

**Programme Requirements for  
Master of Social Sciences/ Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Applied  
Economics and Policy Analysis/ Applied Psychology/  
Criminology and Social Policy Studies/ Global Governance)**

**1. Period of Study and Entry Requirement**

- 1.1 A student must complete the **Master of Social Sciences or Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Applied Economics and Policy Analysis/ Applied Psychology/ Criminology and Social Policy Studies/ Global Governance)** programme within the prescribed periods as stipulated below:

Normative Period of Study	Maximum Period of Study*
1 year (full-time)	3 years (full-time)
2 years (part-time)	4 years (part-time)

*\*The maximum period of study shall include any periods of leave of absence and deferment of studies.*

- 1.2 To enter the **Master of Social Sciences or Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Applied Economics and Policy Analysis/ Applied Psychology/ Criminology and Social Policy Studies/ Global Governance)** programme, a student should:
- 1.2.1 hold a Bachelor's degree from a recognized tertiary education institution, or equivalent; and
- 1.2.2 satisfy the University English language proficiency requirements.

**2. Programme Requirement - Master of Social Sciences (MSSCF)**

- 2.1 To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Master of Social Sciences**, a student shall:
- 2.1.1 obtain 30 credit-units as prescribed below:
- 2.1.1.1 12 credit-units from all compulsory courses labelled CA in Table 1;
- 2.1.1.2 18 credit-units from any specialization courses labelled AE/AP/CS/GG in Table 1;
- and
- 2.1.2 attain the CGPA for graduation as prescribed in the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees.

**3. Programme Requirement - Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Applied Economics and Policy Analysis) (MSSCAEPAF)**

- 3.1 To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Applied Economics and Policy Analysis)**, a student shall:
- 3.1.1 obtain 30 credit-units as prescribed below:

- 3.1.1.1 12 credit-units from all compulsory courses labelled CA in Table 1;
- 3.1.1.2 18 credit-units from the Applied Economics and Policy Analysis specialization courses labelled AE in Table 1.

and

- 3.1.2 attain the CGPA for graduation as prescribed in the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees.

#### 4. Programme Requirement - Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Applied Psychology) (MSSCAPF)

- 4.1 To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Applied Psychology)**, a student shall:

- 4.1.1 obtain 30 credit-units as prescribed below:

- 4.1.1.1 12 credit-units from all compulsory courses labelled CA in Table 1;
- 4.1.1.2 18 credit-units from the Applied Psychology specialization courses labelled AP in Table 1;

and

- 4.1.2 attain the CGPA for graduation as prescribed in the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees.

#### 5. Programme Requirement - Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Criminology and Social Policy Studies) (MSSCCMSPSF)

- 5.1 To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Criminology and Social Policy Studies)**, a student shall:

- 5.1.1 obtain 30 credit-units as prescribed below:

- 5.1.1.1 12 credit-units from all compulsory courses labelled CA in Table 1;
- 5.1.1.2 18 credit-units from the Criminology and Social Policy Studies Specialization courses labelled CS in Table 1;

and

- 5.1.2 attain the CGPA for graduation as prescribed in the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees.

#### 6. Programme Requirement - Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Global Governance) (MSSCGGSF)

- 6.1 To be eligible for the award of the degree of **Master of Social Sciences (with specialization in Global Governance)**, a student shall:

- 6.1.1 obtain 30 credit-units as prescribed below:

- 6.1.1.1 12 credit-units from all compulsory courses labelled CA in Table 1;

6.1.1.2 18 credit-units from the Global Governance specialization courses labelled GG in Table 1;

and

6.1.2 attain the CGPA for graduation as prescribed in the Regulations for the Award of Postgraduate Degrees.

**Table 1**

Course Code	Course Title	Credit-units	Course Label
<b>Compulsory Courses</b>			
SOSC 8001AEF	Social Science Perspectives	6	CA
SOSC 8002AEF	Social Research Methods and Applications	6	CA
<b>Specialization Courses - Applied Economics and Policy Analysis</b>			
ECON 8001AEF	Economic Analysis in Global Market	3	AE
ECON 8002AEF	Econometrics and Applied Statistics	3	AE
ECON 8003AEF	Economic Development in Global Economy	3	AE
ECON 8004AEF	Economic Analysis in Public Policy	6	AE
ECON 8005AEF	Data Science for Public Policy Analyst	3	AE
<b>Specialization Courses - Applied Psychology</b>			
PSYC 8001AEF	Psychology for Work I: Assessment, Selection and Development	3	AP
PSYC 8002AEF	Psychology for Consumer Studies	6	AP
PSYC 8003AEF	Psychology for Decision-making	6	AP
PSYC 8004AEF	Psychology for Work II: Organizational Behaviour	3	AP
<b>Specialization Courses - Criminology and Social Policy Studies</b>			
SOCI 8001AEF	Crime and Criminology	3	CS
SOCI 8002AEF	Punishment, Prison, and Penology	3	CS
SOCI 8003AEF	Essentials of Social Policy Studies	3	CS
SOCI 8004AEF	Key Issues in Social Policy Studies	3	CS
SOCI 8005AEF	Criminology and Social Welfare	3	CS
SOCI 8006AEF	Criminal Justice and Selected Crime Issues	3	CS
<b>Specialization Courses – Global Governance</b>			
GAPG 8001AEF	International Relations: Theories and Practices	3	GG
GAPG 8002AEF	Exploring Global Issues	3	GG

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit-units</b>	<b>Course Label</b>
GAPG 8003AEF	Global Political Economy: Theories and Key Issues	3	GG
GAPG 8004AEF	Society and Culture in the Era of Globalization	3	GG
GAPG 8005AEF	Greater China: Governance and Politics	3	GG
GAPG 8006AEF	Global Governance	3	GG

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