



# Your Qualification



## Bachelor of Arts The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE)

The IIE Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree is a broad-based Arts degree that focusses on 'the art of learning and critical thinking'. The IIE BA degree provides students with a choice of two of the following three core disciplines namely: English, Psychology and Communication Science. At the end of the first year, students studying this BA degree will need to select two of the core disciplines which will become the focus of the students' second and third years of study. The subject combinations on offer are:

- English and Communication Science, or
- English and Psychology, or
- Communication Science and Psychology.

The IIE Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree will qualify its graduates to work in a variety of sectors and organisations. Graduates will be equipped with advanced writing and verbal skills, conceptual and critical thinking skills, as well as general communication skills valued by all employers and needed in all organisations. Students who select Psychology as a subject area will also qualify to articulate into an Honours Degree in Psychology if they meet the entry requirements of such programmes.



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### What is this Degree's accreditation status?

The IIE Bachelor of Arts degree is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as a minimum 360-credit qualification on level 7 (SAQA ID: 94119).

### Who is the Bachelor's degree aimed at?

This IIE Bachelor of Arts degree is aimed at students who are keen to study a broad-based BA degree focusing on Communication Science, Psychology and/or English.

### What entry requirements will I need to study this Bachelor's degree?

To be registered as a candidate you must have satisfied the admission requirements as set out below:

Minimum Admission Requirements		English	Notes
	NSC: Bachelor pass with	60%	
	NC (V): Bachelor pass with	60%	
	SC: Endorsement with	60%	
	SC(a): Bachelor pass with	60%	
	<b><u>International:</u></b> An USAf Exemption Certificate with 60% or equivalent for English.		Please refer to the International Admissions spreadsheet for further admissions criteria.
	A cognate Higher Certificate OR cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.		If discipline not cognate at least 20% of credits must be academic literacy or numeracy related.
Alternate Admission (Should the English requirement not be met at NSC Grade 12		NSC	Notes
	English	50-59%	If 60% min in final Grade 11 results was achieved.

, then entrance may be granted if the English requirement is met based on the Grade 11 final mark)			
<b>Senate Discretionary Admissions</b>			
<b>Mature Age Exemption</b>	<p>Candidates having attained the age of 23 before or during the first year of registration with a Senior Certificate with a minimum of 40% in at least four higher or standard grade subjects, at least three of which shall have been passed simultaneously and one of which shall be a recognised higher grade subject; <b>OR</b> Candidates must have attained the age of 45 before or during the first year of registration.</p> <p>An USAf Exemption Certificate is required.</p>		
<b>Senate Discretionary Mature Age Admission for students with a Senior Certificate with endorsement</b>	<p>Candidates 23 years and older at point of registration, with an endorsed Senior Certificate can be accepted on a senate discretionary mature age admission if they do not meet the additional admission requirements. Their academic progress will be tracked and reported at Senate. An USAf Exemption Certificate is not required.</p>		
<b>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</b>	<p>Where candidates do not satisfy the formal admission requirements for this qualification, The IIE may consider an admission application in terms of the Credit Accumulation and Transfer, Recognition of Prior Learning and Qualification Completion Policy (IIE010).</p>		
<b>USAf approved cognate foundation programme</b>	<p>Candidates who have completed an USAf approved cognate foundation programme from a registered and accredited provider may be admitted. The additional English criteria falls away. An USAf Exemption Certificate is required - the Office of the Registrar will facilitate, on behalf of the student, an application for degree admission to USAf, once the student has provided proof of payment to USAf.</p>		
<b>Transfer students</b>	<p>Candidates who have successfully completed at least 120 credits on the first year of a cognate degree may be admitted. However, if a student completed less than 120 credits, the admission criteria on the NSC or equivalent apply.</p>		

<b>OQSF qualifications</b>	Candidates with an OQSF Level 5 cognate qualification may be admitted, provided the OQSF qualification has at least 120 credits at NQF Level 5. An USAf Exemption Certificate is required - the Office of the Registrar will facilitate, on behalf of the student, an application for degree admission to USAf, once the student has provided proof of payment to USAf.
<b>General Education Development (GED) - An USA qualification developed by the American Council on Education (ACE)</b>	Candidates with a GED qualification may be admitted if they have an USAf Foreign Conditional Exemption Certificate as well as NBT: AQL results and have obtained a score of at least 51 for Academic Literacy (AL) and a score of at least 40 for Quantitative Literacy (QL).

Please note, requirements for entry to this qualification are correct at the time of printing, however, these may change. At the time of registration, please check that the entry requirements have not changed.

