STADIO
HIGHER EDUCATION

MASTER OF POLICING PRACTICES

NQF 9 | MIN. 180 CREDITS | SAQA ID: 117868 | MIN. 2 YEARS
MODE OF DELIVERY: DISTANCE LEARNING

DESCRIPTION

The Master of Policing Practices programme equips the student with the skills and competencies to formulate, design, conduct and complete a research project in the field of law enforcement.

The Master of Policing Practices is an advanced, research-driven programme designed to deepen students' understanding of contemporary policing and leadership challenges by focusing on the development of the self as a police leader, the organisations they lead, and the factors that drive safe, effective, and accountable policing. The programme develops strategic thinking, leadership capability, critical analysis, and an understanding of organisational culture and conduct across diverse policing contexts, including operational command, crime prevention and investigation, community and social policing, cybercrime and technology-enabled policing, and public safety governance.

The programme aims to produce graduates who can contribute meaningfully to policing practice, organisational development, policy formulation, and scholarly knowledge production, equipping them with critical thinking skills, ethical awareness, and practical experience necessary to navigate complex challenges in today's dynamic policing and law enforcement environments. Through advanced engagement with policing theory, practice, and research, graduates are prepared to exercise informed leadership, address complex organisational and operational challenges, and contribute to safe, just, and accountable policing and law enforcement practice.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a relevant postgraduate diploma; **OR**
- Bachelor Honours degree in the field of policing / criminal justice

AS WELL AS:

- a minimum of three (3) years work experience in a managerial capacity;
- proficient in English;
- computer literate;
- access to the internet, a personal computer or laptop; and
- have conducted academic research* before

* *A student who did not complete Research Methodology as a module at NQF Level 8 previously will be required to take the Research Methodology bridging module in the first semester of registration.*

OPTION 1
Direct admission to the Master of Policing Practices for the completion of the Full Research Dissertation, if the student has achieved at least 65% for Research in the relevant/cognate NQF8 qualification.

OPTION 2
Admission to the Master of Policing Practices via the completion of two Literature Reviews in Year 1, semester 1, followed by the proposal in semester 2 and the full Dissertation in year 2, if the student has achieved at least 55% for Research in their NQF8 qualification.

* Students that have completed a non-cognate NQF8 qualification, and meet the research requirement, will be considered for admission to Option 2.

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OTHER ACCESS PATHWAYS



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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

OPTION 1: DIRECT ACCESS TO FULL DISSERTATION (180 CREDITS)

Structure:

* Mini proposal required for application

- Completion of dissertation
- To be completed in a minimum of two (2) years

OPTION 2: TWO (2) RESEARCH TOPICS AND A SHORT DISSERTATION (180 CREDITS)

Structure:

- Year 1, Semester 1: Selection of two possible research topics for structured literature reviews.
- Year 1, Semester 2: Development of the research proposal, drawing on the two literature reviews.
- Year 2: Continuation and completion of the full dissertation.

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
1st Semester	**2nd Semester**	**1st Semester**	**2nd Semester**
1. **CEP192** Select one of the research domains 2. **SOE192** Select one of the research domains Must pass both submissions to continue with the proposal.	**PRO192** Development of the research proposal. Must pass to continue with the dissertation.	**DIS292** Completion of full dissertation.	
Compulsory registration for research proposal codes	Compulsory registration for research proposal codes	Compulsory registration for dissertation code	
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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).

RESEARCH THEMES	
ELECTIVE AREA	**RESEARCH DOMAINS**
1. **CEP192** Comparative and Law Enforcement policing	• Global Paradigms of Social Control and Police Architecture • Transnational Crime and International Cooperation • Democratic Policing, Human Rights, and Constitutionalism • Evidence-Based Policing and Strategic Management • Advanced Criminology and Crime Prevention Frameworks
2. **SOE192** Strategic Organisational Development & Ethical policing	• Strategic Organisational Development & Behaviour • Ethical Policing & Professional Governance • Integrated Capstone (The NQF 9 Intersection)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Master of Policing will improve your performance of management practices in the context of today's rapidly changing environment. By enhancing your management capabilities, the Master of Policing degree will position you to successfully advance your career in the field of Policing and Law Enforcement.