



IIE Bachelor of Social Science

**School of Humanities
and Social Sciences**

The field of Social Science relates to the understanding of people, society and culture. This field of study enables people to make decisions as informed citizens of a culturally diverse inter-connected world. Social sciences are a group of disciplines that focus on how the mind works, how people behave in society, and the impact their behaviour has on one another, other societies and the environment.

Employers seek flexible, well-informed graduates who are sophisticated communicators and analytical thinkers. The Bachelor of Social Science offered at IIE VC and IIEMSA is designed to enable students to develop such qualities. The world of work is changing rapidly, and students need to take a global outlook and be adaptable in order to succeed.

This programme provides a rich basis of skills and knowledge for graduates to apply directly within the workplace, or to build on through further studies in Honours or a postgraduate programme.

The IIE Bachelor of Social Science degree provides students with a choice of ONE of the following core discipline combinations:

- International Studies and Political Studies, or
- Geography & Environmental Science and Development Studies, or
- Psychology and Criminology & Criminal Justice, or
- Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology, or
- Psychology and Sociology

DEGREE

CONTACT

FULL-TIME



Career opportunities

With the skills and knowledge developed through their degree, graduates will be equipped to apply for positions in a diverse range of fields such as:

- Research and analysis
- Public or civil services
- Diplomacy
- Public policy-making, and
- Social and community services

They may gain employment in institutions such as:

- Government departments
- Universities
- Department of Justice
- Department of International Relations and Cooperation
- Development agencies and Non-governmental organisations
- SANParks

Curriculum

Year 1								
	NQF Level	Credit Value	Semester	International Studies and Political Studies	Geography & Environmental Science and Development Studies	Psychology And Criminology & Criminal Justice	Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology	Psychology and Sociology
DJAL5111 Digital and Academic Literacy	5	15	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
COSC5121 Communication Science 1A: Interpersonal Communication	5	15	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SOCI5121 Sociology 1A	5	15	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
INTA5121 International Studies 1	5	15	1	Y				
IPGE5121 Introduction to Physical Geography	5	15	1		Y			
PSYC5121 Psychology 1A: Introduction to Psychology	5	15	1			Y	Y	Y
SOCI5122 Sociology 1B	5	15	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
INTB5122 International Studies 2	5	15	2	Y				
FUPS5122 Fundamentals of Political Science	5	15	2	Y				
FUIR5122 Fundamentals of International Relations	5	15	2	Y				
IHGE5122 Introduction to Human Geography	5	15	2		Y			
COSC5132 Communication Science 1B: Intercultural Communication	5	15	2		Y			
IDES5122 Introduction to Development Studies	5	15	2		Y			
PSYC5122 Psychology 1B: Introduction to Psychology	5	15	2			Y	Y	Y
CICO5122 Crime in Context	5	15	2			Y	Y	Y
ICJS5122 Introduction to South African Criminal Justice System	5	15	2			Y	Y	Y



Year 2								
	NQF Level	Credit Value	Semester	International Studies and Political Studies	Geography & Environmental Science and Development Studies	Psychology and Criminology & Criminal Justice	Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology	Psychology and Sociology
PSIN6221 Places and Spaces: International Migration in The Global Age	6	15	3	Y	Y			
DEDW6221 Development and the Developing World	6	15	3	Y	Y			
POID6221 Political Ideologies	6	15	3	Y				
TPPS6221 Theoretical Perspectives in Political and Social Thought	6	15	3	Y		Y	Y	Y
EPRM6221 Environmental Policy and Resource Management	6	15	3		Y			
SODE6221 Sociology of Development	6	15	3		Y			
PSYC6221 Psychology 2A: Social Psychology	6	15	3			Y		Y
WOCR7221 Women in Crime	7	15	3			Y	Y	Y
VISA6221 Victimology in South Africa	6	15	3			Y	Y	
GECS6221 Gender, Culture and Society	6	15	3				Y	Y
POPO6222 Poverty and Power: The Uneven World	6	15	4	Y	Y			
EMOW6222 Ethics and the Modern World	6	15	4	Y				
COPO6222 Comparative Politics	6	15	4	Y				
PUPM6222 Public Policymaking	6	15	4	Y	Y			
GISF7222 Geographical Information Systems: FOSS Geo-Informatics	7	15	4		Y			
BSNC6222 Building Support Networks for Children and Families	6	15	4		Y		Y	Y
PSYC6222 Psychology 2B: Developmental Psychology	6	15	4			Y		Y
PSYC6224 Psychology 2C: Personality Psychology	6	15	4			Y		Y
YCLA6222 Youth in Conflict with the Law	6	15	4			Y	Y	
ISCI6212 Selected Contemporary Crime Issues	6	15	4			Y	Y	
MEDS6222 Medical Sociology	6	15	4				Y	Y

