

# ST AUGUSTINE



## Postgraduate Studies in **APPLIED ETHICS**

## **A LEADER** IN ETHICAL EDUCATION

Founded in 1999, St Augustine is a respected provider of quality, values-based, tertiary education. All of the degrees and certificates that St Augustine offers are accredited by the South African Council on Higher Education (CHE) and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). Further, St Augustine is canonically recognised as a Catholic 'university' by both the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) and the Congregation for Catholic Education in the Vatican; it is a member of IFCU (International Federation of Catholic Universities). Inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, the mission of St Augustine is to produce graduates who have learnt 'to think rigorously, so as to act rightly and to serve humanity better'.

*Registered with the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) as a private higher education institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Certificate No 2000/HE08/002).*

# Structure

## OF THE PROGRAMMES

### POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN APPLIED ETHICS AT ST AUGUSTINE

St Augustine offers a MPhil in Applied Ethics: in which a student may specialise in either Business Ethics or in Social and Political Ethics.

Applied Ethics involves critical reflection on the interface between ethics and many other areas of human activity. It considers ethical issues, questions and approaches in the social, economic, political and environmental contexts, in both global and national arenas. Applied Ethics asks questions about the ethics of policies, structures and practices in our society and is particularly concerned with questions of justice in the socio-economic-political sphere.

Applied Ethics is a young and exciting academic field of study. Some of the issues that students will explore include: alternative approaches to ethics, ethical dilemmas, the making of ethical judgements, the integration of ethics into our lives in a holistic and meaningful way. For those who enjoy looking at issues through a variety of lenses, asking questions that challenge 'the way things are', and working in an interdisciplinary field, Applied Ethics has much to offer. At the very least, it will encourage us to understand that simplistic answers will not suffice where ethics meets human activity in a 21st century world.

A student registered for the degree must complete seven modules (including core modules and elective modules). The modules are offered during four postgraduate teachings weeks of the academic year (one per quarter). Apart from attending the teaching weeks, a student is required to complete formative and summative assessment tasks in respect of each module. The modules are offered by our permanent academic staff and by guest lecturers from South Africa and abroad.

In addition, a student must complete an 18 000 word Research Project on an approved topic. (Prior to the commencement of the Research Project, a student must complete a Research Methods Workshop.)

The following modules are compulsory for both specialisations:

<b>Dignity of the Human Person</b>	The Module considers the philosophical and theological understanding of what it is to be human and why human beings deserve their rights to be respected.
<b>Foundations of Ethics</b>	The Module asks the question: What is ethics and why is it important? It also examines methods of making moral decisions and dealing with moral dilemmas.

## SPECIALISATION IN BUSINESS ETHICS

The remaining compulsory modules for Business Ethics are:

<b>Business Ethics A</b>	The market economy and Christian ethics
<b>Business Ethics B</b>	The moral purpose of business in the new millennium
<b>Business Ethics C</b>	Ethical business leadership
<b>Business Ethics D</b>	Ethical dilemmas in business

In addition, a student must select one elective module from the following:

<b>Social and Political Ethics A</b>	The ethics of democracy
<b>Social and Political Ethics B</b>	Power and corruption
<b>Social and Political Ethics C</b>	Reconciliation and nation-building
<b>Bio-Ethics</b>	Moral questions raised by healthcare & scientific advances in genetics and medicine
<b>Catholic Social Thought</b>	Focus on past 100 years

## SPECIALISATION IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ETHICS

The remaining compulsory modules for Social and Political Ethics are:

<b>Social and Political Ethics A</b>	The ethics of democracy
<b>Social and Political Ethics B</b>	Power and corruption
<b>Social and Political Ethics C</b>	Reconciliation and nation-building

In addition, a student must select two elective modules from the following:

<b>Business Ethics A</b>	The market economy and Christian ethics
<b>Business Ethics B</b>	The moral purpose of business in the new millennium
<b>Bio-Ethics</b>	Moral questions raised by healthcare and scientific advances in genetics and medicine
<b>Catholic Social Thought</b>	Focus on the past 100 years

For admission requirements, details on the content of the individual modules, and dates of teaching weeks, please consult the Prospectus or the St Augustine website ([www.staugustine.ac.za](http://www.staugustine.ac.za)).

**Depending on demand, or other relevant factors, St Augustine reserves the right NOT to offer any particular Module or Course.**



# About

## ST AUGUSTINE

- A 'university' in all senses of the word, currently, South African legislation prevents St Augustine – and other private tertiary academic institutions - calling itself a 'university'
- Situated in the secure, leafy suburb of Victory Park, Johannesburg, St Augustine provides high quality lecturing in creative small-class formats, with personalised tuition
- The emphasis is on helping students to engage in critical and interdisciplinary reflection, in the light of the values of human dignity and the common good
- The pass rate is higher than that achieved at many South African universities
- Graduates acquire skills and discipline that employers seek in the South African workplace
- Graduates are equipped to serve as ethical and intellectual leaders across various sectors of society
- St Augustine possesses a well-stocked library covering all relevant disciplines
- To the benefit of its staff and students, St Augustine is a member of a global network of Catholic universities, many of which are amongst the most highly ranked universities in the world
- **BURSARIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DESERVING STUDENTS AT BOTH THE UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE LEVELS**

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