

LAW ADMISSIONS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR INTEGRATING ACADEMIC AND PLT COURSES

- (a) The duration of an integrated course must not be less than 3.5 calendar years, of which the academic component must have a duration of at least 3 calendar years full-time study (or the equivalent part-time study). An integrated course that can be completed in fewer than 3.5 calendar years may be accredited, however, if the relevant law school satisfies the Admitting Authority that –
 - (i) the integrated course is the equivalent of a 3.5 calendar year full-time course undertaken at the relevant law school, in terms of the breadth and depth of its content, the teaching methods to be employed and the assessment criteria and methodology; and
 - (ii) the respective pedagogical outcomes for the academic component and for the PLT component will not be diminished by integrating those courses in the manner proposed, when the course is undertaken in the minimum time envisaged.
- (b) An integrated course must be structured to require a student to complete all 11 Academic Requirements for Admission before PLT studies are commenced.
- (c) Paragraph (b) does not apply if the Admitting Authority is satisfied that the integrated course is so structured that, if both the academic and PLT components are completed in the minimum time envisaged, the pedagogical outcomes both for –
 - (i) any Academic Requirement which a student still has to complete; and
 - (ii) the PLT course,will not be diminished by the concurrent study of the relevant elements of PLT which a student will undertake during that time.
- (d) Credit may not be granted in the academic component of the integrated course for study undertaken in the PLT component, or *vice versa*.