



# APPLICATIONS FOR 2023

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## POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Policy and Development Studies is a postgraduate programme located in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Kwazulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg. Our programme is committed to promoting good governance in a democratic South Africa. The programme was launched in 2000 and is designed to develop the skills necessary to understand and guide policy making, implementation, evaluation and research. Our approach is to root theory in practice through application to current policy debates and practices in South Africa. Our courses draw from diverse scholarship and expose students to both seminal work and local research. We offer Honours, Coursework Masters and PhD qualifications.

## WHY STUDY WITH US?

Our programme prepares students for a variety of careers. Our graduates go on to careers in government, civil society and consultancy amongst other fields. Our programme produces policy scholars and practitioners who are equipped with the conceptual, theoretical and practical skills required to advance policy making and governance in South Africa and beyond.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Honours is open to students from all academic backgrounds who meet the entry requirements with a minimum average mark of 60%. The honours degree covers analytical and theoretical approaches in policy, research methods, theories and concepts in governance and a practical research project.
- Coursework Masters programme requires a suitably strong Honours degree in Policy and Development Studies or cognate policy studies honours degree with a minimum average mark of 60%. The Coursework Master's degree builds on the Honours degree and includes core modules that focusses on theories and skills related to managing public policy, policy monitoring and evaluation and the role of civil society in public policy. A supervised short research dissertation comprises 50% of the degree.
- The PhD programme is by research only and requires an accomplished Master's degree in Policy and Development Studies, Public Policy or Public Administration or cognate policy studies with a minimum average mark of 65%. PhD students will work with their supervisor to produce a thesis in their selected field of policy interest.

## CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 31 OCTOBER 2022

All applications for 2023 will be done online and documents can be uploaded online.

