Learning outcomes

The curriculum provides the graduate with the necessary professional knowledge and competencies to achieve the programme purpose and outcomes:

- Apply theories and concepts to identify key human settlement development needs, with consideration of their contexts.
- Relate the basic principles and procedures in research, data analysis and capacity building among communities, human settlement units and staff.
- Apply theory and models of policy and strategy formulation and programme and project management.
- Interpret and apply legal and regulatory frameworks, processes, legislation, and contracts.
- Critically evaluate and explain finance and other forms of human settlement assistance.
- Appraise comparative land-use planning, management and delivery systems.
- Evaluate the roles, responsibilities and functions of social, rental and cooperative housing institutions and public-private partnerships.
- Integrate knowledge to plan, facilitate and manage social, economic and environmental development towards sustainable integrated human settlement development.
- Explain critical contemporary issues in public administration and apply best practices.
- Represent human settlements in Integrated Development Planning (IDP) and implementation.
- Manage and administer human settlement units at operational, middle-, senior- or top management levels.
- Co-ordinate and negotiate with stakeholders, educate communities and resolve conflict.
- Understand and oversee the technical design and construction aspects of houses, infrastructure and services in co-operation with planning, built environment and other professionals.
- Apply theories, principles and best practice guidelines of property planning, development, management and valuation with due regard for the legislative framework and relevant property legislation.

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Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University will offer the new degree programme, Bachelor of Human Settlement Development (BHSD), from 2014. This degree is sponsored by the National Minister of Human Settlements through the Chair for Human Settlements Development and Management. From 2016 the programme will earn subsidy from the National Department of Higher Education and Training.

Duration of the programme: 4 years full-time study

Curriculum for the BHSD degree

First year
- Human Settlement Management (NEW)
- Public Administration
- Economics
- Computer Literacy
- Accounting
- Sociology
- Political Studies
- Local Government Law (NEW)

Second year
- Human Settlement Management (NEW)
- Public Administration
- House Design and Services (NEW)
- Business Management
- Commercial Law
- Sociology

Third year
- Human Settlement Management (NEW)
- Public Administration
- House Construction and Maintenance (NEW)
- Construction Management (Special) (NEW)

Fourth year
- Human Settlement Management (NEW)
- Integrated Development Management (NEW)
- Property Development and Management (NEW)
- Statutory Law Relating to Human Settlements (NEW)
- Statistical Methods for Behavioural Sciences
- Research Methodology and Treatise (NEW)

For more detailed information please refer to the Prospectus of the Faculty of Engineering, the Built Environment and Information Technology.

Admission requirements

National Senior Certificate (NSC) requirements
- An Admissions Point Score (APS) of 36.
- Minimum statutory NSC requirements for degree entry must be met.
- English, Afrikaans or isiXhosa (Home Language or 1st Additional Language) on at least a level 3 (40-49%).
- NSC achievement rating of at least 4 (50-59%) for Mathematics or at least 6 (70-79%) for Mathematical Literacy.
- Applicants who do not meet the requirements for direct admission and have an APS of between 28 and 35 may be referred to write the Access Assessment Test before a decision is made on whether or not to admit the applicant to the course.

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Senior Certificate requirements
- A Senior Certificate with matriculation exemption/endorsement.
- A School Performance Score (SPS) of 32.
- Mathematics (HG = E symbol or SG = C symbol).

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