

IIE Bachelor of Social Science

Faculty of Humanities

4 Years Distance Degree | NQF Level 7 | 360 Credits
SAQA ID: 122517 | BSSC0701

→ Online

Qualification Description

The IIE's Bachelor of Social Science includes various streams of study, allowing for students to refine their learning pathway according to their interests. Subject to availability, the following disciplines may be elected within the various streams: Psychology, Criminology, Criminal Justice, International Studies, Political Studies, Sociology, Development Studies, Geography and Environmental Science.

Employers seek flexible, well-informed graduates who are sophisticated communicators and analytical thinkers. The IIE's Bachelor of Social Science is designed to enable students to develop such qualities. This qualification provides a rich basis of skills and knowledge for graduates to apply directly within the workplace, or to build on through further studies in Honours or a Postgraduate programme.

The IIE Bachelor of Social Science Degree provides students with a choice of ONE of the following core discipline combinations:

- International Studies and Political Studies, or
- Geography & Environmental Science and Development Studies, or
- Psychology and Criminology & Criminal Justice, or
- Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology, or
- Psychology and Sociology

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

The IIE Bachelor of Social Science is aimed at students who are interested in understanding and analysing human behaviour, society, and global issues. This qualification is ideal for individuals seeking careers in areas such as Public



Policy, Psychology, Communication, or Development Studies, or for those planning to pursue postgraduate studies in the Social Sciences.

How Will Emeris Support Your Online Learning as a Distance (Online) Student, and How Will It Help Prepare You for the Working World?

Our distance teaching and learning approach is designed to allow you the freedom to self-govern your learning experiences according to your individual needs. You are at the centre of your own learning journey, and by offering curated engagement opportunities, we partner with you to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Manage your work, life and studies
- Succeed in your personal, professional, and academic goals.

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Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements	English	Notes
NSC: Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	
NC(V): Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	
SC: Endorsement with	50%	
SC(a): Bachelor pass with	50%	
International	An USAf Exemption Certificate is required meeting the minimum of 50% for English OR requisite English test.	
A cognate Higher Certificate or cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma OR Degree may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.		If discipline not cognate at least 20% of credits must be academic literacy or numeracy related.

Alternate Admission	NSC	Notes
(Should the English requirement not be met at NSC Grade 12 then entrance may be granted if the requirement is met based on the Grade 11 final English mark)	English 40 - 49%	If 50% min in final Grade 11 results was achieved.

Should you have any other school leaving qualification not mentioned above, please reach out to a Student Advisor.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate



Curriculum Outline

This qualification is made of five core disciplines with unique and generic modules depending on your core discipline selected. All five disciplines are offered full-time in contact mode and are subject to campus availability. **Only the Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology combination will be offered online.**

- Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology
- Geography & Environmental Science and Development Studies
- Psychology and Criminology & Criminal Justice
- International Studies and Political Studies
- Psychology and Sociology

Core Discipline	Major Subjects
Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology	COSC5121, DIAL5111, PSYC5121, CICO5122, PSYC5121, PSYC5122, SOCI5121, VISA6221, WOCHR221, ISCI6212, SOCI5122, YCLA6222, GECS6221, SPYC7321, TPPS6221, BSNC6222, MEDS6222, SAAJ7322, BERS7321, CBSA7321, IRHU7311, FCVP7322, PPJU7322, RPHU7312

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Curriculum Structure

Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology:

Focuses on the social dimensions of crime and justice, analysing how societal structures, inequality, and social norms influence criminal behavior and the functioning of justice systems.

