



**School of  
Government Studies**

Postgraduate  
Programmes



## School of Government Studies

# Introduction

In the context of South Africa as a democratic developmental state, the need for service delivery and the human rights enshrined in the Constitution of South Africa, 1996, as well as the challenges and priorities outlined in the National Development Plan: Vision for 2030, the government faces an array of socio-economic challenges. In addition, service delivery protests in the local sphere of government, political uncertainty and widespread corruption paint a picture that is detrimental to the fulfilment of the social contract. Within this framework, the **School of Government Studies** aims to scholarly approach these societal issues through an academic lens in our teaching and learning, research and innovation, community engagement and stakeholder relations.



Our vision is to instil exemplary scholarly knowledge in our students, as well as outstanding research skills and intellectual curiosity, but also to develop and encourage them to be socially conscious, service-oriented, ethical, and to exhibit leadership in their communities.



*“There’s no greater challenge and there is no greater honor than to be in public service”*

*- Condoleezza Rice*



Therefore, in all our endeavours, we encourage our students to actively engage in societal issues, in consideration of their social responsibilities and with a commitment to social justice, democracy, human rights and socio-economic development. Our programme offerings are scholarly and theory-based. In addition, we capacitate our students to apply scholarly theory to find practice-based solutions and aim to prepare them not only for the workplace, but also to become engaged citizens with a passion for service and social justice. The emphasis of our efforts pertaining to teaching and learning, research and innovation, community engagement and stakeholder relations, is on being locally and regionally relevant, yet internationally competitive.

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## The School of Government Studies' Footprint

The School of Government Studies offers aligned programmes on all three sites of learning the North-West University (NWU):

- Mahikeng Campus (MC)
- Potchefstroom Campus (PC) and
- Vanderbijlpark Campus (VC)

and comprise of the subject groups:

- Political Studies and International Relations
- Public Administration.

## The different fields of study covered in our programmes are indicated as follows:



Mahikeng Campus (MC)	Potchefstroom Campus (PC)	Vanderbijlpark Campus (VC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political Studies</li><li>• International Relations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political Studies</li><li>• International Relations</li><li>• Public Administration</li><li>• Municipal Management and Leadership</li><li>• Policing Practice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political Studies</li><li>• International Relations</li><li>• Public Administration</li></ul>



## Programmes offered

### Postgraduate Programmes

#### Postgraduate Diploma

Qualification	Specialisation	Mode of delivery	Campus	NQF level
1BB D01 / 1BC D01	Public Management L501P	Distance Limited contact	PC	8
1EJ D01	Population and Policy Analysis L501P	Contact	MC	8

#### Honours degrees

Qualification	Specialisation	Mode of delivery	Campus	NQF level
<b>Bachelor of Arts Honours</b>				
1FL L01	Public Governance L601P/V	Contact	PC/VC	8
1GA L01	Political Studies L601P/V	Contact	PC/VC	8
<b>Bachelor of Social Sciences Honours</b>				
1FU L01	International Relations L601M	Contact	MC	8
1FV L01	Political Studies L601M	Contact	MC	8
1FW L01	Population Studies L601M	Contact	MC	8
1HA L01	Development Studies L601M	Contact	MC	8

“ Education is the most powerful weapon one  
can use to change the world ”

- Nelson Mandela



## Master's degrees

Qualification	Specialisation	Mode of delivery	Campus	NQF level
<b>Master of Arts</b>				
1DB N01	Public Management and Governance L801P/V	Contact	PC/VC	9
1DA N01	Political Studies L801M/P/V	Contact	MC/PC/VC	9
<b>Master of Arts in Development and Management</b>				
1EW P03	Governance and Political Transformation L801P	Contact	PC	9
1EW P04	Security Studies and Management L801P	Contact	PC	9
<b>Master of Public Administration</b>				
557 100	Master of Public Administration L801P/V	Contact	PC/VC	9
<b>Master of Social Science</b>				
1DR N01	Development Studies L801M	Contact	MC	9
1DS N01	International Relations L801M	Contact	MC	9
1DS N02	International Relations with Peace Studies L801M	Contact	MC	9
1JC P01	Population and Sustainable Development L801M	Contact	MC	9

## Doctorate degrees

Qualification	Specialisation	Mode of delivery	Campus	NQF level
<b>Doctor of Philosophy Social Science</b>				
1CC R04	Public Management and Governance L901P/V	Contact	PC/VC	10
1CC R05	Governance and Political Transformation L901P	Contact	PC	10
1CC R06	Security Studies and Management L901P	Contact	PC	10
1CC R08	Political Studies L901M/P/V	Contact	MC/PC/VC	10
1CC R11	Population Studies L901M	Contact	MC	10
1CC R14	International Relations L901M	Contact	MC	10
1CC R15	Development Studies L901M	Contact	MC	10

Please refer to the NWU Yearbooks for detailed information related to specific modules.



## Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management

**Qualification Code:** 1BC D01 L501P

**Campus:** Potchefstroom

**Delivery mode:** Limited contact





### Duration

The minimum duration is one year and the maximum duration is three years, calculated from the date of first registration.



### Admission requirements for the qualification

Admission requirements: The admission requirements for all formal academic qualifications offered by the University are set out in the NWU Admission Policy as approved by Senate and Council.

For this PGDip, the minimum admission requirements are:

- An Advanced Diploma in Public Administration at NQF Level 7 or any other relevant Advanced Diploma at NQF Level 7; or
- A Bachelor's degree or similar at NQF Level 7; and
- A minimum of 3 years appropriate work experience in the public sector.
- It should be noted that the number of candidates accepted into the programme every year is subject to the School's capacity to ensure quality service delivery to all candidates.



