

STADIO



HIGHER EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF POLICING & LAW ENFORCEMENT

DOCTOR OF POLICING PRACTICES

NQF 10 | 360 CREDITS | SAQA ID: 117876 | MIN. 2 YEARS | MAX. 6 YEARS

MODE OF DELIVERY: DISTANCE LEARNING

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Doctor of Policing qualification is to enable learners to develop in-depth, advanced discipline-specific skills and applied competence in Policing 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 policing-related problems in a focused way, to effectively manage and allocate resources, to communicate effectively and to contribute to knowledge. The qualification endeavours to provide Southern Africa with highly skilled individuals, particularly from disadvantaged communities in order to ensure that the leadership base of innovative and knowledge-based economic and scholarly activity are strengthened and diversified.

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.

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 supervisor will respond to their queries in this forum or during the scheduled consultation engagements. All supervisors 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 supervisors, 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

- 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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

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

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.

*Should an applicant apply with a postgraduate diploma in policing 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.

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. 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.

DOCTOR OF POLICING PRACTICE: 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation - research ideas • Submission of application • Application vetting • Proposal workshop • Admission & registration • Proposal writing • Defence of proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor-student memorandum of understanding and progress reports • Becoming a doctoral candidate • Attending colloquia and workshops • Pre-examination symposium • Examination preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simultaneous assessment by three (3) external examiners • Examination feedback • Viva Voce (final defence of thesis) • Doctoral Research Committee approval of results • Appeal 	<p>Graduation process:</p> <p>The graduation process follows.</p>
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*The order of registered modules will follow the curriculum outline.

*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).

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

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