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
COSC5121	Communication Science 1A: Interpersonal Communication	5	15	CICO5122	Crime in Context	5	15
DIAL5111	Digital and Academic Literacy	5	15	ICJS5122	Introduction to South African Criminal Justice System	5	15
PSYC5121	Psychology 1A: Introduction to Psychology	5	15	PSYC5122	Psychology 1B: Introduction to Psychology	5	12
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
SOCI5121	Sociology 1A	5	15	ISCI6212	Selected Contemporary Crime Issues	6	15
VISA6221	Victimology in South Africa	6	15	SOCI5122	Sociology 1B	5	15
WOCR7221	Women in Crime	7	15	YCLA6222	Youth in Conflict with the Law	6	15
Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
GECS6221	Gender, Culture and Society	6	15	BSNC6222	Building Support Networks for Children and Families	6	15
SPYC7321	Sociological Perspectives on Youth Culture and Social Change	7	15	MEDS6222	Medical Sociology	6	15
TPPS6221	Theoretical Perspectives in Political and Social Thought	6	15	SAAJ7322	South African and African Social Justice	7	15
Year 4							
Semester 7				Semester 8			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
BERS7321	Beliefs, Religion and Spirituality	7	15	FCVP7322	Forensic Criminology: Victim and Offender Profiling	7	15
CBSA7321	Criminal Behaviour in South Africa: A Psychosocial Approach	7	15	PPJU7322	Political Philosophy and Justice	7	15
IRHU7311	Introduction to Research for the Human Sciences	7	15	RPHU7312	Research Practice for the Human Sciences	7	15

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Further Study Pathways

The successful completion of the IIE Bachelor of Social Science (BSSC0701) enables you to progress into the following qualification/s subject to meeting the admission requirements:

- IIE Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology (HPSY0801)
- IIE Bachelor of Social Science Honours (HOSS0801)

Career Opportunities

With the skills and knowledge developed through their Degree, graduates will be equipped to apply for positions in a diverse range of fields such as:

- Research and Analysis
- Public or Civil Services
- Diplomacy
- Public Policy-making
- Social and Community Services

Graduates may gain employment in institutions such as:

- Government Departments
- Universities
- Department of Justice
- Department of International Relations and Cooperation
- Development agencies and non-governmental organisations
- SANParks

System and Software Requirements

- Reliable internet connection (we recommend 5-10 GB of data per month and an internet speed of at least 0.15 Mbps)
- Desktop PC or laptop with at least an i3 processor and 4GB RAM memory
- Windows 8 or macOS 10.15 (Microsoft Office 365 is available as a free download for IIE students), and Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge Chromium or Firefox
- A working webcam and microphone
- An uninterrupted power supply is also highly recommended.

Exams are written at an exam centre and in some instances online. These details will be specified in your Programme Assessment Schedule (PAS).

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 24 modules in the curriculum – this is discipline specific.

As a distance (online) student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 4 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification, and for part-time an additional year is allowed.

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Where Assessments Are Written in Person

- For students based in South Africa, online students may select any Emeris campus as their Examination Centre.
- An alternative examination centre is only permissible for students studying abroad and those located in a province of South Africa where there is no Emeris campus. If there is no Emeris campus within reach, an alternative venue will need to be sourced by you. For non-IIE venues, there is an alternative venue levy per module.

What Are the Benefits of an IIE Distance (Online) Qualification?

The IIE's distance (online) delivery mode provides you with the agility of studying towards a tertiary qualification asynchronously, at different times from different locations. Distance students need to commit to approximately 20-25 hours a week for distance engagement (most of which is after hours) with material and assessments to succeed.

Here are some of the benefits you can expect:

- A sequenced online learning environment that allows you the ability to manage your learning experiences flexibly and autonomously.
- A learner guide designed to lead you through the module material and learning outcomes, empowering you to effectively pace your learning in preparation for assessments.
- Our Learning Management System is designed to break up your learning units into manageable sections which include various activities to support learning.
- Module expert online lecturers that facilitate module teaching and learning support through various technology enhanced mediums.
- Student Relations Specialists provide administrative and operational guidance and support throughout your academic journey.
- A professionally registered Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor available for short-term, primary counselling services. Additionally, the Student Wellness Manager/Counsellor hosts various webinars and virtual talks on topics that promote a balanced lifestyle as you pursue your academic goals.

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After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.



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