### Programme purpose

In view of the rationale for the development of the PGDip in Public Management, the primary purpose of this qualification is to develop in public managers a commitment to the public good, and to equip them with appropriate and necessary managerial and leadership skills to ensure the consistent delivery of high-quality services to the people of our country, thereby contributing to the advancement of South Africa as a democratic, developmental state. Not only will students master essential knowledge in different focus areas of the public sector, but they will also develop effective managerial, leadership and problem-solving skills, and learn to analyse and implement policy directives. Such skills are necessary to facilitate the country's transformation by promoting stability at the political-administrative interface while increasing responsiveness of public officials and accountability to citizens. Furthermore, the PGDip aims to develop the ability to do basic research within the sector, effectively work within teams, lead teams in task completion, and to take responsibility for personal and team goals while realising the importance of ethical and professional behaviour in the public sector.

Public Management is seen as an important contributor to the realisation of South Africa as developmental state. The qualification will help providers in higher education to establish appropriate curricula in Public Management related fields. During the design of the programme, consideration was given to specialisations and career opportunities in the field with specific reference to the SMS Competency Framework. Successful completion of the qualification will further prepare students from the South African public sector for study on Masters' level.



### Compilation of programme 1BC D01 L501P: Public Management

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
<b>First semester modules</b>		
PGPM517	Programme and Project Management in the Public Sector	20
PGPM518	Public Sector Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	20
PGPM519	Governance, Public Management and African Leadership	20
<b>Second semester modules</b>		
PGPM521	Advanced Human Resource Management in the Public Sector	20
PGPM522	Advanced Public Financial Management and Budgeting	20
PGPM523	Public Sector Transformation and Reform	20
<b>Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom</b>		<b>120</b>



## Programme Rationale

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996) envisages a Public Service that is professional, accountable and development-oriented. The 2030 National Development Plan (NDP) identifies specific steps that need to be taken to promote the values and principles of public administration contained in the Constitution and build an efficient, effective and development oriented public sector as part of a capable and developmental state. The NDP highlights the need for well-run and effectively coordinated state institutions with skilled public officials who are committed to the public good and capable of delivering consistently high-quality services, while prioritising the nation's developmental objectives. In response the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) introduced the Senior Management Service (SMS) Competency Framework as the key in ensuring that the public sector achieves its objective of promoting professionalism, especially at the senior management level. In developing the SMS Competency Framework focus was placed on critical generic competencies which senior managers in the public sector are expected to possess. The NWU Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Public Management was specifically developed with the NDP focus and the requirements of the SMS Competency Framework in mind, and to provide in our country's need for better skilled and more professional public sector managers.

Offering the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management via distance mode of delivery will ensure that public officials (non-residential students) from various geographical locations in South-Africa can access a postgraduate qualification that is aligned to the SMS Competency Framework for purposes of professional as well as occupational development whilst also attracting students from countries within the Southern African Development Community (SADC).



## Articulation

On successful completion of the PGDip in Public Management, students may be admitted to the Master's in Public Administration (MPA) degree.

It should be noted that only in cases where students have completed an undergraduate qualification in Public Administration / Management (NQF 7), as well as this PGDip (NQF 8), may they be admitted to the Master of Arts in Public Management and Governance.



## Academic rules relevant to this programme

**Rules of combination:** The Postgraduate Diploma consists of six compulsory modules at NQF Level 8. The modules are worth 20 credits each. The student must complete all the compulsory modules to meet the 120 credits requirement for the qualification.

**Registration:** Note that all the rules pertaining to registration for a qualification are explained in the General Academic Rules of the NWU, specifically A-Rule 2.3.



## Assessment

Assessment practices are open, transparent, fair, valid and reliable and ensure that no student is disadvantaged in any way whatsoever, so that an integrated approach to assessment is incorporated into the qualification. Furthermore, learning, teaching and assessment are inextricably interwoven. Whenever possible, the assessment of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values shown in the qualification will be integrated.

Opportunities for both continuous formative and summative assessments are imbedded in the learning design of this qualification in the form of limited contact tuition sessions and online facilitated support for the written practice-related formative and summative assignments. Students are assessed on the application of learned skills in order to assure that theory evolves into effective practice. Outcomes are assessed in an integrated manner by means of group work projects as well as written assignments, wherein not only the student's evidence of the mastering of discipline-specific knowledge and skills are assessed, but also writing and communication skills, computer literacy and ability to critically analyse and effectively evaluate work-place related problems.



## Pass requirements

The pass requirements of the programme and requisite modules thereof are stipulated in section L.7 of the Academic Calendar, inclusive of the ratio in which the assessment methods relevant to a particular module are combined to determine whether it was successfully completed.



### Number of assessment opportunities

If a student undergoes a summative assessment and fails one or more modules of the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management, the Dean (in consultation with the School Director) may grant the student a second summative assessment opportunity in the relevant module(s).

