

# ST AUGUSTINE



## Postgraduate Studies in **PEACE STUDIES**

## **A LEADER** IN ETHICAL EDUCATION

Founded in 1999, St Augustine is a respected provider of quality, values-based, tertiary education. All of the degrees and certificates that St Augustine offers are accredited by the South African Council on Higher Education (CHE) and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). Further, St Augustine is canonically recognised as a Catholic 'university' by both the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) and the Congregation for Catholic Education in the Vatican; it is a member of IFCU (International Federation of Catholic Universities). Inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, the mission of St Augustine is to produce graduates who have learnt 'to think rigorously, so as to act rightly and to serve humanity better'.

*Registered with the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) as a private higher education institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Certificate No 2000/HE08/002).*

# Structure

## OF THE PROGRAMMES

### POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN PEACE STUDIES AT ST AUGUSTINE

St Augustine offers a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Peace Studies.

A relatively new field of study that emerged in the 1950s and 1960s, Peace Studies draws on a range of older academic disciplines (political science, sociology, history, anthropology, theology, psychology, and philosophy – amongst others) in its attempt to: understand the causes of conflict, develop responses that prevent and resolve conflict, and build peaceful and just societies.

Peace Studies promotes 'just and sustainable' peace; as opposed to the mere absence of war, a society that enjoys a 'just and sustainable' peace ensures access to the basic necessities of life and promotes and respects the human rights of all.

Possible careers for those with a qualification in Peace Studies include:

- academics
- civil servants
- journalists
- mediators
- negotiators
- politicians
- researchers
- teachers

Graduates are also readily employed by NGOs that focus on: dispute resolution, economic and social development, environmental protection, human rights, and international law.





A student registered for the BA(Hons)(Peace Studies) must complete four modules (including core modules and elective modules). The modules are offered during four postgraduate teaching weeks of the academic year (one per quarter). Apart from attending the teaching weeks, a student is required to complete formative and summative assessment tasks in respect of each module.

In addition, a student must complete a 10 000 word Research Project on an approved topic. (Prior to the commencement of the Research Project, a student must complete a Research Methods Workshop.)

The following modules are compulsory:

<b>Foundations of Peace Studies: Dignity and the Common Good</b>	The Module enables learners to understand, identify and appropriate the fundamental values of personal; dignity and the common good in the context of fostering peace and transforming conflict.
<b>Fundamentals of Peace-Building: Concepts, Philosophy and Organisation</b>	The Module familiarises students with practical peace-building strategies and develops skills in both analysis and intervention through the means of conciliation and mediation at the community, civil society and governmental levels.

In addition, a student must select two elective modules (at least one of which must be from Group A):

<b>Group A</b>	Identity-based conflict: Ethno-cultural, gender and religious dimensions
	Recovering from violence: Transitional justice, reconstruction and reconciliation
	Philosophy and practice of non-violence
	Elements of Peace-Keeping
<b>Group B</b>	The state in modern politics
	War, peace and international relations
	The economic causes and consequences of conflict
	Normative Political Theory in a global context

For admission requirements, details on the content of the individual modules, and dates of teaching weeks, please consult the Prospectus or the St Augustine website ([www.staugustine.ac.za](http://www.staugustine.ac.za)).

**Depending on demand, or other relevant factors, St Augustine reserves the right NOT to offer any particular Module or Course.**



# About

## ST AUGUSTINE

- A 'university' in all senses of the word, currently, South African legislation prevents St Augustine – and other private tertiary academic institutions - calling itself a 'university'
- Situated in the secure, leafy suburb of Victory Park, Johannesburg, St Augustine provides high quality lecturing in creative small-class formats, with personalised tuition
- The emphasis is on helping students to engage in critical and interdisciplinary reflection, in the light of the values of human dignity and the common good
- The pass rate is higher than that achieved at many South African universities
- Graduates acquire skills and discipline that employers seek in the South African workplace
- Graduates are equipped to serve as ethical and intellectual leaders across various sectors of society
- St Augustine possesses a well-stocked library covering all relevant disciplines
- To the benefit of its staff and students, St Augustine is a member of a global network of Catholic universities, many of which are amongst the most highly ranked universities in the world

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