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# **BSc (Hons) Applied Social Sciences**

*with Specialisation in*

Sociology

Social Services

Criminology

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PROGRAMME DOCUMENT

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### A. PROGRAMME INFORMATION

The norms and values guiding behaviour in society are constantly undergoing changes, brought about by the rapid economic and technological advancement. The pressure being exerted on our social fabric is enormous. There is a need to study and understand the way society is organised and prepares itself to face these on-going adjustments. What influences people and society to act in a particular way and how these actions can be monitored and modified, need to be mastered, so as to be able to take pro-active measures to make our society a better place to live in.

The Bachelor of Applied Social Sciences provides students with skills and abilities pertinent to a variety of professional careers in the public and private sectors of employment. Students are encouraged to develop a theoretical insight to enable them to understand not only current developments in society and the workplace, but also to adapt and respond appropriately to future developments as they occur. In addition, the course is designed to enhance a number of generic skills highly valued by employers and important for the development of the individual, such as self-awareness, presentation and communication skills, and skills for the maintenance of learning and knowledge. This Degree can also be used as a stepping-stone for more specialised studies in a range of disciplines forming part of the social-sciences family.

### B. PROGRAMME AIMS

This is a programme designed to reach out to society and to understand and respond to both local and global issues. Students are being prepared through a rich variety of learning experiences, to be young professionals, researchers and leaders serving the community. This programme gives students an integrated experience in social sciences and allows broader career prospects.

The programme aims at training students to achieve academic excellence and to develop their general analytical and communicative skills and other personal attributes valued by employers. This degree suits independent thinkers with a curiosity about the world and the people who live in it, as it aims at taking a deep insight into the way people and society function and change. The Bachelor of Applied Social Sciences is designed to facilitate the interdisciplinary study of contemporary societies. The program provides grounding in both social theory and the research methods of the social sciences, as well as awareness of the policy implications of social research. At level 3, students will be provided with the opportunity to focus on one of the following areas: Sociology, Social Services or Criminology. Students are expected to emerge with the skills, knowledge and motivation to make a difference.

### C. PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The Bachelor of Applied Social Sciences is planned to enable students to:

- Develop learning skills in an interdisciplinary environment
- Experience breadth of disciplinary studies and intellectual processes
- Specialise in their chosen area of study.
- Understand the cross-cultural issues of interdisciplinary study and teams
- Develop the personal qualities and attitudes needed for professional success
- Identify and understand the fundamental values that inform critical issues and decision making

The degree will consist of general modules in the first and second year, and will subsequently offer specialised modules in either Sociology, Social Services or Criminology in the final year.

The programme also offers 3 exit points, enabling students to qualify for the award of a Certificate, a Diploma and a Degree respectively.

## PART 1: REGULATIONS

### D. GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As per UTM 'Admissions Regulations' and 'Admission to Programmes of Study at Degree Level'

### E. PROGRAMME ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

None

### F. PROGRAMME MODE AND DURATION

Full Time: Minimum 3 Years, Maximum 5 Years

Part Time: Minimum 4 Years, Maximum 7 Years

Each academic year includes two semesters.

### G. TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES

The programme will employ a wide variety of teaching methods. One Module will carry 150 hours of learning comprising of 45 contact hours of delivery which could be any combination of face to face, online and blended. The remaining 105 hours will cover Self Learning. Self-learning will be the key feature of the programme, enabling students to explore, investigate and research into the various topics, interact with practitioners, and work in teams on projects.

The University recognises the importance of practical experience and its value to employers consequently work Placement holds a significant place in the degree as it allows full-time students to obtain first-hand exposure before taking up employment after graduation. Part-time students will be required to submit a portfolio.

### H. STUDENT SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

In addition to traditional lectures, group tutorials or individual tutorials are arranged for students.

### I. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

As per UTM Regulations and Policies

### J. CREDIT SYSTEM

This programme is aligned with the European Credit and Transfer System (ECTS)

All modules carry 6 credits as per the programme structure with the Work placement/Portfolio - 6 credits and Dissertation- 12 credits

The credit requirements for programme shall be equivalent to 180 credits and the Exit Points are as follows:

Certificate: 60 credits

Diploma: 120 credits

Degree : 180 credits

## K. STUDENT PROGRESS AND ASSESSMENT

For the award of the Degree, all modules must be passed in the examinations, coursework or other forms of assessment.

