



# BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY IN **ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING**







# **Bachelor of Engineering Technology in Electronic Engineering**

**NQF** Leve: 7

**SAQA ID: 99514** 

**Qualification Code: BNELCI** 

Location: Steve Biko Campus, S-Block, S8 Level 3

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME**

The undergraduate programme in electronic engineering, which leads to the internationally accredited BEng Tech degree, is designed to provide a broad foundation in electronic engineering through a combination of classroom and/or online lectures, online tools, and extensive hands-on technical training as well as laboratory work. The qualification prepares the student for a career in the variety of electronic and computer engineering fields as well as becoming a competent practicing engineering technologist or certificated engineer that will make a meaningful contribution to the economy and national development.

The programme will provide the student with a strong foundation in mathematics, physical sciences and the core fundamentals of engineering and blends theory, concept, and application. Electronic and computer engineering finds itself at the heart of the burgeoning Industry 4.0 and merges fields such as telecommunications, control systems, embedded and intelligent systems, data analytics and machine intelligence, automation and robotics, signal and image processing, smart factories and cities, green energy, AI and the industrial IoT.

Some of the key attributes of the programme include the fostering of lifelong learnership, the need for continuous improvement, teamwork and the attainment of solid critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The BEng Tech qualification will also allow for further study through articulation into the postgraduate NQF level 8 BEng Tech Honours programme, to be offered at DUT from 2022, and the subsequent opportunity for masters and doctoral research.

Qualified candidates may register with the internationally affiliated Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) as Professional Engineering Technologists and/or Professional Certified Engineers.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Qualified electronic engineering professionals are highly sought after by industry. An electronic engineer may find opportunities in a wide range of industries including microelectronics, fixed and wireless communications, networking, automation and robotics, intelligent systems, automotive, rail, renewable and green energy, paper, sugar, water, defence, aerospace, marine, banking, software and ICT, systems analysis and machine learning and Al.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

The minimum entry requirement is the National Senior Certificate or the National Certificate (Vocational) with appropriate module combinations and levels of achievement as defined in the *Government Gazette*, Vol. 751, No. 32131 of 11 July 2008, and in the

Government Gazette, Vol. 533, No. 32743, November 2009. In addition, the minimum admission requirements, rule G7, is stipulated in the General Rules Handbook.

Further to the above, the following are required for admission into BEng Tech (Electronic Engineering) programme:

**Explanation of Points scale:** 

| SENIOR CERTIFICATE(SC) |              |                |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| SYMBOL                 | HIGHER GRADE | STANDARD GRADE |  |  |  |  |
| A                      | 8            | 6              |  |  |  |  |
| В                      | 7            | 5              |  |  |  |  |
| С                      | 6            | 4              |  |  |  |  |
| D                      | 5            | 3              |  |  |  |  |
| E                      | 4            | 2              |  |  |  |  |
| F                      | 3            | I              |  |  |  |  |
| A                      | 8            | 6              |  |  |  |  |
| В                      | 7            | 5              |  |  |  |  |

| NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE(NSC) |       |        |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| %                                | LEVEL | POINTS |  |  |  |  |
| 90-100                           | 7     | 8      |  |  |  |  |
| 80-89%                           | 7     | 7      |  |  |  |  |
| 70-79%                           | 6     | 6      |  |  |  |  |
| 60-69%                           | 5     | 5      |  |  |  |  |
| 50-59%                           | 4     | 4      |  |  |  |  |
| 40-49%                           | 3     | 3      |  |  |  |  |
| 30-39%                           | 2     | 2      |  |  |  |  |
| 20-29%                           |       | 1      |  |  |  |  |

# **MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

A person will only be considered for registration for an instructional programme approved by the Institution's Senate if the person complies with:

- (a) The minimum admission requirements stated in DUT general handbook (refer to DUT website for general handbook).
- (b) Institutional faculty, departmental and/or instructional programme specific rules; and

# MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS SUB-FRAMEWORK (HEQSF)

#### G7 rule: For Bachelor's Degree:

"a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with a minimum achievement rating of 3 for English and a minimum achievement rating of 4 in four NSC 20-credit subjects chosen from the NSC designated subject list"

# **Entry Requirements BET (Electronic Engineering)**

| NATIONAL SENIOR (<br>(01 January 2009) | · · ·           | SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC)<br>(PRE 2009)   |    | NATIONAL CERTIFICATE<br>(VOCATIONAL) (NCV) |                     |      |
|--|-----------------|---|----|--|---------------------|------|
| NSC DEGREE ENTRY                       |                 | SENIOR CERTIFICATE (SC) (NCV) – LEVEL 4 |    | (NCV) – LEVEL 4                            |                     |      |
| Compulsory Subjects                    | NSC Rating Code | Compulsory Subjects                     | HG | SG   | Compulsory Subjects | Mark |
| English                                | 4               | English                                 | Е  | С  | English             | 60%  |
| Mathematics                            | 4               | Mathematics                             | E  | С  | Mathematics         | 70%  |
| Physical Science                       | 4               | Physical Science                        | E  | С  | Physical Science    | 70%  |
| In addition: <b>TWO</b>                | 4               |   |    |  |                     |      |

| recognized NSC 20 credit subjects as stated above |   |  |                                   |                  |     |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----|
| ,   | , |  | l                                 | Life Orientation | 60% |
|   |   |  | In addition, TWO other additional |                  |     |
| vocational subjects at a minimum of               |   |  |                                   | um of 70%.       |     |

