

IIE Bachelor of Social Science Honours

Faculty of Humanities

1 Year Full-Time Honours | NQF Level 8
120 Credits | SAQA ID: 90937 | HOSS0801

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Qualification Description

The IIE Honours Degree in Social Sciences focuses on disciplines such as Communication and Media Studies, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Geography and Environmental Science, International Studies, Journalism, Sociology or Psychology, this qualification will equip students for leadership and professional roles by providing specialised knowledge of society's institutions, culture and values.

Graduates of The IIE will be well-prepared for careers in journalism, public relations, marketing, law enforcement, management, public services, diplomacy, urban planning, social welfare, research and education (with an additional teaching qualification).

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

The IIE Bachelor of Social Science Honours is aimed at graduates who wish to expand their critical understanding of social dynamics, research methodologies, and theoretical frameworks within the social sciences. This qualification is ideal for individuals pursuing careers in research, policy development, social advocacy, or those planning to continue with postgraduate studies.



Career Opportunities

- Journalism, publishing and writing
- Public relations, corporate communication, marketing and advertising
- Police, courts and corrections
- Management and administrative positions
- Public or civil service, diplomacy, foreign affairs, urban and environmental planning, public policy analysis
- Social and community services, counselling, social welfare and social research
- Teaching (with an additional teaching qualification) and education administration.

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements	<p>An appropriate Bachelor's Degree</p> <p>OR</p> <p>An appropriate Advanced Diploma provided that a 360 credit Diploma or appropriate equivalent has been completed.</p>	<p>Candidates must have modules at NQF Level 7 in the same discipline for which the candidate is requesting Honours admission (e.g. Child and Youth Development or Communication and Media Studies or Criminology and Criminal Justice or Geography and Environmental Science or International Studies or Psychology or Sociology) and a foundation research module at the undergraduate level, preferably at NQF Level 7.</p> <p>Those who have not completed a foundation research module at undergraduate level will be required to do The IIE Introduction to Research SLP and need to be able to demonstrate an understanding of basic research before they can commence with their research report.</p> <p>Candidates are normally required to have a minimum final year average of 60% in the qualifications final-year (NQF L7) module. Those with a final year average of 55 - 59% will be admitted if they attained an average of 60% or higher for the designated cognate/core discipline modules at final-year (NQF L7) level.</p>
	International	A SAQA NQF L7 Evaluation Certificate in an appropriate field and meeting the additional admission requirements.
Additional Notes	<p>Graduates of The IIE who do not meet the admissions requirements for admission to Honours can enrol for and repeat all or some of their NQF Level 7 modules in order to improve their marks so that they can meet the entry requirements for Honours. These graduate students will then receive an additional transcript after the completion of the repeat module(s), where the repeat module(s) will appear as a second iteration of the module(s) on the transcript. The marks from the second iteration can then be used for admission to Honours in the subsequent academic year. This option is only available to graduates from The IIE and does not apply to graduates from other HE institutions.</p>	

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 *If applicable.



Curriculum Outline

This Postgraduate Degree offers advanced theoretical and research-focused engagement in the social sciences. Students specialise in one of the following disciplines:

Core Discipline	Major Subjects
Communication and Media Studies	COMT8411, MTKP8411, RMHS8411, SOCL8411, EMCP8412, RPHS8419
Criminology and Criminal Justice	TPCR8411, MTKP8411, RMHS8411, FOCR8412, PSCR8412, RPHS8419
Geography and Environmental Studies	MTKP8411, MPGD8411, RMHS8411, GCCA8412, IESR8412, RPHS8419
International studies	TOIR8411, MTKP8411, RMHS8411, GOHR8412, INPE8412, RPHS8419
Psychology	PSTA8411, SIPS8411, RMHS8411, PSPA8112, THIN8112, RPHS8419
Sociology	SOSI8411, MTKP8411, RMHS8411, ORWO8412, SOSP8412, RPHS8419
Journalism	CTJO8411, MTKP8411, RMHS8411, EMJP8412, PRJO8412, RPHS8419

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Curriculum Structure

Communication and Media Studies:

Explores media theory, digital communication, and the role of media in shaping social and cultural dynamics.