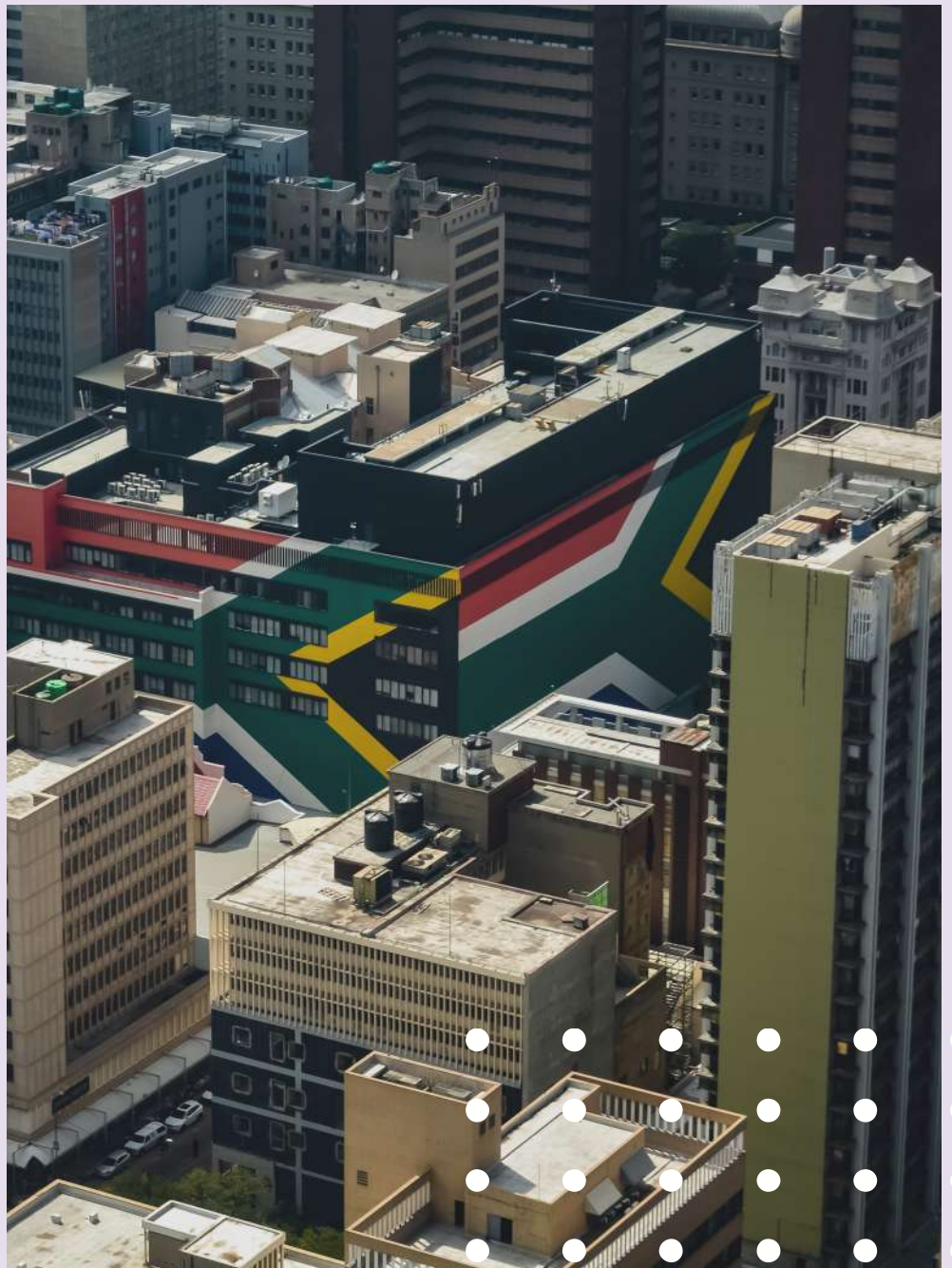
A student may, within the maximum admissible study period, repeat a maximum of 33% of the modules of the programme concerned.

If a student has utilised all standard assessment opportunities and passed all but one of the modules required for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management, the student may apply for a final assessment opportunity for the outstanding module; payment of a prescribed amount (but not registration) may be required for such an assessment.



### Extension of study period

The provisions of Academic Rule 2.4.6 apply to the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management.





## Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

The North-West University accepts the principle underlying outcomes-based, source-based and lifelong learning, in which considerations of articulation and mobility play a significant role, and subscribes to the view that recognition of prior learning (whether acquired by formal education curricula at this or another institution, or informally by experience) is an indispensable element in deciding on admission to and awarding credits in an explicitly selected teaching-learning programme of the University. Eligibility for RPL at the NWU is outlined in its Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.

The following stipulations in the RPL Policy regarding eligibility are specifically relevant to this qualification:

- a. Any prospective student wishing to make claims of equivalence will have to produce written evidence of their competence to undertake a programme at this level (written entrance assignment set by the University) in accordance with the University's RPL Policy and Rules.
- b. Candidates who have exited formal education at a time in their education careers but have since accumulated experience through short courses may seek exemption for some modules, or levels or status for a whole qualification that would enable them to further their studies.
- c. Candidates who want to fast-track progression through a learning programme by way of exemption for modules or levels in consideration of informal or non-formal learning accomplished.

The assessment processes involved with RPL are the same as those followed for awarding credits in a formal setting. An RPL candidate seeking credits for previously acquired skills and knowledge must still comply with all the requirements as stated in learning modules and learning programmes and qualifications. The difference is the route to the assessment. RPL assessment takes a holistic view of the process of assessment where the context of the learning as well as the context of the person who is being assessed is taken into account.

Only 10% of enrolments may be admitted through the RPL route.

Recognition of and exemption from modules:

- a. A student who studied at another recognised higher education institution and who applies to register for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management may apply in writing to the Dean concerned for recognition or exemption of modules required for the qualification programme, provided that the Dean may grant recognition or exemption for no more than half the credits.
- b. A student who has obtained a qualification from the University or any other recognised higher education institution and who applies for registration for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management, may apply in writing to the Dean concerned for recognition or exemption of modules required for the qualification programme, provided that the Dean may grant recognition or exemption for not more than half the credits.



## Unsatisfactory academic performance

The provisions of Academic Rule 2.4.7 and 2.4.8 apply to the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management.



## Qualification with distinction

The Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management is conferred when a student completes the qualification within the minimum period and achieves a weighted average of 75% in all modules.



## Graduate attributes

The following competencies aligned to the Senior Management Service Competency Framework are embedded in the module outcomes of the PGDip in Public Management:

- a. Demonstrate an integrated and critical understanding of the different theories, concepts and principles of leadership, governance versus government and the relationship between governance, public management and ethics in the public sector.
- b. Demonstrate a critical understanding of concepts, theories and paradigms, professional practice and ethical standards in public management and select and apply those relevant and appropriate to the needs of the work situation.
- c. Draw on own knowledge, theories, paradigms, techniques and technologies in the field of public management to identify, analyse and address complex and/or real-life problems in a workplace and to improve delivery of public services to citizens.
- d. Work effectively as part of a team to identify, analyse and solve complex service delivery problems and to take responsibility for outcomes.