#### NB:

NSC Mathematical Literacy will not be accepted as a substitute for the subject NSC Mathematics

The exit certificate of the candidate must qualify the candidate for degree study at an institution of higher learning.

Applicants with a NSC will be ranked according to the sum of their scores for Mathematics and Physical Science, subject to a minimum combined score of 100.

#### Other:

Applicants, that qualify for degree study (Bachelor's Pass) at an institution of higher learning, but do not meet the departmental mathematics and/or physical science requirements, may present the following N4 subjects, for consideration for entry to the BET programme:

- Mathematics and Engineering Science, plus any two of the following:
- Industrial Electronics OR Electronics
  - Digital Systems OR Logic Systems
- Electrotechnics

The above subjects must be passed with a minimum of 50% and all in the same sitting. Students will then be considered alongside the NSC students according to the sum of their marks for N4 Mathematics and Engineering Science

#### OR

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BASED UPON WORK EXPERIENCE, AGE AND MATURITY

#### For admission to entry level DEGREE studies:

A person may, subject to such requirements as the Senate may determine, be admitted if such a person is in possession of a National Senior Certificate, Senior Certificate, or an equivalent certificate, but lacks the minimum requirements for admission to the degree provided that:

- (a) The person shall have reached the age of 23 in the first year of registration and shall have at least: three years' appropriate work experience; and/or capacity for the proposed instructional programme, which shall be assessed by a Senate-approved admission assessment
  - comprising of a DUT Standardised Assessment Test for Access and Placement (SATAP), Academic Literacies (AL) & English for Academic Purposes (EAP) (2,5 hours) and/or an appropriate subject or programme specific written assessment designed and marked by the relevant Department; and the person has obtained
- (b) A conditional certificate of exemption from the Matriculation Board (when in possession of the Senior Certificate (SC)); OR has met
- (c) The requirements for Senate discretionary admission (when in possession of the NSC or equivalent), where Senate is satisfied the applicant has shown sufficient academic ability to ensure success, and that the person's standard of communication skills, and/or work experience are such that the person, in the opinion of the Senate, should be able to complete the proposed instructional programme successfully.
- (d) The person's application for admission in terms of with work experience, age and maturity is approved prior to registration.

Applicants intending to gain admission through work experience, age and maturity must submit their applications at least four months before commencement of the academic year.

#### **CONTENT OVERVIEW AND ACCREDITATION LEVEL**

The programme is structured according to the modules as referred to in the table below. All modules listed are compulsory to qualify in this programme. The programme is offered on a full-time basis and require attendance to lectures.

### **Tuition Fees**

To assist you with your planning, the **2023** fees have been indicated. An increase for next year to accommodate the inflation rate can be expected.

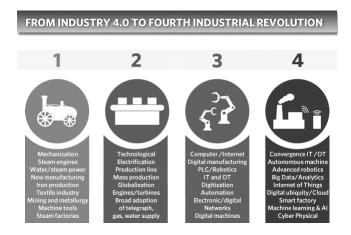
Please Note: DUT cannot be held liable for the fees in this brochure as the 2024 fees are not yet final

