

ST AUGUSTINE



Postgraduate Studies in **CULTURE AND EDUCATION**

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 CULTURE AND EDUCATION AT ST AUGUSTINE

St Augustine offers an MPhil in Culture and Education that specialises in Educational Leadership.

The qualification is ideally suited to those who are in leadership positions, or those who aspire toward leadership positions, within a faith-based school environment. The various modules that make up the qualification explore topics that aim to produce leaders who are equipped not only to lead with confidence, but who do so in a manner that reflects the vision and values that underpin faith-based education.

Those registering for the qualification will be provided with opportunity for creative dialogue, lucid searching, deep contemplation and rigorous study.

Apart from being SAQA and DHET registered, and accredited by the CHE, the qualification is also endorsed by SACE for Continuing Professional Teacher Development (CPTD) (Provider No 11999).

A student must complete seven modules (including core modules and elective modules). The modules are offered during four postgraduate teachings 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. The modules are offered by our permanent academic staff and by guest lecturers from South Africa and abroad.

In addition, a student must complete an 18 000 word Research Project on an approved topic. (Prior to the commencement of the Research Project, a student must complete a Research Methods Workshop.)





SPECIALISATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

A student must complete four compulsory modules:

Dignity of the Human Person	The Module considers the philosophical and theological understanding of what it is to be human and why human beings deserve their rights to be respected.
Historical Perspectives on Education	The Module aims to provide those in leadership positions in faith-based schools with a fresh understanding of the historical dimension of the educational enterprise; it emphasises the ministerial aspect of the education of youth.
Pastoral Care and Community Building in Schools	The Module aims to expose students to some of the theoretical foundations of pastoral care in order for them to develop useful strategies for the ethical practice of pastoral care within their communities.
Vision and Values in Education	The Module provides a brief introduction to key issues in philosophy of education, exploring the link between our notion of the human person and how this influences the vision we have for education. Specific attention will be given to the theories and texts that underpin the vision and values of faith-based schools.

In addition, a student must select three elective module from the following:

Curriculum and Values in Education	The Module acquaints school leadership with the developing mind of various faith-based perspectives in relations to faith-based schools and education in general. It also seeks to inspire participation in the ongoing dialogue between educational policies of faith communities and the State.
Human Sexuality: a challenge for the teaching and caring professions	The Module aims to develop a deeper understanding of human sexuality, both as a biological and cultural reality; it explores the links between human sexuality and human dignity; it attempts to draw out critical issues in sexuality education that affirm human dignity.
Leadership and Management of a Faith-based School	The Module examines the theoretical principles of leadership and management in the field of education and critically explores how these can be applied within the context of South African schools, in particular, faith-based schools.
Spirituality for Leadership	The Module helps to equip educational leaders for the spiritual challenge of their task by offering them a deeper initiation into the riches of Christian Spirituality.

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).

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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