses; and
Lifestyle Management courses.

LexU Full Week Law Modules*

- Forensics Law
- Cannabis Law
- Tender and Procurement Law
- Company Secretarial Law
- BEE Compliance and structuring
- Municipal Law
- Cross-border Contract Drafting
- Intellectual Property Law
- Insurance Law
- Credit Security Law
- Advanced Property Law
- Conveyancing Practice*
- Notarial Practice*
- Business Rescue Law (add on to Insolvency Practice)

- Information Law – POPI and PAIA
- Cyber Law/ Cryptocurrencies and Block Chain
- Starting your Own Law Firm – What you Need to Know and Do
- Medical Negligence Law
- Tax Law
- Court Presentation (Mock trial, Moot court and Advocacy skills)
- Caselines and electronic court system management training

*These courses are longer than one week, due to the large amount of content.

LexU Short Lecture Series

- Entertainment Law
- Sports Law
- Banking Law
- Practice Directives
- Management Skills for Managers
- Drafting Heads of Argument
- Construction Contracts
- FICA

Business Administration Courses

- Law and Technology
- Research Methodology
- Time and Calendar Management
- Numeracy Skills
- Basic Word, Excel and PDF Training
- Communication skills
- Document Management
- Court, Meeting and Communication Etiquette
- Branding
- Marketing
- Communications
- Website and Social Media Management

Lifestyle Management

- Wellness in Practice
- Managing Addiction in the Workplace
- Sexual Harassment Management
- Transformation Imperatives
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Mentorship Program with Senior Attorneys in Practice

Applications Closing Soon! End October 2021 is the Deadline!

Our Augmented Articles programme is limited to 18 – 25 LLB graduates per year in the Johannesburg / Pretoria / Limpopo areas. Email Tracy (course co-ordinator) at the email address below to obtain an application form.

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