**QUALIFICATION: BACHELOR OF ARTS HONOURS IN CRIMINOLOGY - 98682**

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| **Qualification Title** | Bachelor of Arts Honours in Criminology |
| **Qualification title abbreviation** | BAHons (Criminology) |
| **Mode of delivery** | Distance |
| **NQF Exit Level** | Level 8 |
| **Total credits** | 120 |
| **Minimum duration full** | 1 |
| **Minimum duration part** | 1 |
| **Qualification type** | Bachelor Honours degree |
| **Qualification designator** | Arts |
| **CESM** | 1905 Criminal Justice and Corrections |
| **Professional class** | Non-Professional |
| **Research credits** | 36 |
| **Structured or with electives** | Structured |
| **Major field of study** | 190501 Corrections |
| **Minimum admission requirements** | An appropriate NQF 7 qualification from an accredited provider of higher education. A minimum of 60% for the major(s), or for a selected number of NQF 7 modules in the qualification. |
| **Qualification reference number** | 98682 |
| **SAQA qualification ID** | 5353 |
| **Replacing which qualifications** | Honours Bachelor of Arts in Criminology (98682) |

**Defferal comments:**

The programme does not meet the HEQSF requirement of a discrete research component of at least 30 credits. Two separate modules cannot be combined to meet the HEQSF requirement.

**Institutions response:**

In taking the evaluator’s comments into consideration Unisa approached and received approval from the Executive Committee of Senate as well as the Management Committee of the university to revise the research component into a one 36 credit module which comprises of a proposal and a research project.

The outcomes of the module will require the students to develop a research proposal and undertake research which will be presented as a research project. The merged module will thus address the requirement of one module (36 credits) that has a discrete research component that is supervised.

The revised curriculum is presented for consideration.

**Programme design details**

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| **Modules** | **NQF Level** | **Credits** | **Year Level** | **Compulsory** | **Elective** | **Module status: Removed / Added / Modified / Unchanged** |
| CMY4801 - Fundamental Criminology | Level 8 | 24 | 4 | Yes | No | Modified |
| CMY4802 - Research Methodology | Level 8 | 12 | 4 | Yes | No | Modified |
| CMY4803 - Contemporary Crime issues | Level 8 | 24 | 4 | Yes | No | Modified |
| CMY4804 - Criminological Evaluation and Assessment | Level 8 | 24 | 4 | Yes | No | Modified |
| CMY4805 - Research Article | Level 8 | 36 | 4 | Yes | No | Modified |
| **Total Credits = 120** |  |  |  | **Total Compulsory Credits: 120** | **Total Elective Credits: 0** |  |

**Module content for the research report - CMY4805**

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| **Title** | Research Report (CMY4805) |
| **NQF Level** | 8 |
| **Credits** | 12 |
| **CESM Category** | 190508 |

**Purpose statement:**

The purpose of this module is to equip students with the knowledge and skills required for the selection of an appropriate methodology and techniques, in designing a research proposal and writing research report under supervision in Corrections Management.

**Specific Outcomes and Assessment Criteria**

**Specific Outcome 1:**

Compile an acceptable research proposal that will result in the finalisation of a research report conducted under supervision

**Assessment criteria**

* Display an ability to rigorously critique and evaluate current research and participate in scholarly debates in an area of specialisation;
* Undertake a study of the literature and current research in an area of specialisation under supervision;
* Undertake the writing of a research proposal under supervision; and
* Conduct research planning professionally and ethically.

**Specific outcome 2:**

Conduct research under supervision in a manner that is appropriate to the discipline of Corrections Management.

**Assessment criteria**

* Demonstrate a comprehensive and systematic knowledge base in Corrections Management and a depth of knowledge in the research topic area;
* Critique current criminological research on the research topic;
* Make sound theoretical judgements based on evidence and an ability to think epistemologically;
* Identify, analyse and deal with complex or abstract world problems and issues using evidence-based solutions;
* Engage with current research and scholarly or professional literature in the Corrections Management domain;
* Conduct research, professionally and ethically.

**Assessment plan:**

* Students will submit 2 assignments and the final Research report. The first assignment is the Research Proposal and the second assignment is the Research Report. Both assignments will be assessed by the lecturer who will give feedback
* There will be no formal examination for this module, the student’s final mark will be the mark obtained for the final research report.
* Appointed external examiner will moderate 10% of the final research reports
* A result of fifty percent (50%) is required to pass this module