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MSocial Work Option: Social Development and Policy (01251068)

Duration of study 2 years

Total credits 280

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Programme information

Closing date for applications: 31 July annually.

Admission requirements

- BSW degree in social work with a minimum average mark of at least 65% or an equivalent qualification.
- Departmental selection.

Additional requirements

- At least two years appropriate practice experience.
- A compulsory module in research methodology, namely MWT 864, must be passed.

Pass with distinction

A student passes with distinction when an average mark of 75% is achieved for the core modules and the mini-dissertation, subject to a minimum of 70% for the mini-dissertation.

Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Social development (1) 851 (MWT 851)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	DS
Contact time	8 practicals per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*Closed - requires departmental selection

Conceptualisation and application of knowledge and skills of a developmental approach to social welfare, social work, social services and social development within an international, Southern African and South African perspective. Overview of the macro-socioeconomic, political and environmental context in which social welfare, social development and social work are implemented. New challenges for the implementation and facilitation of the developmental approach on all intervention levels in various practice settings.

Social development (2) 852 (MWT 852)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	DS
Contact time	8 practicals per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*Departmental selection

Conceptualising and contextualising social welfare and economic development in addressing poverty and inequalities. The relatedness between human, social and economic development and how social work can implement and facilitate integrated sustainable community and social development. The place and role of participation, capacity building and empowerment of communities, and in particular that of women, in sustainable community and social development. Identification and analyses of challenges for social and economic development and the role of social work in the integration of social and economic development.

Social policy 853 (MWT 853)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	DS
Contact time	8 practicals per week

Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*Departmental selection

The role and impact of politics and socio-economic development on the conceptualization and implementation of social policy for development from a international, Southern African and South African context. The process and skills of policy analysis, policy formulation, policy communication and policy implementation. The principles and challenges of the political role of the social worker in the influencing, formulation and execution of social policy.

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Mini-dissertation: Social work 895 (MWT 895)

Module credits	90.00
Prerequisites	MWT 864
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A comprehensive report (80-100 pages) on an approved research project based on independent research in a specialist field in social work selected in consultation with a supervisor. Scholastic and advanced research of selected specialist area including the planning, resourcing and managing of processes. Accountability for achieving and evaluating personal and/or group output.

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