Students awarded this qualification should have:

- a. The capacity to be an active lead agent in implementing the public service agenda;
- b. The ability to promote anti-corruption measures in the public sector;
- c. The ability to develop and implement appropriate strategies to salvage a failing situation;
- d. Sound appreciation of the high standards of service that the general public have for service delivery by the state;
- e. The capacity to be effective leaders in their workplace and service environment; and
- f. The disposition to behave ethically at all times in the best interests of the population at large.

The qualification will assist students to develop a thorough knowledge of:

- a. Solving public management problems through innovation and creativity for the public good;
- b. Strategic thinking and implementation capability;
- c. Financial management and budgeting according to public service prescripts;
- d. Team work, team leadership and partnership development and maintenance;
- e. Personal responsibility and self-motivation as a characteristic of a senior manager;
- f. Identifying and addressing ethical issues and behaviour in the public service.



## Postgraduate Diploma in Population and Policy Analysis

Qualification Code: 1EJ D01 L501M

Campus: Mahikeng

Delivery mode: Full-time



### Duration

Candidates for the degree must be registered for a minimum period of **two semesters of full-time study** consisting of coursework and research.



### Admission requirements for the qualification

Admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Population and Policy Analysis programme is open to approved students with a Bachelor's degree or Advanced Diploma in Demography and Population Studies.



### Compulsory modules

Students have to enroll for all the modules.



## Compilation of programme 1EJ D01 L501M: Population and Policy Analysis

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
<b>First semester modules</b>		
HPPA511	Information Systems and Computer Applications	8
HPPA512	Statistics	12
HPPA513	Understanding Population	24
HPPA514	Social Research Methods	16
<b>Second semester modules</b>		
HPPA521	Population Policies and Programmes	24
HPPA522	Introduction to Research, Policy and Programme Nexus	18
HPPA523	Research Paper	18
<b>Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng</b>		<b>120</b>



## Bachelor of Arts Honours in Public Governance

**Qualification Code:** 1FL L01 L601P/V

**Campus:** Potchefstroom and Vanderbijlpark

**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time





### Duration

The minimum study period for this degree is three years and the maximum duration is four years.



### Admission requirements

In addition to NWU Academic Rules of the University the following faculty rules are also applicable:

- A Bachelor's degree in Public Administration or Public Management or an equivalent qualification. Two years relevant work experience will be advantageous.
- The Public Administration modules of the final undergraduate year must have been completed with an average of at least 65%.



### Programme outcomes

On completion of this programme, the student should:

- Be empowered with comprehensive academic knowledge and skills pertaining to the public sector environment, which enable him/her to serve as a leader in his/her work environment;
- Have the ability to use inquiry, scientific knowledge and innovation to assist and guide the transformation of public sector organisations in order to improve infrastructures and services within a democratic, developmental, accountable and responsive public sector environment;
- Demonstrate generic skills, such as observation, problem-solving, effective communication, analysis and critical thinking.



### Articulation

On successful completion of the programme, students may be admitted to a Master's degree in Public Management and Governance or a Master's degree in Public Administration.



### Rules for compilation of programme

All the modules must be completed.



### Examination

Examinations are written according to General Rule A.3.4 of the University



### Compilation of programme 1FL L01 L601P/V: Public Governance

#### Year modules

Module code	Type	Credits	Descriptive name
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PADM671	H	32	Research Report
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#### First semester modules

PADM611	H	16	Public Administration Theories
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PADM612	H	16	Research Methodology
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PADM613	H	16	Public Policy
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#### Second semester modules

PADM621	H	16	Public Organisation Studies
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PADM622	H	16	Public Financial Management
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PADM623	H	16	Public Human Resource Management
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Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom/Vanderbijlpark		
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# Bachelor of Arts Honours in Political Studies

Qualification Code: 1GA L01 L601P/V

Campus: Potchefstroom and Vanderbijlpark

Delivery mode: Full-time and part-time



## Admission requirements

In addition to NWU Academic Rules of the University the following faculty rules are also applicable:

- A Bachelor-degree in which all the modules of Political Studies were **passed** at the various undergraduate year levels.
- The modules in Political Studies of the final undergraduate year, barring exceptions, and approved by the School Director, must be passed with an average of **at least 65%**.



## Programme outcomes

After completion of this programme, the student should be able to:

- Motivate and use applicable research methods and techniques to examine, analyse and evaluate typical issues in the field of Political Science and International Politics from relevant research literature;
- Describe, critically evaluate and judge the most important political ideas;
- Describe, critically evaluate and judge important issues in world politics;
- Understand analytical approaches to the study of politics, apply them within the global context of a developing world, and critically explain and evaluate them;
- Understand and apply methods of political comparisons and compare and evaluate political systems in the world;
- Analyse formulated policy (in general but also specific policy outputs in South Africa) and evaluate it according to specific criteria in order to determine the potential of success; and
- Evaluate South Africa's political system and compare it with other democracies in the rest of the world, in order to point out the differences and similarities.



## Compilation of programme 1GA L01 L601P/V: Political Studies

### Year modules

Module code	Type	Credits	Descriptive name
POLS673	H	32	Research Report

### First semester modules

POLS611	H	16	Research Methodology
POLS612	H	16	Policy Studies
POLS613	H	16	Political Philosophy

### Second semester modules

Complete **THREE (3)** of the following non-core modules:

POLS621	H	16	Comparative Politics
POLS622	H	16	Issues in World Politics
POLS623	H	16	Political Dynamics
POLS624	H	16	Politics in the Developing World
POLS625	H	16	Politics in Africa
POLS626	H	16	Governance and Political Transformation
POLS627	H	16	Political Economy

Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom/Vanderbijlpark

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## Rules for compilation of programme

The student must select three modules from the list of ancillary modules in corroboration with the chairperson. The offering of ancillary modules depends upon staff capacity.





## Bachelor of Social Science Honours in International Relations

**Qualification Code:** 1FU L01 L601M  
**Campus:** Mahikeng  
**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



### Duration of the programme

The B Soc Sc (Hons) International Relations degree may be awarded after a minimum of two semesters of full-time or a minimum of four semesters of part-time study.



