

4. Doctoral degrees

4.1. PhD in Military Science

For admission to the Doctorate in Military Science (PhD), you must:

- hold a master's degree in Military Science (final mark 60%) or in any other similar field of study (final mark 60%) deemed appropriate by the PhD committee and Senate; and
- successfully prepare a PhD research proposal for selection by the PhD committee, with a period of twelve months to prepare the proposal.

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

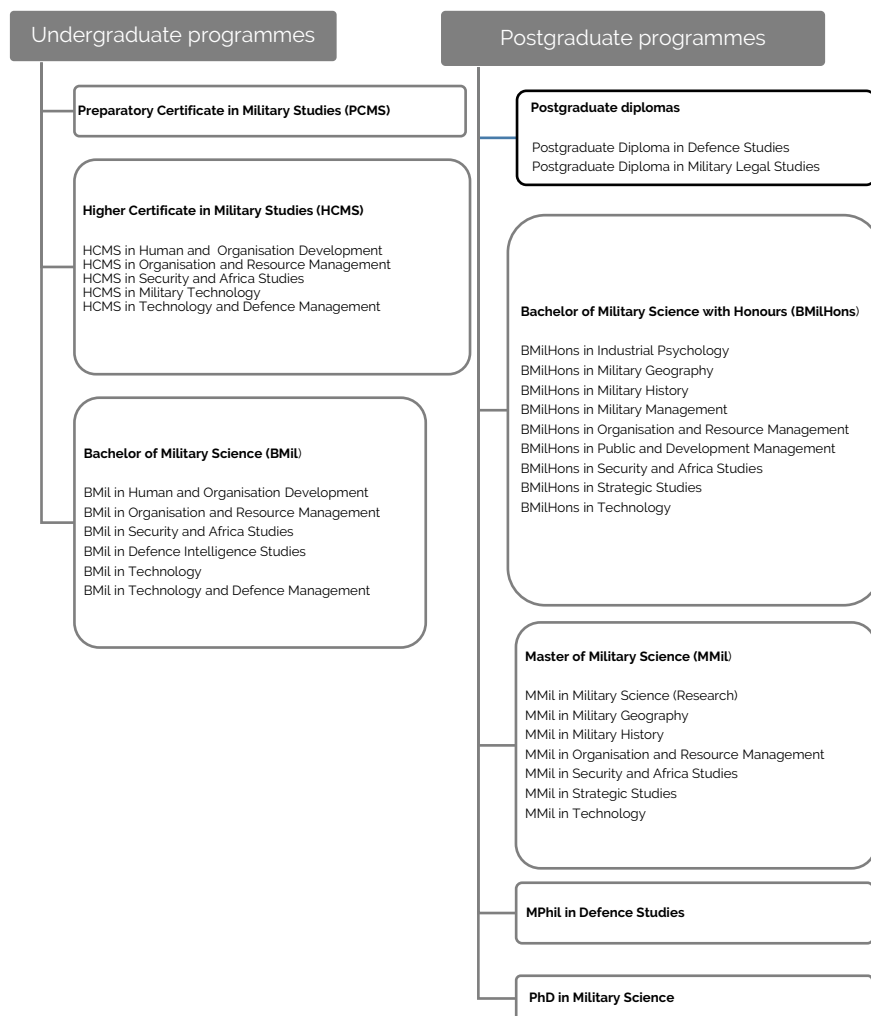
Stellenbosch University is the custodian of the Faculty of Military Science through a contractual agreement with the South African Department of Defence (DoD). The Faculty is located within the SA Military Academy in Saldanha Bay on the West Coast of South Africa. On our Campus, civilian and uniform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