

# 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.

#### 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.

# MODE OF DELIVERY - DISTANCE LEARNING

## DISTANCE LEARNING AT STADIO

STADIO's distance learning programmes offer students excellent, quality education without the need to attend venue-based classes. The rapid technological advances of the past decade have transformed distance learning into an exciting study option for many students in South Africa, SADC, and internationally. However, STADIO recognises that many prospective students have only limited access to technology, with restricted connectivity, networks, and bandwidth. The STADIO distance-learning and teaching model therefore makes provision for this reality, ensuring that students can combine work and studies meaningfully, regardless of personal circumstances.

Distance learning and teaching at STADIO is built on best practices, enabled and supported by technology. This includes a world-class learning management system where students can access their learning materials, assessments, and live online classes for each of the modules for which they have registered. In addition, in some qualifications, study materials will be provided in printed format. Key dates for milestones, such as assignment submissions and live online sessions, will be communicated well in advance to allow students to plan their studies. Online sessions are not compulsory; however, students are encouraged to participate in scheduled sessions as they are designed to promote student success. Online sessions are always recorded for convenience.

Throughout the distance-learning journey, academic support is only a click away. Questions may be asked in the online module environment, where the lecturer will provide guidance. Distance-learning students have easy access to online library facilities and an eBook library, as well as access to a variety of online databases to support their studies. There is a physical library for distance-learning students on the Krugersdorp campus. STADIO understands the potential isolation of distance learning, and further provides a range of other support services to promote academic success and general student wellbeing. The full distance-learning experience is also accessible using your mobile device.

## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER DISTANCE LEARNING?

Distance learning is suitable for students who wish to study from any location without the need to attend classes at a specific venue. Apart from the obligation to submit assessment tasks punctually, distance learning provides students with the flexibility to create their own study schedules. This option is particularly well suited for working adults, mature learners, or school-leavers who prefer learning at their own pace, reside at a distance from STADIO's campuses, or have other commitments during the day. Despite the physical distance, students still have access to expert lecturers, current study materials, and peer engagement through the online module learning environment.

That said, it is important to highlight that some assessments, including the final examination, may require attendance at one of our exam venues, available throughout South Africa and internationally. This is STADIO's commitment to ensuring the integrity of its qualifications and the credibility of its graduates.

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM STADIO

Students will have access to a range of resources and facilities in person and online, designed to support not only their learning journey but also their social and emotional well-being. In most modules offered through distance learning in the schools of Administration and Management, Commerce, Law, and Policing and Law Enforcement, printed study materials are available in addition to the online study guides. STADIO offers academic support and wellness initiatives throughout the learning journey to help students realise their goals.

## WHAT STADIO WILL EXPECT FROM YOU

In addition to engaging with the study materials (whether printed or online), students are required to utilise the online learning management system on their learning journey. Students, therefore, need access to a computer and to the internet to access and submit their assessments and to access feedback. STADIO believes that the key to academic success, especially in distance learning, is motivation and consistent engagement. Students will be expected to submit their assessment tasks on time and to take part in the learning activities designed to assist their learning journey. STADIO expects all students to always act in accordance with the principles of the Student Code of Conduct and the STADIO values and to be familiar with the institutional policies and rules, especially those pertaining to student success.

## 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.

## 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"> <li>• Consultation - research ideas</li> <li>• Submission of application</li> <li>• Application vetting</li> <li>• Proposal workshop</li> <li>• Admission &amp; registration</li> <li>• Proposal writing</li> <li>• Defence of proposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervisor-student memorandum of understanding and progress reports</li> <li>• Becoming a doctoral candidate</li> <li>• Attending colloquia and workshops</li> <li>• Pre-examination symposium</li> <li>• Examination preparation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simultaneous assessment by three (3) external examiners</li> <li>• Examination feedback</li> <li>• Viva Voce (final defence of thesis)</li> <li>• Doctoral Research Committee approval of results</li> <li>• Appeal</li> </ul>	<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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