The programme will be assessed as follows:

1. Unless otherwise specified, all modules will consist of written examinations of 2 hours per module. The assessment weightage per examination-based module is 70% for written examinations and 30% for continuous assessment such as seminars, presentations, class tests and written assignments.

All modules are normally assessed over 100 marks, except for project/dissertation where it shall be as specified in the programme.

2. The module 'Essentials of Statistics' will be assessed through 50% coursework and 50% exams. The Coursework should include at least 2 class tests and a formal assignment.

3. The following modules will be assessed 100% coursework as follows:

- Social Research Methods will be assessed by project based assignment involving fieldwork, report and presentation.
- Full-time students will be assessed for the Professional Placement in Year 2 Semester 2 which will be conducted for a total of 360 hours. Working students will be assessed for Portfolio as per the portfolio guideline. Students must demonstrate that they have achieved the learning objectives specified as per the work-placement guidelines. The placement supervisor will be required to fill out a feedback appraisal form pertaining to student's performance during the placement.

## L. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE

### Grading

Overall Marks	Grade
$70 \leq X \leq 100$	A
$60 \leq X < 70$	B
$50 \leq X < 60$	C
$40 \leq X < 50$	D
$X < 40$	F
A-D	Pass
F	Fail

The percentage mark at Level 1 contributes a 20 % weighting towards the Degree classification.

The percentage mark at Level 2 contributes a 30% weighting towards the Degree classification.

The percentage mark at Level 3 contributes a 50% weighting towards the Degree classification.

## M. AWARD CLASSIFICATION

First Class with Honours	CPA $\geq$ 70
Second Class First Division with Honours	$60 \leq$ CPA $<$ 70
Second Class Second Division with Honours	$50 \leq$ CPA $<$ 60
Third Class with Honours	$45 \leq$ CPA $<$ 50
Pass	$40 \leq$ CPA $<$ 45
No Award	CPA $<$ 40

## N. PROGRAMME ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

### Programme Development Committee:

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## PART II - PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

### O. BSc. (Hons) Applied Social Sciences – Full Time (Version 7.0)

YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+ SL	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+T	Credits
SSCI 1102B	Introduction to Sociology	3 + 7	6	SMKG 1508B	Marketing and Public Relations	3 + 7	6
MGPL 1105B	Essentials of Psychology	3 + 7	6	SSCI 1105B	Sociology of the Family and Gender Issues	3 + 7	6
CNLG 1103B	Counselling Theories and Principles	3 + 7	6	MBUS 1102B	Principles and Practices of Management	3 + 7	6
COMM 1101B	Business Communication	3 + 7	6	SSDV 1104B	Sustainability for Social Sciences	3 + 7	6
SSCI 1104B	Social Theory and Sociological Thought	3 + 7	6	STAT 1104B	Essentials of Statistics	3 + 7	6
→ Start of Level 1				Finish of Level 1 →			
YEAR 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+SL	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+SL	Credits
OSHM 1118B	Workplace Safety and Health Promotion	3 + 7	6	SSCI 2401B	Criminality and Deviance	3 + 7	6
CNLG 1311B	Social Psychology	3 + 7	6	SSDV 2602B	Community Services	3 + 7	6
SSCI 2108B	Migration and Society	3 + 7	6	SMKG 2402B	Customer Relationship Management	3 + 7	6
LWS 1401B	Law and Legal Principles	3 + 7	6	WPL 2000B	Work Placement		6
SSCI 2106B	Social Work and Social Policy	3 + 7	6				
SSCI 2202B	Work Behaviour	3 + 7	6				
→ Start of Level 2				Finish of Level 2 →			

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>YEAR 3 - Specialisation in Sociology</b>				<b>Semester 2</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SSCI 3109B	Poverty and Social Exclusion	3 + 7	6	CSR 3204B	Ethics and Society	3 + 7	6
SSCI 3203B	Evolution of Social Behaviour	3 + 7	6	OPS 3205B	Project Management	3 + 7	6
SSCI 3110B	Sociology of Life course and ageing	3 + 7	6	MGMT 2119B	Managing Public and Private Welfare Institutions	3 + 7	6
STAT 3306B	Social Research methods	3 + 7	6	SSCI 3107B	Sociology of work and Leisure	3 + 7	6
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>		12
→ <i>Start of Level 3</i>				<i>Finish of Level 3</i> →			