**What is The Teaching and Learning Strategy of The IIE’s Varsity College, and how will it help prepare me for the 21st century working world?**

Our teaching and learning approach is based on active learning which enables us to focus on the skills you need to succeed in the New World. This way, the student is at the centre of learning. Academic life, we believe, should be as relevant and participative as possible – a dynamic, two-way exchange. This enables students to:

- Engage with subject material
- Build understanding
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills for the 21st Century workforce.

This collaborative approach teaches you how to think, and to ask questions; the right questions. We call it New World Thinking.

Our active learning approach is structured as a blend between online and face-2-face lectures. This allows us to take learning beyond the confines of the lecture room. independent, self-directed learners. Our Learning Management System called VCLearn enables this blend and affords you a range of approaches to teaching and learning, and resources that are designed to promote self-organised learning and thought leadership.

### How is this Bachelor's degree structured?

The IIE Bachelor of Arts degree is a three-year degree. The modules are delivered on a full-time basis with lectures being scheduled during the day from Monday to Friday.

Please note that in line with academic practice, The IIE's curriculum is annually reviewed thus changes may occur in module structure and sequence in order to ensure that the qualification remains relevant. The exit level outcomes of the programme do not change. Registered students receive an updated programme curriculum on an annual basis.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

1ST YEAR	NQF LEVEL	CREDIT VALUE	SEMESTER	ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCE CORE DISCIPLINE	ENGLISH AND PSYCHOLOGY CORE DISCIPLINE	COMMUNICATION SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY CORE DISCIPLINE
ENGL5121 English 1A: Introduction to English Studies	5	15	1	Y	Y	Y
COSC5121 Communication Science 1A: Interpersonal Communication	5	15	1	Y	Y	Y
PSYC5121 Psychology 1A: Introduction to Psychology	5	15	1	Y	Y	Y
SOCI5121 Sociology 1A	5	15	1	Y	Y	Y
ENGL6122 English 1B: Introduction to English Studies	5	15	2	Y	Y	Y
COSC5132 Communication Science 1B: Intercultural Communication	5	15	2	Y	Y	Y
PSYC5122 Psychology 1B : Introduction to Psychology	5	15	2	Y	Y	Y
SOCI5122 Sociology 1B	5	15	2	Y	Y	Y

#### The following co-requisites apply:

COSC5121 is a co-requisite for COSC5132

ENGL5121 is a co-requisite for ENGL6122

PSYC5121 is a co-requisite for PSYC5122

2ND YEAR	NQF LEVEL	CREDIT VALUE	SEMESTER	ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCE CORE DISCIPLINE	ENGLISH AND PSYCHOLOGY CORE DISCIPLINE	COMMUNICATION SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY CORE DISCIPLINE
ENGL6221 English 2A: South African Literature	6	15	1	Y	Y	
COSC6231 Communication Science 2A: Organisational Communication	6	15	1	Y		Y
JRNS6221 Journalism 1	6	15	1	Y	Y	Y
MELE6221 Media Law and Ethics	6	15	1	Y	Y	Y
PSYC6221 Psychology 2A: Social Psychology	6	15	1		Y	Y
ENGL6222 English 2B: Postcolonialism	6	15	2	Y	Y	
COSC6222 Communication Science 2B: Persuasive Communication	6	15	2	Y		Y
MEST6222 Media Studies 1	6	15	2	Y	Y	Y
NCTE6222 New Communication Technology	6	15	2	Y		
PSYC6222 Psychology 2B: Developmental Psychology	6	15	2		Y	Y
PSYC6224 Psychology 2C: Personality Psychology	6	15	2		Y	Y

