

## **Master of Philosophy in Arts**

### **The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE)**

If you would like to hone your specialist skills and research in psychology, communication and media, criminal justice and criminology, international studies, philosophy or sociology, the purpose-built IIE Master of Philosophy in Arts (- offered at IIE MSA is just what you're looking for.

As part of this programme you will be teamed with a leading researcher who will act as your supervisor while you undertake your research and write your thesis. This is a research degree enabling students to tailor their topic to speak directly to their own interests.

Research degrees build skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, statistics and data management, knowledge transfer and effective leadership.

The aim of postgraduate research at The IIE MSA is:

- To create an environment that values, supports and nurtures future research and development leaders.
- To expand a broad range of disciplines in 5 faculties
- To expand the world-class level of academic and technical expertise to enhance the research experience.

### **What is the IIE Master of Philosophy in Arts accreditation status?**

The IIE Master of Philosophy in Arts) is accredited by the Council of Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as a 180-credit qualification on level 9 (SAQA ID: 79306).

### **Who is the Master of Philosophy in Arts aimed at?**

The purpose of a master's degree is to educate and train researchers who can contribute to the development of knowledge at an advanced level or prepare graduates for advanced and specialised professional employment.

The successful student will be able to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements using data and information at his/her disposal, and communicate conclusions clearly. Students will be able to demonstrate self-directed learning and originality in tackling and solving problems, act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional level, and continue to advance own knowledge, understanding, and skills.

### **What entry requirements will I need to study this master's degree?**

To be registered you must have satisfied the admission requirements as set out below:

| Minimum Admission Requirements |   | Notes   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
|                                | An appropriate HEQSF Level 8 Honours degree                                       | An overall qualification average of at least 65% is required, normally. |
|                                | <b>International</b> A SAQA NQF L8 Evaluation Certificate in an appropriate field |   |

Students who do not meet the admission requirements may be eligible for admission via alternate means such as RPL. Please enquire at the campus for assistance.

*Please note, requirements for entry to this qualification are correct at the time of printing, however, these may change.*

**What are the requirement to complete this Master's Degree?**

You need to pass the thesis which will be internally and externally examined.

**How long do I have to complete this qualification?**

Students have a minimum of 1 year and maximum of 4 years to complete this qualification.

**With what qualification will I graduate?**

You will graduate with The IIE Master of Philosophy in Arts (SAQA ID: 79306)

**Career opportunities: what career areas can I pursue once I have completed this Master's Degree?**

Graduates may work in the public, private, or non-profit sectors, and take on roles like policy making and implementation, management, education and teaching, or research.

## **Would it be possible to study further and obtain a further qualification once I have completed the IIE Master of Philosophy in Arts?**

The IIE Masters of Philosophy in Arts is accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) at level 9 - the same level as other equivalent Masters degrees at both private and public South African institutes of higher education. The opportunity to apply for a postgraduate certificate/diploma or Doctorate degree at any South African university or higher education institution exists subject to meeting their specific programme entrance criteria.

It is important to remember that your academic results remain a key factor when applying for further studies.

**Call the IIE MSA campus to discuss your career options with one of our Student Advisors.**

**Tel: +27 11 950 4009 or email [enquiries@iiemsas.co.za](mailto:enquiries@iiemsas.co.za)**

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### **British Accreditation Council**

The IIE is not only accredited in South Africa but its dedication to providing quality education also led to it being accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) in 2014. The British Accreditation Council is an independent authority in the United Kingdom that accredits private providers globally, including Greece, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates. In 2017 The IIE had its accreditation status confirmed by the BAC as an Independent Higher Education Institution confirming our confidence in the international comparability of our standards.

“South African students need to know, when they select a private higher education institution, that the standards offered are equivalent to those of a public University. Our students get this from our extensive local accreditation and registration. The students also benefit from knowing that we meet international standards too. The IIE is accredited as an Independent Higher Education Institution by the British Accreditation Council. Locally and internationally we have demonstrated the quality of what we offer,” said Dr Coughlan, Director, The Independent Institute of Education.

IIE MSA students can be confident that their IIE learning experience meets international best practice standards.

