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SCHOOL OF POLICING & LAW ENFORCEMENT

BACHELOR OF POLICING PRACTICES (HONOURS)

NQF 8 | 120 CREDITS | SAQA ID: 117866 | MIN. 1.5 YEARS MODE OF DELIVERY: DISTANCE LEARNING

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Policing Practices Honours qualification aims at improving performance excellence and enhancing relationships with both internal and external clients of the law enforcement environment. This Bachelor of Policing Practices Honours degree reflects the workplace-based needs within the policing and law enforcement sector that relate to managerial competencies.

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.

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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.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a STADIO Bachelor of Policing Practice degree (NQF7); or
- another approved (NQF 7) degree.
- Bridging modules In the event of an applicant not complying with the minimum admission requirements, he/she must complete the following bridging modules prior to commencing with the qualification (continued on next page):

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS - CONTINUED

POLICING ELECTIVE: Students should register for the following bridging modules during the first semester of study:

- Police Management III (POL301),
- Crime Prevention Management III (CPM301) &
- Service Oriented Policing II (SOP201)

TRAFFIC ELECTIVE: Students should register for the following bridging modules during the first semester of study:

- Police Management III (POL301),
- Traffic Police Science III (TPS301) &
- Crime Prevention Management III (CPM301)

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

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: Chrome/Safari/Opera/FireFox.
- Computer/Laptop: A current Windows or Apple Mac computer/laptop capable of running the Office 365 software (STADIO provides the software to you as a STADIO student). 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.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY:

STADIO School of Policing & Law Enforcement uses its ONLINE student administration and learning environments to provide students with materials and resources, to conduct online assessments, create discussion opportunities and render a range of administrative services.

Therefore, having continuous access to the above ONLINE facilities is essential for efficient communication, learning and success.

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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.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

	FIVE (5) COMPULSORY MODULES AND ONE (1) ELECTIVE MODULE
Compulsory (All)	Police Management V POL500 (25 credits)
	Leadership in the Safety and Security Environment V LDP500 (10 credits)
	Research Methodology V A MET50A (10 credits) & Research Methodology V B MET50B (30 credits)
	Organisational Behaviour in the Safety and Security Environment V OBR500 (10 credits)
	Project Management V POM500 (10 credits)
Electives	Applied Policing Studies V APS500 (25 credits)
	Traffic Police Science V TPS500 (25 credits)

*The order of registered modules will follow the curriculum outline.

Research Methodology V (MET50A) is a compulsory module. It must be taken on commencement of the Honours degree.



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MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

APPLIED POLICING STUDIES V

It is essential for every policing/law enforcement official and especially managers to understand the holistic framework which guides their functions. This module will equip students with the knowledge and understanding of the National Development Plan (NDP) 2030 and its relationship with departmental plans such as the 5-year Strategic Plan, Annual Performance Plan, Service Delivery Improvement Plan, Annual Operational Plan. The module includes the frameworks for the compilation of these plans, the process of monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the implementation of the plans and the compilation of risk management plans.

LEADERSHIP IN THE SAFETY AND SECURITY ENVIRONMENT V

The law enforcement environment requires leadership, as policing is operative within a hierarchical organizational structure. Using storytelling as the primary tool, this module will provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to unleash their leadership potential. The module necessitates an examination of leadership frameworks, personal leadership development, effective leadership practices, and the impact of leadership on policing and law enforcement. Furthermore, the module addresses leadership development, which begins with a thorough understanding of the concept of leadership, progresses to the individual conducting in-depth introspection, and finally addresses organizational change management, amongst other topics.

ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE SAFETY AND SECURITY ENVIRONMENT V

Module provides an overview of the concept Organizational behavior its importance in the working environment, challenges and opportunities related to modern workplace. It deals with global diversity external and internal forces of organizational change as well as managers understanding of concepts in a changing environment.

Furthermore, it affords an individual in the organisation to acquire correct frame of mind, job satisfaction, personality traits and emotional intelligence to enhance decision making and stress management initiatives.

POLICE MANAGEMENT V

Module is developed to demonstrate a higher level of learning especially for Middle and Senior Managers where conceptualization of knowledge is required. The module will assist to argue, differentiate, to compare, to construct and analyse situations in the working space to enhance effectiveness and professionalism within Policing and law enforcement organisation.

Moreover, this module is intended to nurture your critical thinking, evaluation skills, integration that will enable students to perform at a higher level, and add value towards improving relations with both external and internal clients.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT V

Project Management is a tool. While the module teaches its various technical components and applications – it is, in essence, still just a tool. It is, therefore, imperative that a student's academic point of departure is one of critical analysis. Project Management V is about expanding the student's knowledge base, with the ultimate objective of wanting to be able to create synergies between the application requirements and the tool at hand. This module will empower students to analyse key project management concepts and tools; compare and contrast project management approaches and methodologies; differentiate between project implementation approaches and analyse project management control measures.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY V (MET50A)

The module focuses on the research process and the identification of a management problem in the workplace that the student will ultimately research. The requirement is that a student will be able to apply the basic research process and write a proposal based on the problem identified. A supervisor guides the student throughout the proposal writing process.

MET50B

The module is a continuation of the proposal writing (MET50A), and the expected outcome is the conduction of the actual research and writing up of the process into the format of an article. A supervisor guides the student throughout the writing process.

TRAFFIC POLICE SCIENCE V

The purpose of this module is to develop traffic law enforcement practitioners at all levels of a traffic enforcement agency who will drive a new generation of professional traffic officers who value data as the basis for rendering traffic services that will surpass the expectations of the clientele that they serve. This module will equip students with the competencies to manage and improve performance and to identify different traffic offense monitoring models. The module further includes monitoring systems that can be developed to reduce crash risks. The safe system and different forms of data such as intelligence-led data, big data and evidence-based data is also included in the module. This module will equip students with the competencies required to operate both internally and externally within any workplace environment. TPS500 is a subject that combines both theory and practice.



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