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>YEAR 3-Specialisation in Social Services</b>				<b>Semester 2</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SSCI 3109B	Poverty and Social Exclusion	3 + 7	6	MGMT2119B	Managing Public and Private Welfare Institutions	3 + 7	6
LWS 31001B	Social Security Law and Practice	3 + 7	6	SSCI 3502B	Policing Styles and Principles	3 + 7	6
SSCI 3501B	Welfare and Social Justice	3 + 7	6	LWS 3402B	Human Rights and Equality law	3 + 7	6
STAT 3306B	Social Research methods	3 + 7	6	OPS 3205B	Project Management	3 + 7	6
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>	3 + 7		DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>	3 + 7	12
→ <i>Start of Level 3</i>				<i>Finish of Level 3</i> →			

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>YEAR 3-Specialisation in Criminology</b>				<b>Semester 2</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>
LWS 3605B	Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies	3 + 7	6	SSCI 3111B	Urban Sociology	3 + 7	6
LWS 3602B	Understanding Criminal Behaviour	3 + 7	6	LWS 3603B	Comparative Penal Systems	3 + 7	6
LWS 3604B	Criminal Law	3 + 7	6	LWS 3402B	Human Rights and Equality Law	3 + 7	6
STAT 3306B	Social Research Methods	3 + 7	6	SSCI 3502B	Policing Styles and Principles	3 + 7	6
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation *</b>		12
→ <i>Start of Level 3</i>				<i>Finish of Level 3</i> →			

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### P. BSc (Hons) Applied Social Sciences – Part Time (Version 7.0)

YEAR 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+SL	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+SL	Credits
SSCI 1102B	Introduction to Sociology	3 + 7	6	SSCI 1104B	Social Theory and Sociological Thought	3 + 7	6
MGPL 1105B	Essentials of Psychology	3 + 7	6	SMKG 1508B	Marketing and Public Relations	3 + 7	6
CNLG 1103B	Counselling Theories and Principles	3 + 7	6	SSCI 1105B	Sociology of the Family and Gender Issues	3 + 7	6
COMM1101B	Business Communication	3 + 7	6				
→ Start of Level 1							
YEAR 2							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+SL	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+SL	Credits
MBUS 1102B	Principles and Practices of Management	3 + 7	6	OSHM 1118B	Workplace Safety and Health Promotion	3 + 7	6
SSDV 1104B	Sustainability for Social Sciences	3 + 7	6	CNLG 1311B	Social Psychology	3 + 7	6
STAT 1104	Essentials of Statistics	3 + 7	6	SSCI 2108B	Migration and Society	3 + 7	6
				LWS 1401B	Law and Legal Principles	3 + 7	6
Finish of Level 1 →				→ Start of Level 2			
YEAR 3							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+SL	Credits	Code	Core Modules	Hrs/Wk L+SL	Credits
SSCI 2106B	Social Work and Social Policy		6	SSDV2602B	Community Services		6
SSCI 2202B	Work Behaviour		6	SMKG 2402B	Customer Relationship Management		6
SSCI 2401B	Criminality and Deviance		6	WPL 2000B	Work Placement		6
Finish of Level 2 →							

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>YEAR 3 - Specialisation in Sociology</b>				<b>Semester 2</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SSCI 3109B	Poverty and Social Exclusion	3 + 7	6	CSR 3204B	Ethics and Society	3 + 7	6
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DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>		12
→ Start of Level 3				Finish of Level 3 →			

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>YEAR 3-Specialisation in Social Services</b>				<b>Semester 2</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>
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STAT 3306B	Social Research methods	3 + 7	6	OPS 3205B	Project Management	3 + 7	6
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>	3 + 7		DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>	3 + 7	12
→ Start of Level 3				Finish of Level 3 →			

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>YEAR 3-Specialisation in Criminology</b>				<b>Semester 2</b>	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Core Modules</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk L+SL</b>	<b>Credits</b>
LWS 3605B	Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies	3 + 7	6	SSCI 3111B	Urban Sociology	3 + 7	6
LWS 3602B	Understanding Criminal Behaviour	3 + 7	6	LWS 3603B	Comparative Penal Systems	3 + 7	6
LWS 3604B	Criminal Law	3 + 7	6	LWS 3402B	Human Rights and Equality Law	3 + 7	6
STAT 3306B	Social Research Methods	3 + 7	6	SSCI 3502B	Policing Styles and Principles	3 + 7	6
DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation*</b>			DISS 3000B	<b>Dissertation *</b>		12
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