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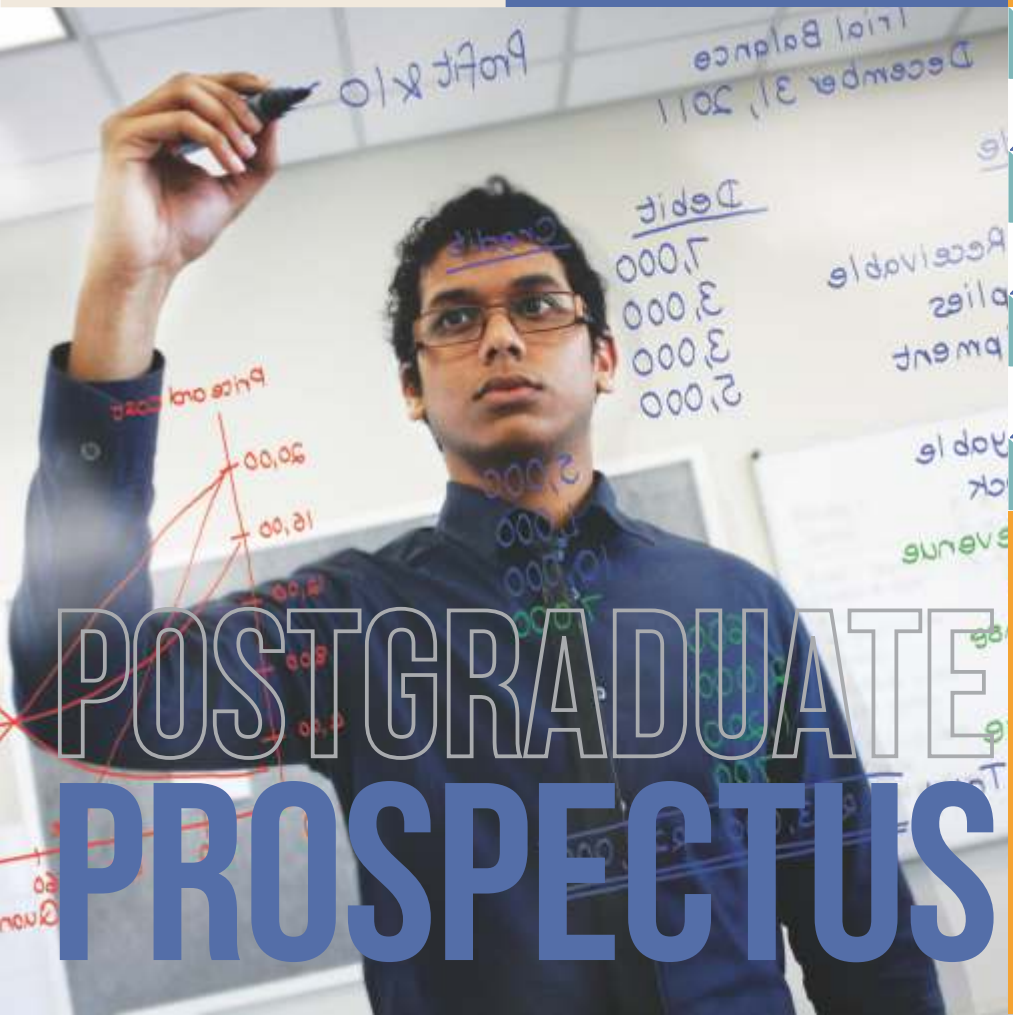

POSTGRADUATE PROSPECTUS 2019

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

Advanced Diploma or Bachelor's Degree, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers), and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN TECHNOLOGY

National Diploma or equivalent, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers), and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification. (Please note that this qualification will be phased out after 2019.)

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Bachelor's Degree, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers), and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.

MASTER'S DEGREE

Postgraduate Diploma or Bachelor Honours Degree, or "professional" Bachelor's Degree or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers), and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.

DOCTORAL DEGREE (DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY)

Master's Degree, has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers), and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.

