

ST AUGUSTINE



Postgraduate Studies in
PHILOSOPHY

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 PHILOSOPHY AT ST AUGUSTINE

St Augustine offers three postgraduate degrees in Philosophy: the BA (Hons), the MPhil (Philosophy), and the DPhil (Philosophy).

Philosophy may be studied by those aiming to specialise in the discipline, but it is also relevant for anyone wishing to reflect on any dimension of human life, be it art, science, business studies and economics, politics and law, education or religion. Philosophy develops the skills of critical thinking and logical analysis that enable us to clarify the basic ideas and concepts in different fields of scientific knowledge. It fosters skills of close analysis but also includes wider perspectives on the larger concerns of human existence. It helps to develop the capacity to appreciate the perspectives of other thinkers and different cultures.

The various modules are offered by our permanent academic staff and by guest lecturers from South Africa and abroad.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) IN PHILOSOPHY

Students are required to complete four modules. Apart from attending four teachings weeks during the postgraduate lecture sessions of the academic year (one per quarter), students are required to complete formative and summative assessment tasks in respect of each module. In addition, all students are obliged to complete a 10 000 word Research Project on an approved topic.

Philosophical thinker	The development, function, value and distinctive philosophical method of a chosen thinker in the light of historical intellectual context
Historical philosophical period	The development and contribution of an influential period in the history of philosophy to a particular philosophical domain
Key philosophical theme	Training in socially reflective modes of rational deliberation by critically interrogating the context and trajectory of a key theme in a specified field of contemporary philosophy
Primary Text	In-depth analysis of a canonical, contemporary or historical philosophical treatise that has proved or is proving to have opened up contextually significant and theoretically constructive lines of research previously blocked in impasse by unresolved contradictions or widely prevalent misunderstandings in the literature and in debate amongst philosophers



MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHILOSOPHY

Students are required to complete eight modules (four core and four electives). Apart from attending four teachings weeks during the postgraduate lecture sessions of the academic year (one per quarter), students are required to complete formative and summative assessment tasks. In addition, all students are obliged to complete an 18 000 word Research Paper on an approved topic.

Core Modules	Three of the following Electives
Dignity of the Human Person	African Philosophy
Foundational Philosophy I: Philosophy of Knowledge	Philosophy of Culture
Foundational Philosophy II: Philosophy of Being	Philosophy of Mind, Subject and Persons
Foundations of Ethics	Philosophy of Religion
	Philosophy of Science
	Reading and Research in Philosophy
	One of the following Electives dealing with Social and Political Ethics:
	The Ethics of Democracy
	Power and Corruption
	Reconciliation and Nation-Building

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHILOSOPHY (SPECIAL CURRICULUM)

Four MPhil modules and a dissertation of 30 000 words.

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHILOSOPHY (RESEARCH ONLY)

A dissertation of 60 000 words on an approved topic.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHILOSOPHY

A dissertation of 80 000 words on an approved topic.

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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