### Admission requirements for the qualification

The BSocSc (Hons) International Relations degree is open to students who have a Bachelor's degree in International Relations, with a minimum average of 65%.



## Compilation of programme 1FU L01 L601M: International Relations

### Year modules

Module code	Type	Credits	Descriptive name
HIRL672	H	30	Research Project

### First semester modules

HIRL611	H	16	Advanced Theories of International Politics
HIRL612	H	16	Foreign Policy Formulation and Negotiation
HIRL613	H	16	International Political Economy

### Second semester modules

HIRL621	H	16	Regional Studies
HIRL622	H	16	Security and Global Transformation
HIRL623	H	16	Advanced Foreign Policy Analysis

**Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng**



## Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Political Studies

Qualification Code:

1FV L01 L601M

Campus:

Mahikeng

Delivery mode:

Full-time and part-time





## Compilation of programme 1GG H28 L301M: Political Studies and International Relations

### Year modules

Module code	Type	Credits	Descriptive name
POLS673	H	32	Research Project

### First semester modules

POLS611	H	16	Research Methodology
POLS612	H	16	Policy Studies
POLS613	H	16	Political Philosophy

### Second semester modules

Complete THREE (3) of the following non-core modules:

POLS621	H	16	Comparative Politics
POLS622	H	16	Issues in World Politics
POLS623	H	16	Political Dynamics
POLS624	H	16	Politics in the Developing World
POLS625	H	16	Politics in Africa
POLS626	H	16	Governance and Political Transformation

Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng

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# Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Population studies

**Qualification Code:** 1FW L01 L601M  
**Campus:** Mahikeng  
**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



## Duration

This is a one-year programme consisting of coursework and a research project. It is intended to introduce students, planning to make a career in population studies (Population and Development) and workers in population-related areas, to relevant training in the field. It will also prepare them for further training and research leading to Masters and eventually a PhD programme.



## Admission requirements for the qualification

A Bachelor Degree in Population Studies or any related subject as approved by the Department. To qualify for admission into the Honours programme in Population Studies and Demography, a student must have obtained a minimum average mark of 65% in the final year undergraduate modules in Population Studies and Demography or any related subject as approved by the Department.



## Compilation of programme 1FW L01 L601M: Population studies

### Year modules

Module code	Type	Credits	Descriptive name
HPOP673	H	30	Research Project

### First semester modules

HPOP611	H	16	Introduction to the History of World Pop Trends
HPOP612	H	16	Introduction to Dynamics of Pop Change
HPOP615	H	16	Economic-Population Growth Modules
HPOP616	H	12	Introduction to Research Methods and Evaluation Techniques in Population Studies

### Second semester modules

HPOP622	H	12	Population Problems and Policies / Population and Planning
HPOP623	H	12	Population Change, Gender and the Family
HPOP624	H	12	Population and Resources

**Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng**

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# Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Development Studies

Qualification Code: 1HA L01 L601M

Campus: Mahikeng

Delivery mode: Full-time and part-time



## Duration

This Honours Degree requires a minimum of two semesters of full-time study or four semesters of part-time study.



## Admission requirements for the qualification

Except with permission of Senate, a candidate shall not be permitted to register for this Bachelor's Degree unless she or he has been admitted to the degree of Bachelor at the University, or has been admitted to status.

To be admitted to the Honours programme in Development Studies a candidate must have obtained a Bachelor's Degree with Development Studies taken to third year level with a minimum average of 65% for third year Development studies modules.



## Programme outcomes

At the end of the programme learners will be able to:

- Analyse development strategies and initiatives; and
- Design, implement, monitor and evaluate development programmes and policies.



## Compilation of programme 1HA L01 L601M: Development Studies

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
<b>Complete ALL of the following core modules:</b>		
<b>First semester modules</b>		
DEVS611	Theories of Development	24
DEVS612	Development Policy and Strategies	24
<b>Second semester modules</b>		
DEVS621	Theories and Strategies of Rural and Urban Development	26
<b>Year module</b>		
DEVS671	Research Project	30
<b>Elective modules</b>		
<b>Complete ONE (1) of the following elective modules:</b>		
<b>First semester modules</b>		
DEVS614	Local Economic Development ( <i>elective not offered in 2020</i> )	24
<b>Second semester modules</b>		
DEVS622	Land Reform: Policies and Strategies	24
DEVS623	Co-operatives Development ( <i>not offered in 2020</i> )	24
<b>Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng</b>		<b>128</b>



# Master of Arts in Public Management and Governance

**Qualification Code:** 1DB N01 L801P/V

**Campus:** Potchefstroom and Vanderbijlpark

**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



## Admission

Specific admission requirements and rules for the programme.

In addition to General Rule A.4.2 of the University the following is also applicable:

- An Honours degree in Public Administration, Management or Governance or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline obtained with an average mark of 65%. In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered. School/Entity directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%. Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted into the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop at the Potchefstroom Campus on a date determined by the Research and School Director.
- Masters students are required to submit a research proposal that meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



## Programme outcomes

The student should be able to do advanced research on public management phenomena and to report on it in a scientific manner. It should also prepare students for further advanced studies.



## Articulation

On successful completion of the programme, students may be admitted to a PhD degree in Public Management and Governance.



## Specific rules

A student should complete all the modules. One of the mini-dissertations (MPGO873 or MPGP873) has to be completed.



## Compilation of programme 1DB N01 L801P/V: Public Management and Governance

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
PUMA871	Dissertation	180
<b>Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom/Vanderbijlpark</b>		<b>180</b>



## Master of Arts in Political Studies

**Qualification Code:** 1DA N01 L801M/P/V

**Campus:** Mahikeng, Potchefstroom and Vanderbijlpark

**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



### Admission

In addition to General Rule A.4.2 of the University the following is also applicable:

- An Honours degree in Political Studies or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline obtained with an average mark of 65%.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted into the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop on a date determined by the Research and School Director.
- Masters students are required to submit a research proposal which meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted into this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



### Programme outcomes

The student should be able to undertake advanced research on phenomena of public governance and report on it in a scientific manner. It will also serve as preparation for proceeding to further advanced studies.



