

3.1.3. MMil in Military History

The programme allows for one of two modes of study, both under the guidance of a supervisor.

3.1.3.1. MMil in Military History (Option A)

Programme Code

15377 878 (180)

Admission Requirements

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

- a BMilHons degree in Military History with a final mark of at least 60% in each module; or
- another applicable honours degree in which you have duly performed.

Duration of Programme

If you have already obtained a BMilHons degree, you may complete the programme after one year of full-time or two years of part-time study. If, however, you have another applicable honours degree, you may complete the programme only after two years of full-time study.

Programme Structure

A thesis in Military History (180 credits) in which you demonstrate an ability to undertake independent, scientifically responsible research.

Programme Contents

In consultation with your supervisor, who also consults with the subject group, you must select a research theme from military history for your thesis and present a research proposal for approval at a Faculty of Military Science postgraduate research colloquium. Your thesis must be based on original research and primary source material. You must also submit an article for publication in a DOE-accredited journal or present a paper at a subject conference or a graduate seminar

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Assessment and Examination

After completion, your thesis is assessed according to the regulations of Stellenbosch University for master's theses.

3.1.3.2. MMil in Military History (Option B)

Programme Code

15377 878

Admission Requirements

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

- a BMilHons degree in Military History with a final mark of at least 60% in each module; or
- another applicable honours degree in which you have performed fittingly.

Duration of Programme

If you have already obtained a BMilHons degree, you may complete the programme after one year of full-time or two years of part-time study. If, however, you have another applicable honours degree, you may complete the programme only after two years of full-time study.

Programme Structure

You must complete a *capita selecta* of three study themes (for 90 credits) and submit a thesis of (90 credits)

on a theme from the military history.

Programme Contents

Study themes:

Choose three of the Study Themes from the table below (90 credits).

A Theme from General Military History	14570 872(30)
A Theme from General Military History of Africa	14572 872(30)
A Theme from South African Military History	14571 872(30)
A Theme from War and Society	14573 872(30)

Compulsory modules

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Assessment and Examination

The three compulsory modules and the thesis will be assessed accordingly to the regulations of Stellenbosch University for the relevant NQF level.

3. Master's degrees

3.1. Master of Military Science (MMil)

To apply for this degree, you have to possess one of the following:

- a BMilHons degree at Stellenbosch University, or any other honours 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 MMil programme;
- an approved research curriculum and/or advanced study of at least one year (after having obtained the above-mentioned honours degree) at Stellenbosch University or any other institution approved by Senate; and
- submission of a satisfactory thesis.

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

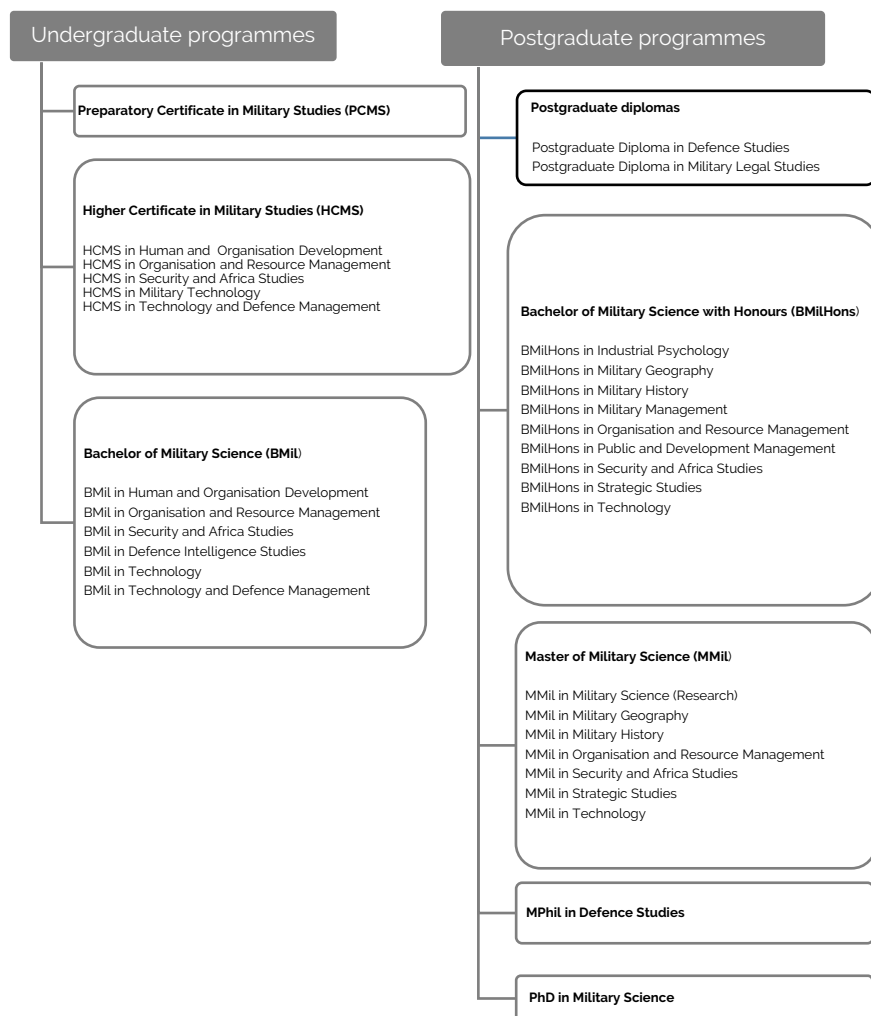
Stellenbosch University is the custodian of the Faculty of Military Science through a contractual agreement with the South African Department of Defence (DoD). The Faculty is located within the SA Military Academy in Saldanha Bay on the West Coast of South Africa. On our Campus, civilian and uniform 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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