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PROEM

FACULTY RESEARCH RATING

There are two NRF rated scholars in the Faculty at present:

- The Dean, **Professor Olugbara** (Information Technology)
- **Professor Lesley Stainbank** (Accounting)

Professor Stainbank chairs a number of the National Research Foundation's Evaluation and Rating Panels.

The research output of the Faculty is currently second amongst the DUT Faculties.

On behalf of Faculty of Accounting and Informatics at the Durban University of Technology in South Africa, I would like to encourage all prospective postgraduate students to take time to read this overview of the programmes offered to postgraduates for the year 2019.

This Faculty is a leading Information Technology educational institution whose Masters and Doctoral Degree programmes have achieved international recognition. The Faculty offers Doctor of Philosophy and Masters programmes in Information Technology, Business and Information Management and Library and Information Studies. In addition, the Faculty offers Masters degree programmes in all principal branches of Accounting.

The mission of the Faculty is 'to develop leaders for the information society' and this is realised in its highly dynamic and grounded programmes that benefit from the ongoing close association maintained with all of our industry partners. Representatives of commerce and industry form part of each Advisory Board of the Departments within the Faculty.

The Faculty caters for diverse students across the world increasing our outreach and extending our pool of expertise. Huge emphasis is placed on innovative research with potential to contribute to resolving the social and economic quagmires plaguing our society.

Additional essential information and dates for 2019, are also given at the end of the Prospectus.

I wish you success in your future postgraduate research.

Olugbara, O.O.
Executive Dean,
Faculty of Accounting and Informatics

FACULTY VISION

A globally recognized faculty for academic excellence.

FACULTY MISSION

Developing leaders for the information Society through:

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- Relevant research and creative innovation
- Social entrepreneurship

VALUES

Fairness
We treat people equitably with respect. Our decisions are impartial. We embrace diversity and inclusion.

Accountability
We accept responsibility for activities, decisions, actions, and disclose outcomes in a transparent way.

Integrity
We ensure consistently trustworthy conduct.

FACULTY ACCREDITATION

All faculty programmes have to meet internal institutional requirements before being submitted to DHET. All programmes are fully accredited.

LINKS WITH INDUSTRY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

The Faculty of Accounting and Informatics prides itself with its strong relationship between the Faculty staff members and their external stakeholders.

Departments hold regular Advisory Board meetings with their external partners in ensuring that there is constant discussion between these bodies and that the programmes within the Departments are kept relevant according to industry requirements.

Industry partners of approximately 8 to 10 members per programme form part of each Advisory Board.

Some programmes also offer the WIL programme within the Diploma and this further strengthens the link and relationship between the institution and approximately 30 of our industry partners which may vary from year to year.

AUDITING AND TAXATION

Postgraduate qualifications

Bachelor of Technology: Internal Auditing

Entry Requirements:

A National Diploma: Internal Auditing or appropriate equivalent qualification or an appropriate Bachelor's Degree

Pre- and Co-Requisites:

Internal Auditing III (Modules 1 & 2) are pre-requisites for Internal Auditing IV (Modules 1 & 2) and Information Systems Auditing IV.

Duration:

One year full-time or two years part-time.

Bachelor of Technology: Taxation

Entry Requirements:

Where a student has a National Diploma: Accounting, National Diploma: Cost and Management Accounting, National Diploma: Internal Auditing or C.I.S. as entry, the status of a National Diploma: Taxation will be conferred. Students should have a final pass mark of 60% in their major subjects for their National Diploma level.

Pre- and Co-Requisites:

Auditing III (Modules 1 & 2) are pre-requisites for Auditing IV; Taxation II (Modules 1 & 2) are pre-requisites for Taxation III (Modules 1, 2 and 3)

Duration:

One year full-time or two years part-time.