### Articulation

On successful completion of the programme, learners may be admitted to a PhD degree in Social Science - Political Studies (1CC R08).



### Compilation of programme 1DA N01 L801M/P/V: Political Studies

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
POLS871	Political Studies	180
<b>Total credits for the programme:</b> <b>Mahikeng/Potchefstroom/Vanderbijlpark</b>		<b>180</b>



# Master of Arts in Development and Management with Governance and Political Transformation

**Qualification Code:** 1EW P03 L801P

**Campus:** Potchefstroom

**Delivery mode:** Part-time



## Admission

Specific admission requirements and rules for the programme.

In addition to General Rule A.4.2 of the University the following is also applicable:

- An Honours degree or an equivalent qualification obtained with an average mark of 65%. In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered. School/Entity Directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%.
- A limited number of candidates will be admitted to the program annually. The number of students admitted will depend upon the availability of the School's personnel capacity. All applications will be strictly judged according to academic merit.
- All admitted candidates must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop on dates determined by the Research and School Director. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the programme, in which case a student would have to re-apply for admission the following year.
- Course-work Masters students are required to submit a research proposal that meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration in the second year of study. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



## Programme outcomes

The knowledge acquired from this programme, will equip students with an advanced level of management skills for their respective professions and to master a variety of facets of sustainable development so that the complex South African social environment can be understood and effectively managed.



## Articulation

On successful completion of the programme students may be admitted to a PhD degree in Social Science – Governance and Political Transformation.



## Rules for compilation of programme

Students are required to pass MPMB811, POLI815 & POLI816 in order to proceed with the mini-dissertation.



## Compilation of programme 1EW P03 L801P: Governance and Political Transformation

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
<b>Year module</b>		
MDMA873	Mini-dissertation	90
<b>First semester modules</b>		
MPMB811	Transdisciplinary Research Methodology	15
POLI815	Governance and Transformation	15
POLI816	Change and Conflict Management	15
<b>Second semester modules</b>		
POLI824	The Political Environment: SA Application	15
SMSS823	Strategic Management	15
POLI827	Contemporary Statehood in the Developing World	15
<b>Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom</b>		<b>180</b>



## Master of Arts in Development and Management with Security Studies and Management

**Qualification Code:** 1EW N04 L801P

**Campus:** Potchefstroom

**Delivery mode:** Part-time





## Admission

In addition to General Rule A.4.2 of the University the following is also applicable:

- An Honours degree or an equivalent qualification obtained with an average mark of 65%. In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered. School/Entity directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%.
- A limited number of candidates will be admitted to the program annually. The number of students admitted will depend upon the availability of the School's personnel capacity. All applications will be strictly judged according to academic merit.
- All admitted candidates must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop on dates determined by the Research and School Director. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the programme, in which case, a student would have to re-apply for admission the following year.
- Course-work Masters students are required to submit a research proposal that meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration in the second year of study. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



## Programme outcomes

The knowledge acquired from this Programme, will equip students with analytical skills in the field of Security Studies, applicable to an advanced level of management. With these management skills, the candidate will be able to make a positive contribution to the complex strategic South African political environment.



## Articulation

On successful completion of the programme, students may be admitted to a PhD degree Social Science – Security Studies and Management (1CC R06).



## Rules for compilation of programme

Students must complete six (6) modules and one (1) mini-dissertation.

Students are required to pass MPMB 811, INTL814, INTL825 and INTL826 in order to proceed with the mini-dissertation.

A student may not register for an ancillary or compulsory module that does not fall within his/her programme. Should a student do so, it will be registered as an "additional module" which will not count for credits within the programme.



## Compilation of programme 1EW P04 L801P: Security Studies and Management

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
<b>Year module</b>		
MDMA873	Mini-dissertation	90
<b>First semester modules</b>		
MPMB811	Transdisciplinary Research Methodology	15
POLI816	Change and Conflict Management	15
INTL814	Strategic Security Studies	15
<b>Second semester modules</b>		
SMSS823	Strategic Management	15
INTL825	Security Studies Application: Security Risk Management	15
INTL826	Security Studies Applications: Security Analysis	15
<b>Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom</b>		<b>180</b>



# Master of Social Science in Development Studies

Qualification Code: 1DR N01 L801M

Campus: Mahikeng

Delivery mode: Full-time and part-time



## Duration

Candidates for this study must be enrolled for a minimum of two years of full-time studies.



## Admission

In addition to General Rule A.4.2 of the University the following is also applicable:

- Admission to the Master's degree in Development Studies by full dissertation will be open to approved candidates in possession of a Honours Bachelor Degree in Development Studies or in another related field (Development Administration / Management, Community Development and Land Reform and Rural Development) with a minimum average of 65%.
- In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director.
- The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered.
- School/Entity directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%.



## Compilation of Programme 1DR N01 L801M: Development Studies

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
MDEV871	Dissertation	180
Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng		180



## Master of Social Science in International Relations

**Qualification Code:** 1DS N01 L801M

**Campus:** Mahikeng

**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



### Duration

The duration of the course shall not extend over more than two years of full-time study and three years of part-time study.



### Admission

In addition to General Rule A.4.2 of the University the following is also applicable:

- An Honours degree in International Relations, Political Studies or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline obtained with an minimum average mark of 65%.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted into the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop on a date determined by the Research and School Director.
- Masters students are required to submit a research proposal which meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



### Articulation

On successful completion of the programme, learners may be admitted to a PhD degree in Social Science – International Relations.



### Compilation of programme 1DS N01 L801M: International Relations (full dissertation)

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
HIRM871	Dissertation	180
<b>Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng</b>		<b>180</b>



## Master of Social Science in International Relations with Peace Studies

**Qualification Code:** 1DS N02 L801M  
**Campus:** Mahikeng  
**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



### Duration

The duration of the course shall not extend over two years of full-time study and three years of part-time study.



