

## 2.1.7. BMilHons in Strategic Studies

### Admission Requirements

Subject to consultation with the lecturers at the Department of Strategic Studies, one of the following degrees is required:

- a BMil degree, with a final mark of 65% in the final year of study of Strategic Studies as major; or
- another B degree in an approved related field of study, with a final mark of 60% in the final year of study.

### Duration of Programme

The programme is presented over one year full-time or two years part-time with regular contact sessions between supervisor and student (depending on the availability of lecturers). You must attend all scheduled block modules.

### Programme Content

#### Compulsory modules

Research Methodology (Strategic Studies)	11690 744(30)
Research Assignment: National Security of Southern African States	11691 744(30)

#### Elective modules

Choose three of the modules (60 credits) from the table below or two of the modules (40 credits) and an approved module (20 credits) from the field of Military History or Political Science.

Future and Cyber_Warfare	13954 744(20)
Gray Zones and Hybrid Conflicts	14534 744(20)
SA Defence Policy since 1994	11693 744(20)

Contemporary Military Theory	13955 744(20)
Contemporary Peace Operations	13965 744(20)
The Evolution of Operational Art	13957 744(20)

## 2. Honours degrees

### 2.1. Bachelor of Military Science with Honours (BMilHons)

This degree is conferred subject to the following provisions:

- You have obtained a BMil degree at Stellenbosch University, or any other bachelor's degree approved by Senate for this purpose.
- Upon written request, you have been allowed by Senate (or the Executive Committee acting on Senate's behalf) to register for the BMilHons programme. AND
- You have followed the prescribed honours programme for at least one year (after having obtaining the above-mentioned bachelor's degree) at Stellenbosch University, and you have completed the relevant examination successfully.

# General information

## 1. History and functions of the Faculty

### 1.1. History

The Military Academy was established on 1 April 1950 under the auspices of the University of Pretoria, as a branch of the SA Military College (now the SA Army College) at Voortrekkerhoogte (now Thaba Tshwane). In 1953, the Military Academy would move to Saldanha, under the trusteeship of Stellenbosch University, from which institution successful candidates would receive a BMil degree. In January 1961, the Academy became a faculty in its own right – the Faculty of Military Science of Stellenbosch University.

### 1.2. Functions

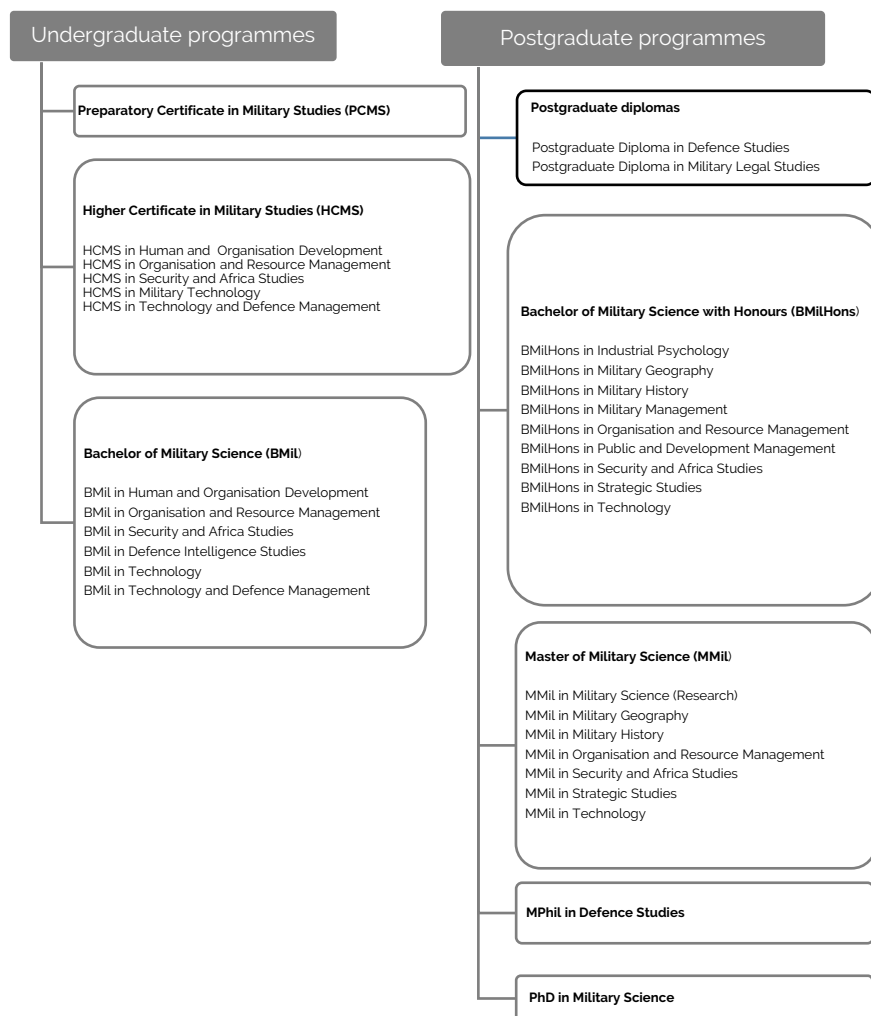
Stellenbosch University is the custodian of the Faculty of Military Science through a contractual agreement with the South African Department of Defence (DoD). The Faculty is located within the SA Military Academy in Saldanha Bay on the West Coast of South Africa. On our Campus, civilian and uniform members work together and learners are members of SA Army, SA Navy, SA Air Force, SA Military Health Services and members of the broader DoD. We develop the future military leaders of South Africa and our international partners such as Botswana, France, Mozambique and Namibia.

We are the only Faculty of Military Science in South Africa and our Faculty members have the opportunity to develop expert knowledge in their respective academic disciplines. Our academic programmes are fully accredited by the Council for Higher Education and we own an accredited research journal (*Scientia Militaria*). Our Faculty members are engaged in teaching, conducting security-related research and being involved in community interaction with the DoD, academic institutions and civil society.

The Faculty of Military Science has five academic schools:

- the School for Security and Africa Studies;
- the School for Defence Organisation and Resource Management;
- the School for Human Resource Development;
- the School of Science and Technology; and
- the School for Geo-spatial Studies and Information Systems.

## 2. Qualifications offered at the Faculty



## 3. Other services offered by Faculty

### 3.1. Academic development

- study and career guidance;
- life skills development;
- psychotherapeutic services; and
- academic support services.

### 3.2. Language service

Informal isiXhosa, isiZulu, SeSotho, French and German courses are available on request to staff and students.

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