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“Opening the doors of learning, educational capacity and research possibilities in the area of the economics of social problems for all marginalised communities in Africa”

***PROSPECTUS: DISTANCE (SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM) LEARNING PROGRAMMES***

***1. Introduction***

The main campus of the Mthwakazi Academic College is located in Johannesburg, South Africa, and will serve as an open learning centre for students across Africa. With time other satellite campuses or centres will be located in Mafikeng, Pretoria, Durban and Cape Town. It is important to note that although the main campus is located in South Africa, it will also serve as a nerve centre for all the students located in the various rural hinterlands and cities of the African continent.

***2. Mthwakazi Academic College: Short Term Courses (Learning Programmes)***

It is important to note that the method of delivering all the listed courses within the framework of faculties below, in the short to medium term, will be through **ONLINE or (E-Education (electronic education mechanisms))**. The highlighted faculties below provide a list (which is not at all exhaustive) of a number of short learning courses (programmes) that will be offered by the Mthwakazi Academic College through the mechanism of **E-Learning (electronic education)** with effect from September 2016. The assessments for all these programmes will be through tests, examinations, assignments or practical tests in respect to each of the modules constituting the short courses/learning programmes. There will be a range of credits linked to attendance of courses /workshops by the students which shall not be less than forty (40) hours or less than twelve (12) credits based on South African Quality Assurance (SAQA) Unit Standards whether or not the time duration per course module/learning programme exceeds a minimum of forty (40) notional hours.

The credit structure per module shall be determined by the level of difficulty and challenge of each course or learning programme. Only those students who successfully complete a short course/learning programme that equals the attendance duration of forty (40) notional hours or more, or equal to 12 SAQA based Unit Standards credits shall be awarded a Certificate of Competence, in this case a Diploma in the area of study or specialisation.

### **3. Mthwakazi Academic College: Long Term (Learning Programmes) Courses**

Just as with the case of short term courses above, the method of delivery will be by **ONLINE or E-Learning (Electronic Education)**. In addition, the list that is highlighted in terms of the different faculties below regarding the long term courses (learning programmes) is similarly not exhaustive. Assessments shall be designed to immensely contribute to quality improvement relative to the quest to meet and fulfil the needs of the market place, in order to deepen and expand the socio-economic development of society at large. In terms of which both students and facilitators/presenters are required to take personal responsibility regarding own high ethical norms, professional quality and standards in fulfilment of respective duties regarding all long terms courses (learning programmes). Continuous research, creativeness and innovation improvement shall be encouraged by the Mthwakazi Academic College and developed by means of providing ample training opportunities for both students and facilitators/presenters.

Consistency rather than standardisation shall at all times be promoted, paying attention to the concept of quality of presentations (delivery of education/lectures) by facilitators/presenters and measured by efficiencies and effectiveness for each programme deliverables to students/candidates in accordance to prescribed evaluation criteria. Satisfactory academic assessments shall be conducted in terms of written examinations, written assignments (course work) and examination in respect of each module constituting the long term learning programme/course.

Credits awarded shall be benchmarked against international academic standards and practice. Accreditation with established reputable universities shall constitute the significant benchmark for the diplomas, undergraduate degrees, and post graduate degrees right up to doctoral level (Ph.D.) awarded by the Mthwakazi Academic College, hence the importance of establishing partnerships. There will also be a range of credits awarded per each course module over a period not less than one (1) year for the award of a diploma and equally not less than three (3) years for an undergraduate degree, and further, not less than two (2) years for the award of a Master degree and not less than three (3) years for a Ph.D.

There shall be two options for the award of a Master's degree which will either take the form of written examinations and a mini-dissertation, or full dissertation with oral (viva voce) examination after submission. The doctorate in philosophy (PhD) will be assessed in terms of a full thesis that pays attention to four (4) key elements of research at that level:

background theory, focal theory, data theory and original contribution. Assessment shall therefore be in terms of an oral examination (viva voce).