### Admission

In addition to General Rule A.4.2 of the University the following is also applicable:

- An Honours degree in International Relations, Political Studies or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline obtained with an average mark of 65%.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted into the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop on a date determined by the Research and School Director.
- Masters students are required to submit a research proposal which meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



### Programme outcomes

- Demonstrate a depth of knowledge and high levels of theoretical understanding in a complex and specialised area within Peace Studies.
- Demonstrate intellectual independence and advanced research skills through the ability to apply sophisticated knowledge and research methodologies to the solution of complex, unfamiliar problems in Peace Studies and the competence to integrate and apply theoretical knowledge and research findings within relevant local and global contexts.
- Autonomously generate, synthesise and evaluate information and concepts at highly abstract levels and make sound evaluations on the basis of independently generated criteria.
- Question existing knowledge boundaries and practices in Peace Studies and create responses to problems that expand or redefine existing knowledge.
- Show mastery of the literature and state of research in a specific area.
- Demonstrate research leadership within a field or across disciplines, including the ability to plan, resource, manage and optimise all aspects of research.
- With successful completion the candidate may be admitted into the PhD programme.

### Articulation

On successful completion of the programme, learners may be admitted to a PhD degree in Social Science – International Relations (1CC R14)

### Compilation of Programme: 1DS N02 L801M: International Relations with Peace Studies

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
HIRM871	Dissertation	180
Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng		180



## Master of Social Science in Population and Sustainable Development

Qualification Code: 1JC P01 L801M

Campus: Mahikeng

Delivery mode: Full-time



### Duration

This is a two-year programme consisting of both course-work and mini-dissertation.



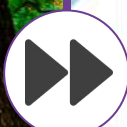
### Admission requirements

To be admitted in the Masters programme, a student must have a Honours Degree in Population Studies and Demography and a minimum average mark of 65% at a Honours level.



### Programme outcome

At the end of the programme a student should be able to carry out demographic analysis and intergrate population variables into development planning in order to influence policy formulation.



### Articulation

On successful completion of the program a student may be admitted for a further training in the PhD programme.



### Compilation of programme 1JC P01 L801M: Population and Sustainable Development

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
<b>Compulsary module</b>		
HPOP873	Mini-dissertation	120
<b>First semester modules</b>		
<b>Complete TWO (2) of the following elective modules:</b>		
HPOP811	Population and Development	16
HPOP812	Population process: Fertility, Mortality and Migration - A Review	24
HPOP813	Techniques of Incorporating Demographic Variables in Development Planning (not presented 2021)	16
HPOP814	Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Data for use in Development Planning and Use of Census and Survey Data (not presented 2021)	16
<b>Second semester modules</b>		
<b>Complete TWO (2) of the following elective modules:</b>		
HPOP821	Family, Family Formation and Dissolution, Household (not presented 2021)	16
HPOP822	Population Projections with Particular Relevance to Development Planning	16
HPOP823	Population Policies Relevant to Population Processes and Strategies of Development	16
<b>Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng</b>		<b>192</b>



# Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Public Management and Governance

**Qualification Code:** 1CC R04 L901P/V

**Campus:** Potchefstroom and Vanderbijlpark

**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



## Duration

Apart from the requirements set out in General Rule A.5.2 of the University the following admission requirements apply:

- A candidate must have a Master's degree in Public Administration, Management or Governance, or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline, obtained with an average mark of at least 65%. In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered.
- Students who fulfil the entry criteria and whose applications are approved, initially receive provisional acceptance based on the capacity available. Thereafter, provisionally accepted students will be required to go through a further selection process (the preparation of a draft research proposal and colloquium presentation) before the final approval of candidates is made.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted into the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop on a date determined by the Research and School Director.
- PhD students are required to submit a research proposal that meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



## Programme outcomes

The candidate should be able to undertake advanced research projects and to report on them in a scientific manner. With the knowledge acquired in this programme, the candidate will also be better equipped to occupy his career position with confidence and to have a more comprehensive understanding of the complex South African social spectrum.



## Compilation of programme 1CC R04 L901P/V: Public Management and Governance

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
PUMA971	Public Management and Governance (thesis)	360
<b>Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom/Vanderbijlpark</b>		<b>360</b>



# Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Governance and Political Transformation

**Qualification Code:** 1CC R05 L901P

**Campus:** Potchefstroom

**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



## Duration

Apart from the requirements set out in General Rule A.5.2 of the University the following admission requirements apply:

- A candidate must have a Master's degree in Development and Management (Programme L885P) or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline, obtained with an average mark of 65%.
- In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered. School/Entity directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%.
- Students who fulfil the entry criteria, and whose applications are approved, will initially receive provisional acceptance based on the capacity available. Thereafter, students may be required to go through a further selection process (the preparation of a draft research proposal and colloquium presentation) before the final approval of candidates is made.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted into the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates (provisionally accepted students included) must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop at the Potchefstroom Campus on a date determined by the Research and School Director.
- PhD students are required to submit a research proposal which meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in any one of the following curricula, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



## Programme outcomes

- The candidate should be able to undertake advanced research projects and to report on them in a scientific manner. With the knowledge acquired in this programme, the candidate will also be better equipped to occupy his career position with confidence and to have a more comprehensive understanding of the complex South African social spectrum.



## Compilation of programme 1CC R05 L901P: Governance and Political Transformation

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
POLT971	Thesis	360
<b>Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom</b>		<b>360</b>



# Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Security Studies and Management

**Qualification Code:** 1CC R06 L901P  
**Campus:** Potchefstroom  
**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



## Admission

Apart from the requirements set out in General Rule A.5.2 of the University the following admission requirements apply:

- A candidate must have a Master's degree in Development and Management (Programme L886P) or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline, obtained with an average mark of 65%.
- In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered. School/Entity directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%.
- Students who fulfil the entry criteria, and whose applications are approved, will initially receive provisional acceptance based on the capacity available. Thereafter, students may be required to go through a further selection process (the preparation of a draft research proposal and colloquium presentation) before the final approval of candidates is made.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted into the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates (provisionally accepted students included) must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop on a date determined by the Research and School Director.
- PhD students are required to submit a research proposal which meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in any one of the following curricula, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.

