

# BACHELOR OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE (MAJORING IN PSYCHOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY)

- Gain a holistic understanding of crime in SA within an applied social science framework.
- Learn how to provide victim support.
- Gain practical skills through Work Integrated Learning.

This undergraduate degree is an excellent choice if you are interested in working in the criminal justice, social development, or mental health sectors – or, if you want to formalise your existing knowledge in these spheres.

This interdisciplinary qualification, with dual majors in psychology and criminology, is designed in response to South Africa's urgent need to address deeply rooted social challenges. Throughout the degree, you will gain a foundational understanding of human behaviour and the criminal mindset, the larger social and systemic issues that drive crime, and the social systems that respond to crime. Most importantly, you will learn how to apply psychology principles and methodologies to advocate for social justice and provide support to victims of crime.

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As a graduate, you will be eligible for entry-level positions in dynamic psychosocial services, community safety organisations or social justice settings that contribute to a healed community.

## Course Details



**DURATION:**  
3 years full-time,  
5 years part-time online



**MODULES:**  
26 modules



**SAQA REGISTRATION:**  
SAQA ID 90844, NQF 7



**WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING:**  
Project- based 2-term  
module at NQF Level 7



**FACULTY:**  
Applied Psychology

## Admission Requirements:

- A National Senior Certificate with a minimum of 45% in English as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), coupled with an achievement rating of 4 (Adequate Achievement 50-59%) or better in four recognised 20-credit NSC subjects OR
- A National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with an achievement of at least 60% in three fundamental subjects including English, and an achievement of at least 70% in four vocational subjects chosen from the NC (V) Level 4 subject list OR
- A Senior Certificate (pre-2008) with Endorsement with English passed at Standard Grade or better, or an equivalent school-leaving certificate OR
- A Higher Certificate (NQF Level 5), SAQA-verified equivalent qualification, Advanced Certificate or Diploma in a cognate field OR
- Applicants who do not meet the above requirements should provide a portfolio of evidence demonstrating formal, informal and non-formal knowledge, training, work experience and/or learning equivalent to an NQF Level 5 qualification to support admission to the programme on the basis of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

## BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

This Bachelor of Applied Social Science degree is a good choice if you:

- Want to learn more about the psychology of crime and how to use psychology to support its victims.
- Want to explore the fields of psychology, criminology and social justice through an applied psychology lens.
- Want to explore the impact of trauma, cognitive patterns and personality traits of offenders and victims.
- How to support others, advocate for victims, or promote community safety.
- Have an interest in restorative justice, trauma-informed care or offender rehabilitation.
- Are interested in developing an analytical approach to research-informed practice, data analysis, and evidence-based decision-making in social contexts.

## LEARN MORE

Get in touch with an admissions officer by calling 0860 77 11 11 or visiting our website at [www.sacap.edu.za](http://www.sacap.edu.za)

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