**The following co-requisites apply:**

COSC5132 is a co-requisite for COSC6231

COSC6231 is a co-requisite for COSC6222

ENGL6122 is a co-requisite for ENGL6221

ENGL6221 is a co-requisite for ENGL6222

PSYC5122 is a co-requisite for PSYC6221

PSYC6221 is a co-requisite for PSYC6222

PSYC6221 is a co-requisite for PSYC6224

3RD YEAR	NQF LEVEL	CREDIT VALUE	SEMESTER	ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SCIENCE CORE DISCIPLINE	ENGLISH AND PSYCHOLOGY CORE DISCIPLINE	COMMUNICATION SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY CORE DISCIPLINE
INRS7321 Introduction to Research	7	15	1	Y	Y	Y
ENGL7321 English 3A: Modernism	7	15	1	Y	Y	
JRNS7321 Journalism 2	7	15	1	Y		
COSC7321 Communication Science 3A: Global Communication	7	15	1	Y		Y
PSYC7321 Psychology 3A: Cognitive Psychology	7	15	1		Y	Y
PSYC7313 Psychology 3C: Community Psychology	7	15	1		Y	Y
REPR7312 Research Practice	7	15	2	Y	Y	Y
ENGL7322 English 3B: Postmodernism	7	15	2	Y	Y	
MEST7322 Media Studies 2	7	15	2	Y		
COSC7322 Communication Science 3B: Mass Communication	7	15	2	Y		Y
PSYC7322 Psychology 3B: Abnormal Psychology	7	15	2		Y	Y
PSYC7324 Psychology 3D: Research Psychology	7	15	2		Y	Y

**The following co-requisites apply:**

COSC6222 is a co-requisite for COSC7321

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ENGL6222 is a co-requisite for ENGL7321

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INRS7321 is a co-requisite for REPR7312

JRNS6221 is a co-requisite for JRNS7321

MEST6222 is a co-requisite for MEST7322

PSYC6222 is a co-requisite for PSYC7313

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### **What about timetables?**

The IIE's full-time programmes are aimed at students wishing to dedicate themselves to full-time studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to engage in additional learning activities and assessments outside of the scheduled lecture-time.

Students must understand that timetables remain subject to change throughout the year. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that timetable structures will remain the same during each year of your studies with us. In addition, where students are repeating modules, these modules may be offered in the evenings or on weekends. Students are required to attend lectures in order to remain up to date with the academic programme. Students who would like to pursue limited part-time employment opportunities outside of the academic programme must prioritise their studies and avoid committing to work schedules until after they have received their timetables and academic calendar from the institution.

### **What must I pass in order to graduate with this Bachelor's degree?**

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for each module of the programme; and have met all the Work Integrated Learning requirements, where applicable.

### **How long do I have to complete this qualification?**

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this qualification.

### **With what qualification will I graduate?**

You will graduate with The IIE Bachelor of Arts degree.

### **Career opportunities: what career areas can I pursue once I have completed The IIE Bachelor's degree?**

This degree will open up an attractive range of career options; this degree is an ideal stepping stone to a diverse and exciting range of business-related career opportunities that include:

#### **English and Communication Science Core Discipline:**

• Authoring/Writing	• Proof reading
• Script writing	• Social media communication
• Scribing	• Journalism
• Media relationship management	• Communication accounts administration
• Media consulting	• Communication consulting
• News analysis	• Research communication management
• Teaching (will require postgraduate study)	



**English and Psychology Core Discipline:**

• Authoring/Writing	• Proof reading
• Script writing	• Psychologist (will require extensive postgraduate study)
• Editing	• Teaching (will require postgraduate study)
• Scribing	• Counselling (will require postgraduate study)

**Communication Science and Psychology Core Discipline:**

• Communication accounts administration	• Media consulting
• Media relationship management	• Psychologist (will require extensive postgraduate study)
• Research communication management	• Teaching (will require postgraduate study)
• Social media communication	• Counselling (will require postgraduate study)
• Communication consulting	

**Would it be possible to study further to obtain a postgraduate qualification once I have completed The IIE Bachelor of Arts degree?**

The IIE Bachelor of Arts degree is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) at level 7 - the same level as other equivalent undergraduate degrees at South African universities. The opportunity to apply for a postgraduate certificate/diploma or Honours degree at The IIE, any South African university or higher education institution exists subject to meeting specific programme entrance requirements.

It is important to remember that your academic results remain a key factor when applying for further studies

**Call your nearest IIE Varsity College campus to discuss your career options with one of our Student Advisors.**

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**British Accreditation Council**

The IIE is not only accredited in South Africa but its dedication to providing quality education also led to it being accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) in 2014. The British Accreditation Council is an independent authority in the United Kingdom that accredits private providers globally, including Greece, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates. In 2017 The IIE had its accreditation status confirmed by the BAC as an Independent Higher Education Institution confirming our confidence in the international comparability of our standards.

“South African students need to know, when they select a private higher education institution, that the standards offered are equivalent to those of a public University. Our students get this from our extensive local accreditation and registration. The students also benefit from knowing that we meet international standards too. The IIE is accredited as an Independent Higher Education Institution by the British Accreditation Council. Locally and internationally we have demonstrated the quality of what we offer,” said Dr Coughlan, Director, The Independent Institute of Education.

The IIE’s Varsity College students can be confident that their IIE learning experience meets international best practice standards.”