Master's Degree in Accounting (MACC) (Auditing/ Taxation)

Entry Requirements:

In addition to Rule G24 of the General Rules of the DUT, the following shall apply:

- The candidate must have been awarded an Honours Degree (New HEQSF) or Postgraduate Diploma qualification in the field of either Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Taxation or Auditing.
- Candidates who have completed an Honours Degree or a BTech qualification in any accounting discipline (as noted above) on the old HEQF may be considered for the Master's Degree on condition that they are above to obtain a status for level 8 which may entail additional courses required as determined by the department.
- An introductory, interview with the Head of Department will be required and each application will be considered on merit.

Normal Duration:

Maximum 2 years. Minimum 1 year.

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

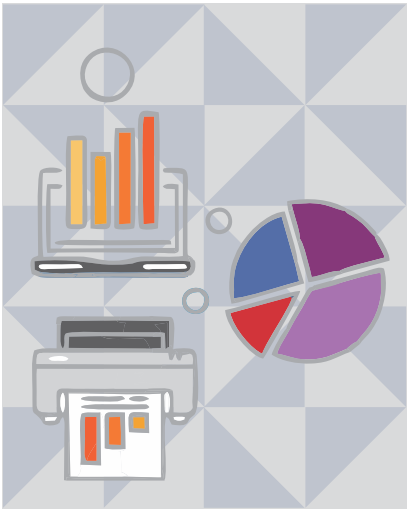
Postgraduate qualifications

Bachelor of Technology: Office Management and Technology

This degree is offered on a two-year part-time basis at Riverside Campus. Research Methodology and Business Administration IV will be offered in the first year of study. Information Administration IV, Labour and Immaterial Law and Office Administration: Behavioural Aspects will be offered in the second year of study.

Entry requirements:

One of the following: National Diploma: Business Administration National Diploma: Commercial Administration National Diploma: Office Management & Technology



Master of Management Sciences Degree in Administration and Information Management

This is a thesis-based qualification. Entrance into this qualification is a BTech: Office Management and Technology or Commercial Administration or Business Administration or equivalent, at the discretion of the programme. Students with Bachelor's Degree in Technology in Office Management and Technology or Commercial Administration or Business Administration may gain entrance to Master in Management Sciences in Administration and Information Management. The candidates have to apply for a conferment of status via the Faculty Board/Faculty Executive Committee/Faculty Research Committee or Executive Dean for Approval. The above rule will apply until the BTech degree is phased out and the new HEQSF qualification is implemented, that is, postgraduate diploma: Business and Information Management (HEQSF 8). See Rules G24 and G26 in the Rule Book for Students and the Postgraduate Handbook.

Master of Management Sciences in Administration and Information Management - MmanSci - (Administration and Information Management) SAQA Registration No: 1083 Credit: 180 HEQSF Level: 9 This qualification is intended for persons who will make a contribution, through research, to understanding the application and evaluation of existing knowledge in a specialized area of business and information management. They will also demonstrate a high level of overall knowledge in that area, ranging from fundamental concepts to advanced theoretical or applied knowledge.

COST AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

Postgraduate qualifications

Bachelor of Technology: Cost and Management Accounting

Entry Requirements:

From a previous degree or diploma, the prospective student must have Financial Accounting III and Cost and Management Accounting III (National Diploma) or equivalent. It is further required that the student has obtained at least 60% for Financial Accounting III and Management Accounting III OR has prior relevant working experience.

Duration:

One year full-time. Two years part-time.

Master's Degree in Accounting (MACC)

Minimum admission requirements:

Master's Degree in Accounting (MACC). In addition to the requirement Rule G24 of the General Rules of the DUT, the following shall apply: The candidate must have been awarded an Honours Degree (NQF level 8 (new HEQSF) or a Postgraduate Diploma qualification in the field of either Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Taxation or Auditing. Candidates who have completed an Honours Degree or a BTech qualification in any accounting discipline (as noted above) on the old HEQF may be considered for the Master's Degree on condition that they are able to obtain a status for level 8 which may entail additional courses required as determined by the department.

