

General

All admissions to postgraduate study programmes are subject to the general institutional rules of the UFS. Information regarding bursaries, accommodation and fees can be obtained from the student portal << <http://kovsielife.ufs.ac.za/>>>

For further information you are welcome to contact the departmental chairperson, or the respective course coordinators.

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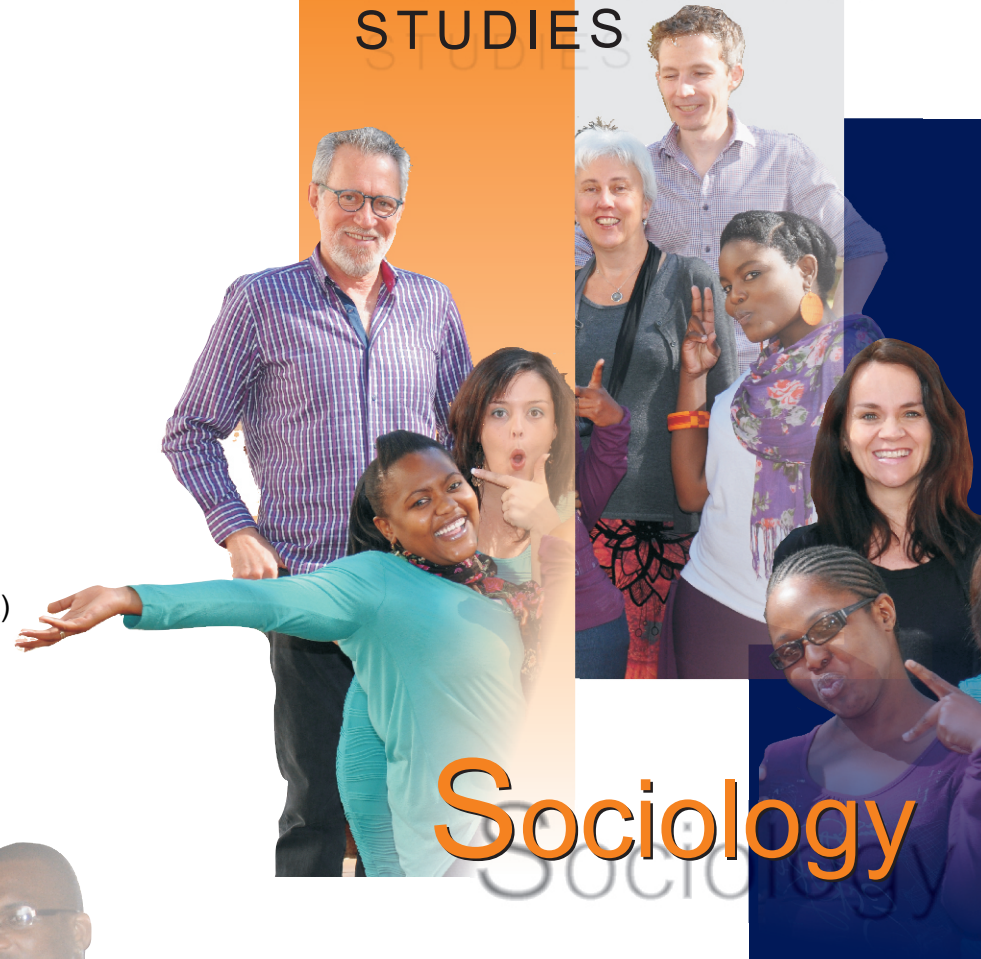
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The Honours Degree

The honours degree can be completed over one year (full time) or two years (part time) and entails compulsory scheduled contact sessions where critical discussions take place, the completion of written assignments, presentations and practical work.

Degree structure

The degree consists of four compulsory modules: Sociological Theory, Research Methodology, The Sociology of Population and the Environment and the Sociology of Consumerism and Consumption. For further information, see the Calendar of the Faculty of the Humanities on the University's website <<<http://www.ufs.ac.za/>>>

Selection criteria

Students are considered for admission on the grounds of the following: A Baccalaureus degree with Sociology as a major; a minimum average of 60% for Sociology at under-graduate level; consistently good overall performance at under-graduate level; and a satisfactory score in the TALPS-language ability test. Based on these criteria, a selection committee at departmental level decides whether a student is accepted for the Honours programme.

Application procedure (Honours)

Prospective students should download an application form on the Department's website <<<http://humanities.ufs.ac.za/content.aspx?id=317>>>.

Submit the completed form, together with the necessary documentation to the Honours Degree Coordinator. The departmental selection committee convenes in November to consider all applications and students are notified by the end of November whether their application has been successful. After this process has been completed students can proceed to register formally at the University.

Master's and doctoral studies by full research dissertation

In the post graduate programmes, the emphasis is strongly on developing the subject discipline and making a valuable contribution to society through research.

Degree structure

The Master's degree entails the completion of a full research dissertation on an acceptable topic. This degree can be completed over a maximum of three years.

The PhD degree entails the completion of a research thesis that can be completed over a maximum of five years.

Selection criteria

- For a Master's degree: an Honours degree in Sociology or a cognate discipline with a minimum of 60% for the Honours degree.
- For a PhD degree: a Master's degree in Sociology or a cognate discipline with a minimum of 60% obtained for the Master's degree.
- The selection is also subjected to the availability of a suitable supervisor.

Application procedure (Master's and PhD)

Prospective students should download an application form on the Department's website <<<http://humanities.ufs.ac.za/content.aspx?id=317>>>. Submit the completed form, together with the necessary documentation to the Master's & PhD Degree Coordinator. The departmental selection committee convenes regularly to consider applications and candidates are notified of the outcome by the coordinator. If the application has been successful students can proceed to register for the degree and must, upon registration, provide the assigned supervisor with proof of registration.

The Narrative Study of Lives: A Master's in Sociology by full research dissertation

This programme explores ways in which to listen to, document and analyse the voices of ordinary people. It adds finer details to the broad brushstrokes of contemporary society.

The narrative study of lives includes life stories, biographical and ethnographic accounts, oral history, and documents of life such as diaries and memoranda. Methods are conversational, dialogical, semi-structured, open-ended, reflexive and collaborative. World views and ways of knowing are rigorously theorised. We encourage interpretive research on: belonging; otherness; migration; living on society's margin; place and space; race and justice; violence, exploitation or abuse; contemporary families; hope and solidarity.

If you have:

- A flair for writing in English
 - An affinity for interpretive Sociology
 - Good marks - at least 60% average for an Honours in Sociology or a cognate discipline such as Anthropology, Political Studies and Psychology
 - Can attend regular seminars on the Bloemfontein campus
- you are encouraged to apply for this programme.

For details of the programme see <<<http://www.qualitative-research.net/index.php/fqs/article/view/1972/3517>>> or contact the programme director, Prof Jan K. Coetzee (see contact details at the back of this document). Financial support is available for successful candidates.