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## Faculty of Humanities Population Studies & Demography

SITE OF DELIVERY: Mahikeng Campus

The recognition of population issues as an important area for public policy has contributed to the increasing number of African countries developing population policies. This has led to some progress in population programmes in many countries. However, population programmes face challenges in contributing to sustainable human development in part due to a lack of knowledge and skills in population and development inter-relationships and demographic analysis.

The Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSocSc) in Population Studies is intended to equip learners with the knowledge to understand the components of demographic dynamics and how they affect and are affected by socioeconomic processes.

By the end of the programs, learners will be able to:

- Analyze and interpret population data and information
- Examine the interactions between demographic, social, economic, environmental, political, and cultural processes
- Integrate population factors into all policies, plans, programmes, and strategies
- Design inter-disciplinary and integrated approaches to address population issues



## Modules

### First year

- HPOP 111: Introduction to Population Studies and Demography
- HPOP 121: Basic Demographic Measures and Composition

### Second year

- HPOP 212: Introduction to Population and Development Theories
- HPOP 213: Basic Research Methods in Population Studies
- HPOP 221: Introduction to Demographic Techniques
- HPOP 223: Sources, Evaluation and Adjustment of Demographic Data

### Third year

- HPOP 311: Demography of South Africa
- HPOP 312: Introduction to Population Policies and Programmes
- HPOP 321: Population and Development Interrelationships
- HPOP 322: Research Essay

On completion of this programme, students will understand the relationship between Population Studies and the other social sciences and will be able to apply analytic skills from these disciplines in careers that require engagement with Population Studies and Social Science questions.



## Career opportunities

Population Studies will prepare one for a career in:

- Population analysis
- Planning and development
- Development planning
- Research
- Academic teaching

Due to its inter-disciplinary nature, career opportunities for Population Studies graduates are available at:

- Various government departments
- The private sector
- Non-governmental organisations
- Civil society organisation
- International development agencies
- Academic and research institutions
- National and provincial population units



## Requirements

Admission Requirements and Duration Application must have matriculated or have an Advanced-Level Certificate of education and background in Mathematics. The BSocSc in Population Studies is a three-year programme. Overall, the applicant must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least 22 and the programme constitutes 396 credits.