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## Programme outcomes

The candidate should be able to undertake advanced research projects and to report on them in a scientific manner. With the knowledge acquired in this programme, the candidate will also be better equipped to occupy his career position with confidence and to have a more comprehensive understanding of the complex South African social spectrum.



## Compilation of programme 1CC R06 L901P: Security Studies and Management

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
MINT971	Thesis	360
Total credits for the programme: Potchefstroom		360



# Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Political Studies

**Qualification Code:** 1CC R08 L901M/P/V

**Campus:** Mahikeng, Potchefstroom and Vanderbijlpark

**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



## Admission

Apart from the requirements set out in General Rule A.5.2 of the University the following admission requirements apply:

- A candidate must have a Master's degree in Political Studies or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline, obtained with an average mark of 65%. In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered. School/Entity directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%.
- Students who fulfil the entry criteria may initially receive provisional acceptance based on the capacity available. Thereafter, students may be required to go through a further selection process (the preparation of a draft research proposal and colloquium presentation) before the final approval of candidates is made.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted onto the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates (provisionally accepted students included) must attend a compulsory introductory and orientation workshop on a date determined by the Research Director.
- PhD students are required to submit a research proposal which meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



## Programme outcomes

The candidate should be able to undertake advanced research projects and to report on them in a scientific manner. With the knowledge acquired in this programme, the candidate will also be better equipped to occupy his career position with confidence and to have a more comprehensive understanding of the complex South African social spectrum.



## Compilation of programme 1CC R08 L901M/P/V: Political Studies

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
POLS971	Political Studies (Thesis)	360
<b>Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng/Potchefstroom/</b>		<b>360</b>

# Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Population Studies



**Qualification Code:** 1CC R11 L901M  
**Campus:** Mahikeng  
**Delivery mode:** Full-time and part-time



## Duration

Except with permission of Senate, a candidate for the degree must be registered for a minimum of four semesters of full-time study.



## Admission requirements for the qualification

A student must have a Master's Degree in Population Studies and Demography with a minimum average mark of not less than 65%.



## Compilation of programme 1CC R11 L901M: Population Studies

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
HPOP971	Thesis	360
<b>Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng</b>		<b>360</b>



# Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with International Relations

Qualification Code: 1CC R14 L901M

Campus: Mahikeng

Delivery mode: Full-time and part-time



## Duration

Except with permission of Senate, a candidate for the degree must be registered for a minimum of four semesters of full-time study.



## Specific admission requirements and rules of the programme

Apart from the requirements set out in General Rule A.5.2 of the University the following admission requirements apply:

- A candidate must have a Master's degree in International Relations, Political Science or any other related discipline from any University in South Africa and Internationally or an equivalent qualification in a related discipline, with an average of mark 65%.
- In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered. School/Entity directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%.
- Students who fulfil the entry criteria, may initially receive provisional acceptance based on the capacity available. Thereafter, students may be required to go through a further selection process (the preparation of a draft research proposal and colloquium presentation) before the final approval of candidates is made.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted onto the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates (provisionally accepted students included) must attend an introductory and orientation meeting at the Mahikeng Campus on a date determined by the Research Director.
- PhD students are required to submit a research proposal that meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



## Programme outcomes

The candidate should be able to undertake advanced research projects and to report on them in a scientific manner. With the knowledge acquired in this programme, the candidate will also be better equipped to occupy his career position with confidence and to have a more comprehensive understanding of the complex South African social spectrum.



## Compilation programme 1CC R14 L901M: International Relations

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
HIRL971	Thesis	360
Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng		360



# Doctor of Philosophy in Social Science with Development Studies

Qualification Code: 1CC R15 L901M

Campus: Mahikeng

Delivery mode: Full-time and part-time



## Duration

Except with permission of Senate, a candidate for the degree must be registered for a minimum of four semesters of full-time study.



## Admission requirements for the qualification

- A student must have a Master's degree in Development Studies with a minimum average mark of no less than 65%.
- In the case where the programme is not yet filled to capacity, and an applicant does not meet the requirement of 65%, but has obtained the degree with an average of 60-64%, an application for consideration to be admitted to this programme could be submitted to the relevant School/Research Director. The application should include a complete academic record and a one-page motivation that explains why the application should be considered. School/Entity directors of programmes that are filled to capacity will not consider any applications below 65%.
- Students who fulfil the entry criteria, may initially receive provisional acceptance based on the capacity available. Thereafter, students may be required to go through a further selection process (the preparation of a draft research proposal and colloquium presentation) before the final approval of candidates is made.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be accepted onto the programme every year. The number of candidates who will be accepted is subject to the School's policy and capacity. All applications are assessed on strict academic merits and requirements.
- All admitted candidates (provisionally accepted students included) must attend an introductory and orientation meeting at the Mahikeng Campus on a date determined by the Research Director.
- PhD students are required to submit a research proposal that meets the required standard for title registration, within 6 months of registration. Failure to do so may result in the termination of a student's studies.
- Should a student be accepted in this programme, a student may not change his/her programme during the Academic year. Should a student wish to change his/her programme, he/she would have to formally cancel his/her studies and re-apply for admission to the programme the following year. Acceptance in this case, is not guaranteed and the application will undergo the normal selection process.



## Programme outcomes

The candidate should be able to undertake advanced research projects and to report on them in a scientific manner. With the knowledge acquired in this programme, the candidate will also be better equipped to occupy his career position with confidence and to have a more comprehensive understanding of the complex South African social spectrum.



## Compilation of programme 1CC R15 L901M: Development Studies

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
HDEV971	Thesis	360
Total credits for the programme: Mahikeng		360

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