



FACULTY OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VOCATIONAL)

Safety in Society LEVEL 2-4

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 10

DURATION

3 Years

WHAT IS THIS PROGRAMME ABOUT?

As mentioned in the section, this programme consists of four vocational subjects namely Policing Practices, South African Criminal Law, Governance and the Criminal Justice System. Each student will be taught on a theoretical basis what role each subject fulfils in terms of who and where acts are formulated, who imparts and enforces these roles in communities, what the consequences of violating the law is and how different departments function to maintain the process within a democratic system.

WHAT VOCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL I BE ABLE TO PERFORM?

- > Drill
- > PT
- > BMI Testing
- > Informative trips to relevant organisations/departments

WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ARE OUT THERE?

- > South African Police Service
- > Metro Police
- > Traffic Police
- > Military Police
- > South African Defence Force
- > Security Services
- > Intelligence Services
- > Legal Assistance
- > Correctional Services

WHAT SUBJECTS WILL I BE TAKING?

FUNDAMENTAL SUBJECTS

- > Language (English/Afrikaans/isiXhosa)
- > Mathematics/Mathematical Literacy
- > Life Orientation

VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

Level 2

- > Introduction to Governance
- > Introduction to Law
- > Principles of Criminal Justice

- > Introduction to Policing Practices

Level 3

- > Governance

- > Criminal Law

- > Criminal Justice Structures and Mandates

- > Theory of Policing Practices

Level 4

- > Governance

- > Law of Procedures and Evidence

- > Criminal Justice Process

- > Applied Policing

WHAT DO THESE SUBJECTS ENTAIL?

GOVERNANCE (LEVEL 2-4)

At foundational level (Level 2), this subject deals with basic concepts such as democracy, constitutional values, government and intergovernmental relations, as well as with the foundations and basic values underpinning the South African Constitution of State.

Level 3 (intermediate) focuses on the various governance structures (three spheres of government, organs of state and traditional leadership), their roles and functions as well as their interrelationships. It also includes an empirical evaluation of the relationship between the South African Police Service and the community (as concretised in a local community policing forum).

At the advanced level (Level 4), the roles of the various security services and of the Department of Correctional Services are identified, with a strong focus on the organisational structure, powers and functions of the SAPS and community policing forums. The institutions ensuring effective and transparent policing are identified with reference to their powers and functions, as well as to their role in ensuring the enforcement of human rights and freedoms by the SAPS.

POLICING PRACTICES (LEVEL 2-4)

This subject is about policing, which forms part of the optional subject cluster of the larger vocational field. Policing is a social service that forms one of the cornerstones of orderly society. Furthermore, policing is almost always a paradoxical endeavour, standing right

in the middle of the precarious balance between individual freedoms on the one hand and collective safety on the other. The same police-people who have the task to limit the freedoms of citizens are also the police-people who have to maintain a healthy relationship with the community that they serve. That is what this subject is all about: to assist you to explore policing and come to some understanding of a service often underrated and misperceived.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (LEVEL 2-4)

For anybody to be employed in the Criminal Justice System, knowledge of the Criminal Justice structures and processes is essential. This subject will enable you to recognise the key principles of criminal justice. In the course of delivery of this subject the aim would be to identify and name the different structures and processes of the South African criminal justice system.

INTRODUCTION TO LAW (LEVEL 2)

For anybody to be employed in the Criminal Justice System, a basic knowledge of the laws of our country is essential. This subject will enable you to recognise the key principles of the law and legal rules of our country. As this might be your first introduction to our laws, this subject will briefly introduce you to our country's most important laws, namely private law, mercantile law, public law and indigenous law. As administration is of such great importance for the efficient functioning of our justice system, this subject will also assist you to recognise the processes in the administration of justice.

CRIMINAL LAW (LEVEL 3)

This subject will enable you to recognise the key principles of the criminal law and legal rules of South Africa, allowing you to easily identify and name the different sources of South African criminal law. As this might be your first introduction to criminal law, this subject will further introduce you to the principles and elements of crime and its place in criminal law, as well as provide analyses of specific crimes and statutory offences.

LAW OF PROCEDURES AND EVIDENCE (LEVEL 4)

This subject will enable you to recognise the key principles of the law of procedure and evidence and other legal rules of the country. In the course of delivery of Law of Procedures and Evidence, the aim would be to identify, analyse and interpret the different principles and procedures of the South African law of procedure and evidence, in other words, how these procedures should be implemented. As this might be your first introduction to the law of procedure and evidence, the subject will introduce the principles and procedures prior to and during the adjudication of the criminal and the crime committed.

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