

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.

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)



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 worldclass 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 distancelearning 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.



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.

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.
- * Editing is compulsory for the research modules MET50A & MET50B. 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 Methodology V (MET50A) is a compulsory module. It must be taken on commencement of the Honours degree.



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.

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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