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WELCOME TO IDE LAW 2020/21

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LAW AT IDE



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“Success is nothing more than a few disciplines practiced everyday.” – Jim Rohn

- Law is one of the various programmes studied through the Institute of Distance Education (IDE).
- Our approach at IDE is to deliver the content through blended learning. This is a combination of printed and digital learning materials plus limited face-to-face sessions between the student and the lecturer.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LAW THROUGH IDE (CONT.)



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- **Currently, IDE offers two law programmes, being the Diploma in Law and the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programme.**
- **The courses in the two programmes are taught at par in that the modules are similar and are taught by the same lecturer.**
- **Upon completion of the diploma programme, students may transfer to LLB and may be admitted to level 3.**

ABOUT THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME



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- The Diploma in Law programme is a 3-year programme spread over six semesters.
- This programme serves both as a “gateway” to the LLB degree programme for those who may not meet the direct-entry requirements; as well as a “resting point” to those who cannot run the full mile of the LLB programme without taking a break.

ABOUT THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (CONT.)



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- It is an ideal qualification for personnel whose work requires a basic understanding of the law.
- These include human resource practitioners, police officers, military personnel, correctional services staffers, among others.

ABOUT THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (CONT.)



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- In each of the six semesters students take, on average, six courses excluding courses carried from previous semesters. A full list of the courses taken in each semester is available in the University Calendar.
- Students shall be assessed through tests and assignments. These may be conducted either through face-to-face sessions or online. Depending on the situation on the COVID-19, students are ordinarily expected to sit for an examination at the end of the Semester.

ABOUT THE LLB (IDE) PROGRAMME



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- The LLB programme gives students an understanding of the core aspects of Eswatini's legal environment, and endows them with critical, analytical and problem-solving skills in law.
- IDE has a complement of suitably qualified Lecturers holding LLM and LLD degrees. These are active professionals and academics who bring the highest expertise and experience to the classroom.

ABOUT THE LLB (IDE) PROGRAMME (CONT'D.)



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- During the first three years of the programme students undertake an intensive theoretical study of the law before embarking on the final two years of the programme which have a dose of practical work both in the classroom and in the field.
- Practical work done in the 4th and 5th years of the programme (whose aim is to impart legal skills in research, legal drafting and advocacy) includes moot court, mock trials, trial practice and clinical law cases.
- Students are also required to write a legal research paper in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree programme.

ABOUT THE LLB (IDE) PROGRAMME (CONT'D.)



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- The LLB programme is a ten-semester programme. In each semester students take, on average, six courses excluding courses carried from previous semesters. A full list of the courses taken in each semester is available in the University Calendar.
- Students shall be assessed through tests and assignments. These may be conducted either through face-to-face sessions or online. Depending on the situation on the COVID-19, students are ordinarily expected to sit for an examination at the end of the Semester.

OUR STUDY CENTRE WILLIAM PITCHER



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- Unlike the conventional face-to-face mode of learning, distance education has the advantage of not being restricted by infrastructure. The number of students who want to study through distance education has increased in leaps and bounds over the years.
- As a result, our students have outgrown the available infrastructure on the University campuses. This has necessitated the use of other learning centres outside the University during contact sessions.
- The law programmes, therefore, are currently housed at William Pitcher College in Manzini for purposes of conducting face-to-face sessions.
- Nevertheless, students still have access to all the facilities and services offered by the University to its students in the campuses. The Programme Coordinator and a Centre Coordinator are regularly on site to ensure that students are well looked after.

QUERIES AND INQUIRIES



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- We hope this will be an exciting journey for you. Should you have any queries, feel free to contact the Programme Coordinator through the details furnished on the first slide of this presentation.
- You may also contact the Student Support Services Coordinator at IDE Office #010.

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THANK YOU