

SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

DOCTOR OF MANAGEMENT

NQF 10 | 360 CREDITS | SAQA ID: 117875 | MIN. 2 YEARS | MAX. 6 YEARS CAMPUSES: DISTANCE LEARNING

DESCRIPTION

The focus of the Doctor of Management qualification is to enable learners to develop in-depth, advanced discipline-specific skills and applied competence in management to provide opportunities for continued personal intellectual growth, productive economic activity and making a rewarding contribution to society. The qualification aims to empower learners to solve complex business-related problems in a focused way and to effectively manage and allocate resources, to communicate effectively, and to contribute to knowledge and socio-economic transformation responsibly and ethically.

MODE OF DELIVERY - DISTANCE LEARNING (ONLINE DISTANCE)

The programme is offered in STADIO's **Online Distance** mode of delivery. STADIO's distance-learning programmes offer students excellent, quality education, without the requirement of having to attend compulsory venue-based classes. Distance-learning students study with flexibility wherever they are, on a study schedule that suits their circumstances.

Upon registration, distance-learning students receive access to STADIO's state-of-the-art learning management system (Canvas). Students have access to all learning materials on this platform, including a detailed plan for the semester/year indicating all the learning and assessment activities. Study material and any additional teaching resources will be available online. However, students may also request study guides in printed format, if preferred. Students will access, complete, and submit all formative assessment tasks (assignments and tests) online. Summative assessments will mostly be venue-based.

Distance-learning students may also join and participate in scheduled live lecturing sessions online, at critical points during the semester, to integrate concepts and ask questions.



These classes will be presented by either the lecturer or an external professional or industry specialist. Recordings of these sessions will be available online. The schedule for the online classes will be available on the learning management system at the start of the semester.

Students will always have access to a module Question and Answer forum, where they can ask questions on the material. The lecturer will respond to their queries in this forum or during the scheduled consultation engagements. All lecturers will have weekly online consultation meetings, where students can join to ask questions or to discuss aspects of the work.

Distance learning is suited to students who want to study from wherever they are, without having to attend classes in person at a venue. Other than the requirement to submit assessment tasks on time, distance learning offers the student flexibility to plan his/her own study schedule. This option is also ideal for working adults, mature learners, or for school-leavers who enjoy learning at their own pace, live distantly from STADIO's campuses, or who have other commitments to attend to during the day. Even though learning happens at a distance, the student still has access to expert lecturers, up-to-date study material and peer engagement via the virtual learning environment. Studying via distance learning is largely enabled through technology. You need access to a computer, as well as internet connectivity, to access and submit your assessments, and to join live sessions or watch recordings online.

OUTCOMES

On achieving this qualification, the qualifying students will be able to:

- Independently design a research project and execute such a plan.
- Apply advanced scientific methods that contribute to the development of new theories, models & practices.
- Efficiently manage the collection, organisation and analysis of relevant information.
- Analyse theory and practical problems to contribute to the existing body of knowledge related to a specific aspect of management.
- Conduct further academic research independently to contribute to local research output.
- Write and present technical reports to professional audiences, including the management environment.
- To develop the managerial competencies of the student by encouraging critical thinking and enable the student to refine analytical and leadership skills, creativity, emotional intelligence and teamwork.
- To refine and improve the student's ability to identify, collect, present and disseminate research findings.
- To improve your organisation by applying your knowledge and create competitive advantage.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- an appropriate Master's degree with a mark of 65% or higher for the research component.
- a minimum of five (5) years work experience in a managerial capacity
- Initial research proposal

IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING

- be proficient in English;
- be computer literate;
- have access to the internet;
- have a personal computer or laptop; and
- have conducted academic research before.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

- Application form (online)
- Comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV)
- Certified academic transcripts and copies of certificates

*Should an applicant apply with a postgraduate diploma on NQF level 9 (minimum 120 credits), please note that he/she must also have a B-degree.



STUDENT SUPPORT FOR DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS

Distance learning students have access to STADIO's student support services via the learning management system. Students can access a range of presentations and online support initiatives aimed at success and wellness. At the start of the semester, new students will be invited to join the online student orientation programme to familiarise themselves with the services offered by STADIO.

STADIO, in partnership with SADAG, has a dedicated STADIO student helpline providing students with free telephonic counselling, information, referrals, and support. Students will also have access to general counselling services.

DOCTOR OF MANAGEMENT: THESIS

Structure of the Doctor of Policing Qualification: Thesis

- Phase 1: Proposal
 - Assignment 1: Submission of proposal
 - Assignment 2: Defence of proposal
- Phase 2: Completion of research and thesis
 - Assignment 3: Completion of thesis
 - Assignment 4: Presentation to panel
- Phase 3: Examination of the thesis
 - · Handing in the thesis
 - Marking and final submission
 - · Marking, presentation and results

Phase 1: Pre-candidature	Phase 2: Candidature	Phase 3: Examination	Phase 4: Graduation
 Consultation - research ideas Submission of application Application vetting Proposal workshop Admission & registration Proposal writing Defence of proposal 	 Supervisor-student memorandum of understanding and progress reports Becoming a doctoral candidate Attending colloquia and workshops Pre-examination symposium Examination preparation 	 Simultaneous assessment by three (3) external examiners Examination feedback Viva Voce (final defence of thesis) Doctoral Research Committee approval of results Appeal 	Graduation process: The graduation process follows.
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^{*}Editing is compulsory for the dissertation. Editing services will be for the students own account. A list of optional editors will be provided to students on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).



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^{*}Students must attend a compulsory 5 day workshop on acceptance.



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