

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Science Methods

Please note: This programme is not necessarily offered every year.

Programme Code

50156 – 788(120)

Specific Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree in the broad field of the social sciences.
- An average final mark of at least 65 % in the majors with demonstrated academic ability.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by **30 November** of the preceding year.
- International students:
 - Apply by **30 September** of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

This programme focuses on the methodology of social science research and on specific application and research skills. You complete a total of eight modules – two are compulsory and you select six from the available elective modules.

Duration of Programme

The programme extends over one academic year. Lectures begin in February.

Programme Content

Compulsory Modules

13646 : Social Research and Social Epistemology	711(15)
10264 : Principles of Research Design in Social Science	713(15)

plus

Elective Modules

Choose **six** of the following modules. The Department reserves the right not to offer all elective modules in a particular calendar year.

10265 : Survey Methodology	771(15)
10266 : Introduction to Social Statistics	713(15)
58874 : Capita Selecta	741(15)
10268 : Advanced Data Management and Data Analysis with SPSS*	713(15)
12578 : Case Study Methodology	741(15)
10271 : Qualitative Data Analysis	743(15)
10271 : Qualitative Data Analysis	744(15)
10269 : Ethnographic Research Methods	741(15)

10270 : Interviewing Methods	742(15)
10274 : Politics and Ethics of Social Research	743(15)
10267 : Programme Evaluation	714(15)
10267 : Programme Evaluation Design	715(15)

* SPSS=Statistical Package for the Social Sciences

Assessment and Examination

A system of flexible assessment is used. A final mark is calculated by means of flexible assessment of essays, tests, reading assignments, group and individual participation, and practical assignments for each module.

Enquiries

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