Instructional Programme:

This instructional programme comprises a research project culminating in a dissertation. In their dissertation students must prove that they understand a particular problem in the industry in which they have done research, are able to analyse and set it out logically, are able to arrive at logical conclusions or a diagnosis, and then are able to make proposals for the improvement/ elimination of the problem. The dissertation must comply with the normal general technical requirements and rules with regard to scope, quality and layout as per Rule G43.

Duration of instructional programme:

The minimum duration of the degree is two years.

FINANCE AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (MIDLANDS)

Postgraduate qualifications

Bachelor of Technology: Office Management and Technology

Offered on a two-year part-time basis at Riverside Campus. Research Methodology and Business Administration IV will be offered in the first year of study. Information Administration IV, Labour and Immaterial Law and Office Administration: Behavioural Aspects will be offered in the second year of study.

Entry requirements:

One of the following: National Diploma: Business Administration; National Diploma: Commercial Administration; National Diploma: Office Management & Technology

Master of Management Sciences Degree in Administration and information Management

This is a thesis based qualification.

Entry requirements:

BTech: Office Management and Technology or Commercial Administration or Business Administration or equivalent, at the discretion of the programme. Students with Bachelor's Degree in Technology in Office Management and Technology or Commercial Administration or Business Administration may gain entrance to Master in Management Sciences in Administration and Information Management. The candidates have to apply for a conferment of status via the Faculty Board/Faculty Executive Committee/Faculty Research Committee or Executive Dean for Approval. The above rule will apply until the BTech degree is phased out and the new HEQSF qualification is implemented, that is, postgraduate diploma: Business and Information Management (HEQSF 8). This qualification is intended for persons who will make a contribution, through research, to understanding the application and evaluation of existing knowledge in a specialized area of business and information management. They will also demonstrate a high level of overall knowledge in that area, ranging from fundamental concepts to advanced theoretical or applied knowledge.

PROGRAMMES

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

Postgraduate qualifications

Bachelor of Technology: Corporate Administration

Entry Requirements:

Completed Degree or Diploma with Financial Accounting III, Management Accounting III and Corporate Procedures or equivalent. Applicants who have not studied Financial Accounting III during the last five years should re-write Financial Accounting III before applying for the BTech Corporate Administration.

Normal duration:

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time. The maximum time allowed for completion of qualifications is twice the minimum time of study for the qualifications. The periods of incomplete study at another institution or the department will be included in the assessment.

Masters in Accounting (MACC)

Entry Requirements:

In addition to Rule G24 the following shall apply:
The candidate must have been awarded an Honours Degree (NQF level 8 (new HEQSF) qualification in the field of Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Taxation or Auditing.
Candidates who have completed an Honours Degree or a BTech in any accounting discipline on the old HEQSF may be considered for the Master's Degree on condition that they are able to obtain a status for level 8 which may entail additional courses required as determined by the department. An introductory interview with the Head of Department will be required and each application will be considered on merit.

Normal duration:

Maximum 2 years. Minimum 1 year.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Postgraduate qualifications

Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology

National Diploma or equivalent, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers), and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.
(Last offering 2019)

The following are full research programmes requiring submission of a full thesis for examination. There is no coursework.

Master of Information and Communication Technology (MICT)

Normal Duration:

MICT: Minimum 1 year, Maximum 3 years

Entry Requirements:

MICT: In addition to the General Rule G24(1), the minimum entry requirement is an Honours Degree in ICT or Postgraduate Diploma in ICT or Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology or equivalent. Students are selected for this programme based on the quality of a submitted draft proposal.

Doctor of Philosophy in Information Technology (PhD)

Normal Duration:

PhD: Minimum 2 years, Maximum 4 years

Entry Requirements:

PhD: In addition to the General Rule G25 (1), the minimum entry requirement is a Master of Information and Communications Technology Degree or equivalent. Students are selected for this programme based on the quality of a submitted draft proposal.

http://www.dut.ac.za/course/mtech-and-dtech-information-technology/

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

Postgraduate qualifications

Bachelor of Technology: Library and Information Studies

Entrance into this qualification is a ND: Library and Information Studies or equivalent. This level of study requires the learner to have achieved an average of 60% for three major subjects at the third-level of study, or, alternatively, two years appropriate experience.

