**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Many organizations exist to provide funding for education and training. South Africans can seek funding from the National Research Foundation. The Population Studies Programme also provides apprenticeship training and fellowship support to a limited number of graduate students in a broad range of disciplines TIES
Employment opportunities exist in a wide variety of professional settings. Population

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must be degree holders with, at least, a good second-class pass. Good writing skills and an ability to communicate both orally and in written form in English, which is the medium of instruction, is essential. Relevant work experience is an added advantage. Students should be familiar with basic statistics.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Employment opportunities exist in a wide variety of professional settings. Population Studies graduates work in national and local government, universities, non-governmental organisations and private consulting firms as well as public sector areas such as census taking, educational planning, labour market analysis, health administration, immigration, urban planning, and social policy. Among the organizations in South Africa that can employ our students include: Human Sciences Research Council, Statistics South Africa, National and Provincial Population Units, and Medical Research Council.

**LOCATION**

Located in the coastal city of Durban, the University of KwaZulu-Natal offers a broad range of resources, ranging from an outstanding library and computer system to excellent sport and entertainment facilities.

**STAFF AND THEIR AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

**Richard Ballard:** Social Movements, Refugees and Civil Society

**Patrick Bond:** Civil Society, Political Economy and Municipal Service Delivery

**Daniela Casale:** Labour and Household Economics, Gender, Household Surveys

**Pranitha Maharaj:** Reproductive health, Family Planning, Women's Health, HIV Prevention

**Nompumelelo Nzimande:** Demographic Methods, Mortality and Health, Fertility and the Family

**Mvuselelo Ngcoya:** Rural Economy and Agriculture, Indigenous Knowledge System, International Relations Theory

**Dori Posel:** Data Analysis, Research Methods

**Glen Robbins:** Local Economic Development, Industrial Policy

**Catherine Sutherland:** Urbanization and Environment Issues

**Imraan Valodia:** International Trade Policy, Economic Development and Gender

**Kerry Vermaak**: Public Health, Women and Child Health, HIV/AIDS

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## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

This programme is undertaken by the School of Built Environment and Development Studies, which is widely regarded as a premier teaching and research centre in Southern Africa. The School is located on the Howard College Campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Our senior researchers and lecturers are regarded as experts and specialists in their fields. They collaborate extensively in South Africa, in other African countries, North America, Latin America, Asia and Europe. Population Studies researchers maintain strong linkages with other leading academic institutions in the field of population studies. The Centre for Population Studies at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Population Studies Centre at the University of Michigan and the Department of Health and Society at Linköping University are just a few of the institutions currently in collaboration with the faculty. The programme also maintains links to an international network of researchers at the Population Council and the Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies.

## STRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME

Our academic programme begins in the first week of February. Full time or part time study is catered for but no distance learning is offered.
Students are offered the opportunity to learn about Population Studies in a world class School in a developing country setting. This enables them to match what they learn in the classroom with what they experience on the ground.

The following degree options are available:

**The Coursework Master's Degree** in Population Studies consists of a broad range of modules aimed at equipping students with an understanding of population processes, demographic analysis and techniques and policy formulation, in addition to a dissertation. The dissertation is an important component of the degree that allows students to undertake independent research, illustrate originality and creativity as well as develop familiarity with the identified area of study. Full-time studies are undertaken in a one-year programme (students with an appropriate honours degree) or in a two-year programme (students with a bachelors degree)

Population change and health

**Masters and PhD by research.**

If the intended area of research is appropriate and if supervision capacity is available, we welcome applications from suitable candidates.

## WHAT IS POPULATION STUDIES

Population Studies is a broad social science discipline concerned with the study of human populations in relation to their size, composition and geographical distribution, the changes, which occur in these over time and the factors associated with these changes.

The discipline emphasises the empirical investigation of population processes, including the conceptualisation and measurement of these processes and the study of their determinants and consequences. Population Studies is also concerned with the broader nature of social and economic change, and with the impact of demographic change on the natural environment. Population Studies is an essential component of many activities such as social and market research, physical and environmental use planning, administration, and in particular people-centred development planning.

## MODULES OFFERED

Introduction to Population Studies
Population and Development
Demographic Methods I & II
Research Methods I & II
Fertility and Nuptiality
Population and Health
Sexual and Reproductive Health
Migration and Urbanisation
Poverty and Inequality
Social Policy
South African Development Problems and Policies
HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa

*Electives may be taken from other Schools / Programmes subject to agreement by the Academic Coordinator.*