Mthwakazi Academic College has the pleasure in presenting to all interested students the world class learning programmes, whose variety and diversity is structured within the following six faculties, namely: the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Commerce and Administration, the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty Science and Technology and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

## FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

QUALIFICATION	AREA OF STUDY / SPECIALISATION	COURSE CODE
<b>DIPLOMAS</b>		
Diploma in Computing Diploma in Information Technology Diploma in Accounting Diploma in Business Economics Diploma in Financial Management Diploma in Social Policy & Planning Diploma in Human Resource Management (1 year) Diploma in Local Government Management Diploma in Public Administration	<b>Computing Systems Engineering Information technology and management Accounting Business Economics Development Economics Financial management</b>  <b>Social Policy &amp; Planning Human Resource Management Leadership &amp; Management Local Government Management</b>  <b>Public Administration Public Economics</b>	MAC100CPA MAC101CPA MAC102CPA  MAC103CPA UM104CPA  MAC105CPA MAC106CPA  MAC107CPA MAC108CPA  MAC109CPA  MAC110CPA  MAC111CPA
<b>POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS</b>		
Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting Postgraduate Diploma in Business Economics Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Management Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management (1 year)	<b>Accounting Business Economics Development Economics Financial management Social Policy and Planning Human Resource Management Leadership &amp; Management Local Government Management Public Administration Public Economics Social Policy &amp; Planning</b>	MAC200DCPA MAC201DCPA MAC202DCPA MAC203DCPA MAC204DCPA  MAC205DCPA  MAC206DCPA  MAC207DCPA MAC208DCPA MAC209DCPA MAC210DCPA
<b>HONOURS DEGREES</b>		

Bachelor of Commerce Honours Bachelor of Science in Business Economics (3 years)	<b>Accounting</b> <b>Business Economics</b> <b>Development Economics</b> <b>Financial management</b> <b>Social Policy &amp; Planning</b> <b>Human Resource</b> <b>Management</b> <b>Leadership &amp; Management</b> <b>Local Government</b> <b>Management</b> <b>Public Administration</b> <b>Public Economics</b> <b>Social Policy and Planning</b>	MAC300PD MAC301PD MAC302PD MAC303PD MAC304PD  MAC305PD  MAC306PD MAC307PD MAC308PD MAC309PD MAC310PD MAC311PD
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### MASTER'S DEGREES BY COURSE WORK AND MINI DISSERTATION

Master of Business Administration Master of Commerce Master of Business Science by Coursework and mini-dissertation (2 years)	<b>Accounting</b> <b>Business Economics</b> <b>Development Economics</b> <b>Financial management</b> <b>Social Policy &amp; Planning</b> <b>Human Resource</b> <b>Management</b> <b>Leadership &amp; Management</b> <b>Local Government</b> <b>Management</b> <b>Public Administration</b> <b>Public Economics</b> <b>Social Policy and Planning</b>	MAC400MD MAC401MD MAC402MD MAC403MD MAC404MD  MAC405MD MAC406MD  MAC407MD MAC408MD MAC409MD MAC410MD
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### MASTER'S DEGREES BY DISSERTATION

Master of Business Administration (2 years) Master of Commerce (2 years) Master of Business Science (2 years)	<b>Accounting</b> <b>Business Economics</b> <b>Development Economics</b> <b>Financial management</b> <b>Social Policy &amp; Planning</b> <b>Human Resource</b> <b>Management</b> <b>Leadership &amp; Management</b> <b>Local Government</b> <b>Management</b> <b>Public Administration</b> <b>Public Economics</b> <b>Social Policy and Planning</b>	MAC500MDD MAC501MDD MAC502MDD MAC503MDD MAC504MDD  MAC505MDD MAC506MDD  MAC507MDD MAC508MDD MAC509MDD MAC510MDD
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## DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) by  
Thesis (Minimum period of 3 years)

**Accounting**  
**Business Economics**  
**Development Economics**  
**Financial management**  
**Social Policy & Planning**  
**Human Resource**  
**Management**  
**Leadership & Management**  
**Local Government**  
**Management**  
**Public Administration**  
**Public Economics**  
**Social Policy and Planning**

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#### **4. Applications**

With the above listed diverse programmes contained within the six different faculties, it is hoped that with each student applying, the Mthwakazi Academic College will be assisted in making an original contribution to knowledge and academic excellence. In terms of which you are cordially invited to begin making and indeed submitting your applications paying particular attention to the above listed programmes as a guide.

Please kindly identify the programme that you are interested in when applying and note also, the Course Code for that programme when completing your application online. In turn the Mthwakazi Academic College will confirm receipt of your application by allocating and sending you an application number for ease of reference. We have no doubt that by joining this college you will be taking a decisive step towards embarking on a dynamic and exceptionally well research-driven academic career. It follows therefore that we are now well set to opening the doors of learning for everyone by February 2017, in terms of which you are forthwith invited to forward your application to the Mthwakazi Academic College without further delay. In turn, we look forward to welcoming you to the Mthwakazi Academic College by the beginning of February 2017.

***Dr Churchill Mpiyesizwe Guduza***

Chief Executive Officer