# First Year Curriculum

| N CM II   | Subject Code     | HEQSF Level | SAQA Credits | 2023 Fees |
|---|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Name of Module<br>Semester One                  | Subject Code     | HEQSF Level | SAQA Credits | 2023 Fees |
| Engineering Mathematics IA                      | EMTA101          | 5           | 12           | R4400.00  |
| Engineering Physics IA                          | EPHA101          | 5           | 12           | R4400.00  |
| Electrical Principles I                         |                  | 5           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Analogue Electronics IA                         | ELEPI0I          | 5           | 12           |           |
| Digital Electronics IA                          | ANLA101          | 5           | 12           | R4410.00  |
|   | DGEA101          |             |              | R4410.00  |
| Computer and IT  Cornerstone 101                | CPUT101          | 5           | 8            | R3030.00  |
|   | CSTN101          | 5           | 12           | R3580.00  |
| TOTAL   |                  |             |              | R28640.00 |
| Semester Two                                    |                  |             |              |           |
| Engineering Mathematics 1B                      | EMTB101          | 5           | 12           | R4400.00  |
| Engineering Physics IB                          | EPHB101          | 5           | 12           | R4400.00  |
| Electrical Principles II                        | ELEP201          | 6           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Analogue Electronics 1B                         | ANLB101          | 6           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Digital Electronics 1B                          | DGEB101          | 6           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Technical Literacy                              | TELC101          | 5           | 8            | R3040.00  |
| TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 1&2                      |                  |             | 148          |           |
| TOTAL   |                  |             |              | R25070.00 |
| S   | econd Year Curri | culum       |              | -         |
| Semester Three                                  |                  |             |              |           |
| Engineering Mathematics IIA                     | EMTA201          | 6           | 12           | R4400.00  |
| Fundamentals of Power Engineering IIA           | FUPE201          | 6           | 8            | R3040.00  |
| Fundamentals of Instrumentation IIA             | FIST201          | 6           | 12           | R3490.00  |
| Fundamentals of Signals and Systems IIA         | FCMC201          | 6           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Fundamentals of Microcontrollers IIA            | MCRD201          | 6           | 12           | R4470.00  |
| Electronic Circuit Design IIA                   | ECDS201          | 6           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Computer Programming IIA                        | CPTP201          | 6           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| TOTAL   |                  |             |              | R28630.00 |
| Semester Four                                   |                  |             |              |           |
| Engineering Mathematics IIB                     | EMTB201          | 6           | 12           | R4400.00  |
| Fundamentals of Control Systems IIB             | FCNS201          | 6           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Communication and Network Systems IIB           | FNTW201          | 6           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Electronic Circuit Design IIB                   | ECDS301          | 6           | 12           | R6250.00  |
| Embedded Systems IIB                            | MCRD301          | 6           | 12           | R4470.00  |
| Data Analytics and Computation IIB              |                  | 6           | 8            |           |
| TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 3&4                      | CPTP301          | 0           | 148          | R3030.00  |
|   |                  |             | 140          | D2/070 00 |
| TOTAL   | Third Year C     | wiculum     |              | R26970.00 |
| Semester Five                                   | Tillru Tear C    | urricuidifi |              |           |
| Process Instrumentation IIIA                    | DIVIAGO          | 7           | 12           | D2220.00  |
|   | PINA301          |             |              | R3230.00  |
| Control Systems IIIA                            | CSYA301          | 7           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| EM Theory and Wireless Communication IIIA       | RFEA301          | 7           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| Digital Signal Processing IIIA                  | DSPA301          | 7           | 12           | R3030.00  |
| Electronic Design Project IIIA                  | EDPA301          | 7           | 12           | R5990.00  |
| Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship IIIA | PJCT101          | 7           | 8            | R3030.00  |
| TOTAL<br>Someoston 6                            |                  |             |              | R24100.00 |
| Semester 6                                      | DCCD301          | 7           | 12           | D 4410 00 |
| Process Control Systems IIIB                    | PCSB301          | 7           | 12           | R4410.00  |
| RF Engineering IIIB                             | RFEB301          | 7           | 12           | R4410.00  |

| TOTAL   |         |   |    | R25290.00 |
|---|---------|---|----|-----------|
| TOTAL CREDITS SEMESTER 5&6                      |         |   |    |           |
| Engineering Ethics and Professional Skills IIIB | PRIM101 | 7 | 8  | R3030.00  |
| Electronic Design Project IIIB                  | EDPB301 | 7 | 12 | R5990.00  |
| Digital Image Processing IIIB                   | DSPB301 | 7 | 8  | R3030.00  |
| Renewable Energy IIIB                           | RENE301 | 7 | 12 | R4420.00  |

**NB:** The course structure and requisite modules are subject to alteration.



# **Application**

Applicants who wish to enrol for the programme must apply through the CAO system by no later than 30 September of the previous year.

# **Application Forms**

Contact the Central Applications Office (CAO)

Address letters to:

Central Applications Office Private Bag X06

Dalbridge,

4014

Tel: (031) 2684444 Fax: (031) 2684422

#### OR

Apply Online: http://www.cao.za

CAO Code: DU-D-BGL

Closing date for applications: 30 September 2023

# **For Further Information**

Contact the Department of Electronic Engineering Steve Biko Campus (S8 Level 3) Durban University of Technology P O Box 1334 DURBAN, 4000

Tel: (031) 3732932 Fax: (031) 3732744 Email: premi@dut.ac.za

## **Financial Aid**

For Financial Aid application for a DUT programme please apply online at <a href="www.nsfas.org.za">www.nsfas.org.za</a> or call the NSFAS call centre on 0860 067 327.

For an explanation on how to fill out the application form, please go to <a href="www.nsfas.org.za">www.nsfas.org.za</a> or contact the call centre on the number above.

**Please note** that completing a form does not guarantee Financial Aid. For further assistance, please consult the Department of Financial Aid and Scholarships on (031)373 2931/2557/2054.

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