BA Public Management and Governance

Programme purpose

The Public Management and Governance programmes are intended for officials and leaders involved with service delivery activities and objectives at different levels of society and communities. These programmes contribute to the development of management skills of political, community and business executives, strategic executive managers (senior, middle and line managers) and other role-players contributing to the development of improved service delivery in his/her organisation and in the overall public, voluntary and private sectors. These skills will equip students to function in the highly complex and dynamic public arena where state, market and civilians interact in the shaping of society.

Career opportunities

Government remains the single largest employer in South Africa, but, once qualified, students are wellplaced to assume positions in any of the three spheres of government or in arms-length agencies, including state departments, local and provincial departments, public entities and public enterprises, but also in community organisations and businesses. Students will be ideally placed to be fast-tracked into managerial roles in these organisations, given the theoretical and practical preparation that they will have in dealing with complexity and their specific mix of cognitive skills. The optional specialisations that are offered allow for the closer targeting of prospective careers. Other career opportunities apart from public and private sector, include administrative and managerial positions in civil society, non profit organisations, humanitarian organisations; and research, policy advisory and monitoring and evaluation advisory positions in various sectors and spheres of society.

In summary, students can benefit from the following opportunities:

- Public managers in State departments
- Public managers in provincial departments
- Public managers in municipalities
- Administrative and managerial positions in public, private and NGO (including humanitarian organisations) sectors
- Journalists
- Researcher positions for both the public and private sectors
- Working in international organisations, for example the United Nations, the World Bank, etc.
- Embassy staff in foreign missions

Programme information: BA Public Management & Governance

Auckland Park Campus (B34PKQ): with a general public management and governance focus.

Soweto Campus (B34PSQ): with a more specialised focus on public leadership and local governance.

APS requirements:

- 26 with Mathematics OR
- 28 with Mathematical Literacy
- English 5
- Mathematics 3
- Maths Literacy 5

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