

Faculty of Humanities

Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe Lefapha la Bomotho

BSocSci (Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies)



Make today matter

The programme aims to provide students with in-depth knowledge of the world of work's broader socio-political and socio-economic context. Students will be taught substantive knowledge of industrial sociology around matters of management, organisation and labour. They will also acquire the skills needed to critically evaluate the

many issues that characterise the world of work in transforming South African society. Topics such as the organisation of work, the changing South African workplace, gender, race, employment equity, productivity, dismissals and the globalised economy are dealt with in the broader social context of the world milieu.

Who are the ideal candidates?

You should be interested in the broader society, economics and politics, as well as workplace issues. You should enjoy reading and be an independent learner.



What makes this programme unique?

This programme is unique as it brings together knowledge and analysis about the workplace from both the humanities (industrial sociology) and economics and management (business studies, labour law and economics) spheres. This gives graduates a unique strength in both analytical and thinking skills as well as business knowledge.

Which companies employ our graduates?

Private sector companies in manufacturing, consulting and hospitality, government departments and NGO's



Career opportunities

- labour relations practice
- arbitration, conflict management and resolution
- labour administration and research
- gender issues and dismissals
- work for government institutions, parastatals, private sector and trade union organisations



Structure of programme

Core modules

The core subject is sociology, which includes modules in industrial sociology that are taken up to the final year.



Other core modules include labour law, labour relations, economics and business management. A wide range of elective modules is available to support learning and promote an understanding of the programme.

Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2024	
	Achievement level	
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	APS
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To retain admission, you must obtain an APS of at least 28 in the NSC.

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