Year 3								
	NQF Level	Credit Value	Semester	International Studies and Political Studies	Geography & Environmental Science and Development Studies	Psychology And Criminology & Criminal Justice	Criminology & Criminal Justice and Sociology	Psychology and Sociology
INRS7321 Introduction to Research	7	15	5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FPIN7321 Foreign Policy: Introduction	7	15	5	Y				
WPIS7321 War, Peace and International Security	7	15	5	Y				
AFMW7321 Africa in the Modern World	7	15	5	Y				
CLIM7321 Climatology	7	15	5		Y			
ENAS7321 Environmental Impact Assessment	7	15	5		Y			
WPCY7321 Management of Community Projects: Working Preventatively with Children, Youth and Families	7	15	5		Y			
PSYC7321 Psychology 3A: Cognitive Psychology	7	15	5			Y		Y
PSYC7313 Psychology 3C: Community Psychology	7	15	5			Y		Y
CBSA7321 Criminal Behaviour in South Africa: A Psychosocial Approach	7	15	5			Y	Y	
SPYC7321 Sociological Perspectives on Youth Culture and Social Change	7	15	5				Y	Y
BERS7321 Beliefs, Religion and Spirituality	7	15	5				Y	
REPR7312 Research Practice	7	15	6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SADD7322 South Africa Democracy and Development	7	15	6	Y	Y			
DCIR7322 Diplomacy in Contemporary International Relations	7	15	6	Y				
PPJU7322 Political Philosophy and Justice	7	15	6	Y			Y	
GISP7322 Geographical Information Systems: Planning and Decision Making	7	15	6		Y			
UPDS7322 Urban Planning, Development and Sustainability	7	15	6		Y			
PSYC7322 Psychology 3B: Abnormal Psychology	7	15	6			Y		Y
PSYC7324 Psychology 3D: Research Psychology	7	15	6			Y		Y
FCVP7322 Forensic Criminology: Victim and Offender Profiling	7	16	6			Y	Y	
SAAJ7322 South African and African Social Justice	7	15	6				Y	Y

Timetables

This qualification is aimed at students who wish to complete full-time face-to-face studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to be available throughout the day for class in the academic year depending on how the timetable is structured. Students may also be required to write assessments or submit coursework or assignments outside of normal class time. Students who would like to pursue 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. Students must also note that timetables remain subject to change throughout the academic year.



Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements	NSC: Bachelor pass with	English 50%
	NC (V): Bachelor pass with	English 50%
	SC: Endorsement with	English 50%
	SC(a): Bachelor pass with	English 50%
	International	An USAf Exemption Certificate is required meeting the minimum of 50% for English OR requisite English test e.g. TOEFL, IELTS.
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.		
Alternative Admission (Should the English requirement not be met at NSC Grade 12, then entrance may be granted if the English requirement is met based on the Grade 11 final mark)	English	NSC 40%-49% (If 50% min in final Grade 11 results was achieved.)

Should you have any other school leaving qualification not mentioned above, please contact a student advisor.

Articulation Options

For the School of Humanities and Social Science the following qualifications allow you to articulate into the Bachelor of Social Science should you meet the requirements:

- Higher Certificate in Communication Practice

For alternative articulation options within our other schools please contact your campus for further information.

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