

STADIO



HIGHER EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF POLICING & LAW ENFORCEMENT

BRIDGING PROGRAMME IN DISSERTATION SUCCESS

16 WEEKS | MODE: DISTANCE LEARNING

DESCRIPTION

STADIO Higher Education offers a unique online bridging programme to equip and support students who would like to enroll for a master's programme.

This bridging programme is aimed at prospective students with a qualification on NQF-level 8 but with inadequate credits for research design and methodology in their NQF-level 8 qualifications. It is also available to prospective students who need a refresher course before entering the master's qualification.

Successful candidates will be considered for admission to master's degree studies, although this is not guaranteed.

The course is presented by a highly experienced academic, supervisor and researcher, Prof CH van Heerden.
Weekly online lectures will be presented.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- **Outcome:** Research report of limited scope
- **Certification:** Students who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate of Competence
- **Admission to a master's degree at STADIO:** Successful candidates may gain admission to a master's degree at STADIO, subject to normal terms and conditions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Admission requirements:** A qualification at SAQA Level 8 (honour's degree or postgraduate diploma)

2026 PROGRAMME FEES

DETAILS	FEE
Registration fee	R2 250
Tuition Fee	R8 260
Application Fee	R600
TOTAL cost for Programme	R11 110

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PROGRAMME CONTENT

TOPICS	CONTENT
Topic 1	Introduction and setting the scene What is research? Postgraduate research What is a master's degree
Topic 2	Deciding on a tentative research topic Sources – primary Theses, dissertations, scholarly journal articles (research based), some government reports, symposia and conference proceedings Techniques Brainstorming Relevance trees Selecting a tentative research topic
Topic 3	Construct an abbreviated literature review What is a theory? Identify research Gaps. Conceptualising the concepts/variables to be investigated STADIO Library.
Topic 4	Problem statement / Research problem Research objectives/ Research questions / Hypotheses / Propositions
Topic 5	Research Methodology Population of Interest and sampling plan Data collection plan Measuring Instrument(s) Data analysis
Topic 6	Ethical considerations STADIO policies Harvard referencing guidelines Turnitin AI-challenges Academic writing, editing, referencing
Topic 7	Research report of limited scope (outcome) Combine the contents of all formative assessments into a single manuscript (not more than 15 pages). This document can follow the outline of a brief research proposal that explains how you would address (answer?) the research problem relating to your tentative topic