Entry requirements:

Successful completion of the National Senior Certificate with English (home) rating code 4 or English (1st additional) rating code 4; Mathematical literacy rating code 4 or Mathematics rating code 3 OR A Senior Certificate with a minimum of a D symbol in English on the higher grade. Applicants will be required to undergo a selection test and an interview.

Master of Management Sciences in Library and Information Science

Entry requirements:

Entrance to this higher qualification is a BTech: Library and Information Studies (or its equivalent) with a minimum of 60% obtained in Research Methodology (if the student completed the BTech after 2016). Registration is completed only when the Institution's Research Committee accepts the research proposal.

Duration:

The minimum duration of study is one year full-time or two years part-time.

Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science

Entry Requirements:

Entrance to this higher qualification is an MTech or Masters: Library and Information Studies/Science (or its equivalent). This is an advanced qualification and is based on research with study. Registration is completed only when the Institution's Research Committee accepts the research proposal.

Duration:

A minimum of two years full-time.

Medium of instruction:

The main medium of instruction at the Institution is English (Refer to Rule G30) - (The Language Policy of the Institution also refers.)

Registration dates for first time Doctoral Degree Registration must take place on or before the last working day in May, in order for the current academic year to count towards the minimum duration referred to in Rule G25 (2)(a). Students may register at any stage after this date but will then also be required to re-register for the whole of the next academic year in order to comply with Rule G25 (2)(a).

Students must complete a research proposal within six months of registration and submit a progress report to the relevant academic department for monitoring purposes. If the progress is unsatisfactory, the student may be de-registered depending on the Faculty Research Committee recommendation.

INTERRUPTION OF STUDIES

"Should there be bona fide reasons for a break of a year or more once you are formally registered, you may apply for a suspension of registration. Your registration may be suspended only under exceptional circumstances, and is rarely done retrospectively. You must apply on form PG4 to the Head of Department. Approval is subject to the HoD's recommendation and the application serves at FRC. You must consider any obligation to sponsors when considering suspension of registration." (2018 Postgraduate Student Guide, p. 6)

REGISTRATION DATES FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

First Semester: 7 January – 1 February 2019
Annual: 7 January – 1 February 2019
Second Semester: 15 July – 20 July 2019

FEE STRUCTURE

The prescribed fee is payable whenever a student first registers and the prescribed re-registration fee is payable for every subsequent year for which the student is permitted to continue with the requisite research.

FUNDING

(to be linked to the existing Grants Management Division http://dutstudent.dut.ac.za/Student%20Matters/Forms/AllItems.aspx)

SUPERVISORS' RESEARCH INTERESTS

All senior academic members of staff are prospective supervisors. The list of academics within each Department is available from the Departmental Handbooks for 2019.

GRADUATION SEASONS

Midlands: Autumn Graduation: 29 April – 30 April 2019
Durban: Autumn Graduation: 6 May – 13 May 2019
Durban: Spring Graduation: 4 September – 5 September 2019.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

N.B. The institution regards "international students" as those who require study visas.
An international student who wishes to follow an instructional programme at the institution must, after being accepted by the Head of Department for a particular instructional programme, obtain the required study visa before registration. Acceptance by the Head of Department as a potential student will not place any obligation on the South African Government to issue a study visa or to renew a study visa for a subsequent year of study.

(1) When selecting students the institution reserves the right to give preference to South African students and permanent residents.
(2) No international person shall be registered, even provisionally, for any instructional programme, without, inter alia:
    (a) A valid study visa issued by the Department of Home Affairs;
    (b) Payment of a prescribed levy;
    (c) Complying in full with all academic admission requirements; and
    (d) Proof of medical aid cover to the satisfaction of the institution.
(3) When registered, an international student will be required to comply fully with all requirements of the relevant instructional programme including any subject which involves any official South African language.

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