Communication and Media Studies							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
COMT8411	Communication Theory	8	20	SOCL8411	Strategic Organisational Communication and Leadership	8	20
MTKP8411	Meta-theories and Knowledge Production	8	20	EMCP8412	Emergent Media and Communication Practices	8	20
RMHS8411	Research Methodology for the Human Sciences	8	20				
Year Long							
RPHS8419	Research Project for the Human Sciences					8	30

Criminology and Criminal Justice:

Examines crime, criminal behaviour, justice systems, and societal responses to crime.

Criminology and Criminal Justice							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
TPCR8411	Theoretical Perspectives of Criminology	8	20	FOCR8412	Forensic Criminalistics	8	20
MTKP8411	Meta-theories and Knowledge Production	8	20	PSCR8412	Psycho-criminology	8	20
RMHS8411	Research Methodology for the Human Sciences	8	20				
Year Long							
RPHS8419	Research Project for the Human Sciences					8	30

Geography and Environmental Studies:

Focuses on human-environment interactions, spatial analysis, sustainability, and climate-related issues.

Geography and Environmental Studies							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
MTKP8411	Meta-theories and Knowledge Production	8	20	GCCA8412	Global Climate Change and Adaptation	8	20
MPGD8411	Methodological and Philosophical Developments inGeography and Environmental Science	8	20	IESR8412	Integrated Environmental and Social Risk Management: Policy and Practice	8	20
RMHS8411	Research Methodology for the Human Sciences	8	20				
Year Long							
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International Studies:

Investigates global relations, diplomacy, international organisations, and global socio-political trends.

International Studies							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
TOIR8411	Theories of International Relations	8	20	GOHR8412	The Globalisation of Human Rights	8	20
MTKP8411	Meta-theories and Knowledge Production	8	20	INPE8412	International Political Economy	8	20
RMHS8411	Research Methodology for the Human Sciences	8	20				
Year Long							
RPHS8419	Research Project for the Human Sciences					8	30

Psychology:

Provides deeper insight into human cognition, emotion, development, and psychological research methods.

Psychology							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
PSTA8411	Psychological Testing and Assessment	8	20	PSPA8112	Psychopathology	8	20
SIPS8411	Social issues in psychology	8	20	THIN8112	Therapeutic Interventions	8	20
RMHS8411	Research Methodology for the Human Sciences	8	20				
Year Long							
RPHS8419	Research Project for the Human Sciences					8	30

Sociology:

Analyses social structures, institutions, identities, and the patterns that shape society and human behaviour.

Sociology							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
SOSI8411	Social and Structural Inequality	8	20	ORWO8412	Organisation, Work, and Occupation	8	20
MTKP8411	Meta-theories and Knowledge Production	8	20	SOSP8412	Sociology and Social Policy	8	20
RMHS8411	Research Methodology for the Human Sciences	8	20				
Year Long							
RPHS8419	Research Project for the Human Sciences					8	30

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Journalism:

Enhances skills in news writing, investigative reporting, media ethics, and the changing landscape of journalism.

Journalism							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
CTJO8411	Contemporary Theory of Journalism	8	20	EMJP8412	Ethics and Morality in Journalism Practice	8	20
MTKP8411	Meta-theories and Knowledge Production	8	20	PRJO8412	Practices of Journalism	8	20
RMHS8411	Research Methodology for the Human Sciences	8	20				
Year Long							
RPHS8419	Research Project for the Human Sciences					8	30

Further Study Pathways

The IIE Bachelor of Social Science Honours pathway enables students to progress into a Master's Degree; however, the precise direction of study will differ depending on the discipline chosen for specialisation.

Timetables

This qualification is aimed at students who wish to complete full-time face-to-face studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to be available Mon-Fri 8:00 - 17:00 throughout the day for class in the academic year depending on how the timetable is structured.

Students must also note that timetables remain subject to change throughout the academic year.

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 6 modules in the curriculum.

As a contact student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 1 year. 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.

Apply Online

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



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