However, every year, 4 places will be reserved for top-performing applicants.

PROGRAMME

Economic Development Theory & Policy Analysis

The module aims to familiarise students with the contribution of enterprise development on socio-economic growth, while introducing students to policies and finance options that facilitate enterprise development.

Leadership in Development Finance

The module aims to integrate an ethical leadership orientation in development finance policy-making that prioritises societal well-being.

Enterprise Development and Finance

The module aims to familiarise students with the contribution of enterprise development on socio-economic growth, while introducing students to policies and finance options that facilitate enterprise development.

Alternative Resource Management and Finance Strategies

The module aims to equip students with the ability to develop and manage appropriate development finance strategies, taking into consideration the costs, risks, and benefits of alternative sources of financing.

Development Finance Project Report

The module aims to equip students with the ability to prepare an evaluative report on a development finance related intervention.

- *Note that some modules may not be on offer every year. Please consult the academic timetable.*

- *Appropriate modules may be selected from other programmes, in consultation with the programme manager.*

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Postgraduate Diploma in Development Finance

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

INTRODUCTION

Through collaboration, the Department of Development Studies and the Department of Economics bring an exciting new programme, the Postgraduate Diploma in Development Finance.

The PG Dip in Development Finance Programme is housed within the School of Economics Development and Tourism. The School comprises of three academic departments, the Department of Economics, the Department of Development Studies, and the Department of Tourism.

The PG Dip in Development Finance provides a broad and unique platform for postgraduate research and training in the fields of development finance, in developing and transitional economies. It is especially designed to equip government employees at central, provincial, and municipal levels as well as parastatal, NGO, and private sector employees in development finance institutions with the knowledge, competencies and ethical value systems required in the field of development finance.

In addition, it is designed for students to combine academic potential with first-hand developing country experience. The PG Dip in Development Finance has an applied approach and encourages students to reflect upon and deepen their knowledge, innovation, and practice through an interdisciplinary perspective. Students are provided with structured opportunities for study, dialogue, application, and critical reflection. A wide range of teaching methods are employed to vary the learning experience. These include lectures and seminars, workshops, project-work in small groups and the use of videos. Supervision is offered in small groups and individually.

THE TEAM

The Department of Development Studies hosts several postgraduate and undergraduate programmes both by research and coursework and enjoys national, regional, and international recognition, based on its international staff, its network of research associates and visiting scholars, the quality of its work and its commitment to applying it to real world challenges.

The Department of Economics offers a full range of programmes from undergraduate to Doctorate level. All programmes offered by the Department enjoy national, regional, and international recognition. The Department is also recognised for its research excellence in focus areas such as financial economics, resource economics, and regional development. This programme draws on the expertise of lecturers/supervisors who are specialists in their respective fields. The staff members on the programme have between seven and thirty-six years of experience in teaching and learning and supervision at a postgraduate level. They have conducted extensive research in development finance and complementary fields.

OUTCOMES

This programme has been approved in terms of the new Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF).
The primary purpose of the Postgraduate Diploma in Development Finance is to develop competent development finance practitioners with the ability to plan, manage, analyse, and monitor the financial and monetary aspects of their organisations. Critical aspects of development finance and its relation to sustainable socio-economic growth are analysed based on coherent and relevant theoretical frameworks that underpin development finance practice.

FOCUS AREAS

- Economic Development Theory and Policy Analysis
- Leadership in Development Finance
- Enterprise Development and Finance
- Alternative Resources Management and Finance Strategies

STRUCTURE

The programme will be offered at Nelson Mandela University's Second Avenue Campus, with modular contact sessions (block release) per module at the beginning of the year from early February to mid-February for Semester 1 modules and in early August for Semester 2 modules. Class attendance is compulsory.

Contact will be maintained electronically with all students; those who hail from outside Port Elizabeth and for local students. All students will have the opportunity to private, face-to-face consultation with lecturers by appointment.

Assessment will be on a continuous assessment basis and through written examinations. In addition, a compulsory 15 000-word research Treatise will be included for further evaluation. Students can complete the programme on a semi-distance or a residential basis.

DURATION OF STUDY

The minimum duration for completion of the PG Dip in Development Finance is one year of full-time study and two years of part-time study.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirement is a Bachelor's degree, or an Advanced Diploma, or an equivalent qualification at NQF Level 7, in a commerce- and/or finance- related field of study, with a mark of at least 60% for each of the final-year core modules of the qualification. Only candidates with demonstrated levels of digital literacy will be considered for admission.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The initial intake into the programme will be limited to 15 candidates, thereafter to 20 candidates per year. Preference will be given to qualified applicants with proven work experience in finance departments of development banking and non-banking finance institutions, government-linked development finance departments or other institutions like municipalities and NGOs.