

CAMPUSES

WATERFALL
(MIDRAND)

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts is a remarkable programme with a dual role (i) in developing graduates with a holistic understanding of the liberal arts and the values of democratic citizenship; and (ii) gearing students with a deliberate and directed career pathway in politics and government, research, and media. With two majors in (a) government and politics, and (b) philosophy, students will acquire penetrating discipline-specific knowledge and learning, as well as hone critical twenty-first century skills. In addition to the tenets of government and politics, and philosophy, the programme curriculum is planned to advance ethical and responsible leaders within the South African, African continental, and international contexts, equipping students for the public and private sector and to be constructive local and global citizens. Students are trained for employment opportunities in the civil service including diplomatic services, parliamentary support services, and foreign affairs, as well as possible careers in academia, media and journalism, and market research. Students will gain insights into the diverse role of the humanities in society and skills for more respectful intercultural and governmental encounters, with an emphasis on learning analytical skills to understand the African context and to interpret the context creatively. They gain ethical leadership skills that equip them to lead and mobilize for societal transformation. Through innovative learning approaches, the programme promotes an inclusive and transformative ethos of reconciliation, equality, justice, and peace.

The programme equips students to be reflexive practitioners who work within a local, African, and international context. Successful completion of the degree will lead to an informed historical consciousness, a solid knowledge of politics and the political economy, philosophy, and a critical awareness of the factors that shape the life of society. They learn how to locate and critically interpret different sources and to use them in combatting abuse and injustice, to build safe and just societies.

The programme assists students become self-motivated individuals in the world of work (including self-employment). In summary, students completing the qualification will be well positioned for various careers in diplomacy, political analysis, civil service (foreign affairs), international and local consultant research, market research, academia, and media/journalism.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a Senior Certificate (SC) with degree endorsement; **OR**
- a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with a minimum of 50% in four 20-credit modules and a minimum of 40% in English Home Language or First Additional Language; **OR**
- a National Senior Certificate – Vocational Level 4 (NC(V)) with a minimum of 50% in three fundamental modules including English; and minimum 60% in four vocational modules; **OR**
- a Higher Certificate (NQF 5), Advanced Certificate (NQF 6) or Diploma (NQF 6) in a cognate field.



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OTHER ACCESS PATHWAYS



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MATURE AGE EXEMPTION

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Wi-Fi: Reliable broadband Internet access (Wi-Fi is available on all of our campuses, but you may prefer access from home as well).
- Web browser: Edge/Chrome/Safari/Opera/FireFox.
- Computer/Laptop: A current Windows or Apple Mac computer/laptop capable of running the Office 365 software. Office 365 includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.
- PDF Viewer: The free Adobe Acrobat software.
- Scanning documents: Ability to scan and upload documents (typically from your cellphone or smartphone).
- Email/cellphone for notification and communication.
- Communication: A cellphone or smartphone for receiving notifications and communication.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

MAJOR		PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT		
SEMESTER 1	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR	3rd YEAR	
Compulsory (All)	Academic and Creative Writing ACW152 (20 credits)	Philosophy 2A PHA262 (20 credits)	Philosophy 3A PHA372 (20 credits)	
	End-User Computing EUC152 (10 credits)	Politics and Government 2A PGA262 (20 credits)	Philosophy 3B PHB372 (20 credits)	
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	<i>Choose 2 of 3 electives</i>	<i>Choose 1 of 2 electives</i>		
Electives	Global Citizenship GCT152 (20 credits) OR Leadership and Ethics LDE152 (20 credits) OR Understanding Human Behaviour UHB152 (20 credits)	Innovation INN262 (20 credits) OR Understanding and Managing Creativity CRM262 (20 credits)		
SEMESTER 2	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR	3rd YEAR	
	African Studies AFS152 (20 credits)	Community Project COM262 (20 credits)	Philosophy 3C PHC372 (20 credits)	
	Philosophy 1 PHL152 (20 credits)	Philosophy 2B PHB262 (20 credits)	Politics and Government 3B PGB372 (20 credits)	
	Politics and Government 1 POG152 (20 credits)	Politics and Government 2B PGB262 (20 credits)	Politics and Government 3C PGC372 (20 credits)	
CREDITS PER YEAR	130	120	120	

ARTICULATION POSSIBILITIES

Students on this programme can articulate horizontally to similar programmes at other institutions in the Arts (eg Bachelors, Certificates, Diploma and Advanced Diploma programmes depending on the level or modules that the student has completed) with more extensive elective options or a more specific focus depending on the needs of the student. The following are examples: Internally: STADIO: Bachelor of Arts in Law SAQA ID: 117948

Students on this programme can articulate vertically to postgraduate programmes at other institutions specialising in one of the majors offered/selected on the Bachelor. These can include the Bachelor Honours and Postgraduate Diploma.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

POLITICAL ANALYST	GOVERNMENT - FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MEDIA AND JOURNALISM	DIPLOMATIC SERVICE
ACADEMIC RESEARCH / MARKETING RESEARCH	POLICY & GOVERNANCE