



Postgraduate Diploma in Management in Energy Leadership

PDMEL



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■ DISCOVER **WBS**



OUR TEACHING METHOD

Our teaching method is lively and interactive, making extensive use of case studies which bring real-world business challenges into the classroom.



TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Apart from our full-time faculty, we have a number of visiting/ adjunct professors from other business schools around the world. Numerous guest lecturers bring their up-to-the-minute business or industry knowledge into the classroom.



INTERNATIONAL PARTNER SCHOOLS

Thanks to our global partnerships, students can complete their electives at other business schools around the world, allowing for a perfect mix of local and international business knowledge.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Our Career Management Centre offers one-on-one coaching, career advice and counselling, CV formulation, mock interviews and career workshops and fairs, among many other services.



PUBLIC DIALOGUE, DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

WBS hosts regular public lectures and panel discussions on issues facing South Africa and the rest of the continent.



ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS



SOUTH AFRICAN
CASE STUDIES
PRODUCED BY OUR
CASE CENTRE

350

WBS IS THE
1st
TO DEVELOP
ACADEMIC
PROGRAMMES IN
ENERGY LEADERSHIP

FACULTY
WITH PHDs
98%

■ MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, AELC

Africa has vast, untapped energy potential and will be one of the fastest growing regions for energy demand in the next decade - and yet the region's development is hampered by access to affordable and reliable energy. At the same time there is a scarcity of skills across the entire energy value chain. The energy workforce is aging, and fewer young skilled workers are entering the industry as access to energy training and education is limited. As a country and continent, we need to equip future leaders to manage the challenges of this burgeoning sector which is becoming increasingly interconnected and interdependent. The sector is facing a plethora of technological, legislative and policy changes at the same time as having to manage the transition to cleaner energy.

It is against this background that Wits Business School took the initiative to establish an African Energy Leadership Centre (AELC). For anyone wanting to carve out a career for themselves in this crucially important sector, we encourage you to find out more about our programmes. This continent urgently needs a new generation of visionary, solutions-oriented leaders in the energy and related fields.

We hope to play an important role in developing such leaders and look forward to welcoming you to WBS.

Prof David Phaho
Director, African Energy Leadership Centre



PDMEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You can apply to do your PDMEL at WBS if:

- You have a Bachelor's degree (NQF 7). In exceptional cases, non-degreed individuals with working experience are considered.
- You have Mathematics and English – a level of above-average competence.
- You have three two years' appropriate work experience. If the applicant seeks exemption from this requirement a letter of motivation must accompany the application.

Candidates short-listed may be required to complete admissions tests at their own cost.

CLASS OPTIONS/STUDY FORMATS

PART-TIME (ONE YEAR)

JANUARY INTAKE

NQF 8

Study mode: Block Release

The programme comprises 12 compulsory courses. Teaching is provided on a block release basis to accommodate the needs of busy working professionals (five blocks of nine days on campus plus home study or online if circumstances require).

The programme is completed within a maximum of 12 months.

PDMEL CURRICULUM

Wits Business School's African Energy Leadership Centre (AELC) offers a specialised Postgraduate Diploma in Management in Energy Leadership. The programme will provide you with a solid foundation in all aspects of energy leadership in order to make you a more confident, decisive and effective leader in this sector.

The PDMEL curriculum is outlined below.

CORE COURSES

1. Energy Value Chains
2. Energy and Environmental Sustainability
3. Leadership Fundamentals
4. Energy, Finance, Business Strategy and Investment





Stream A - Energy Stream

1. Energy Geography, Geopolitics and Macroeconomics
2. Strategic Management of Energy Innovation
3. Ethics and Corporate Governance
4. Talent Management Fundamentals
5. Introduction to Energy Policy and Regulation
6. Energy Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development in Africa
7. Energy Decarbonisation Fundamentals
8. Introduction to Systems Thinking in Energy Environments



Stream B - Electricity Stream

1. Electricity Supply Industry Fundamentals, Policy and Regulation
2. Technical Fundamentals of Electricity Power Systems
3. Energy Sector Governance, Policy Design and Implementation
4. Fundamentals of Utility Business Management and Operational Efficiency
5. Fundamentals of Utility Oversight
6. Tariff Methodologies and Tariff Design
7. Power Market Organization, Restructuring and Transformation



What attracted me to Wits Business School was my pursuit to broaden my knowledge of the energy industry and the high credibility that the institution has. The programme has challenged me to step out of my comfort zone as I now able to interact with various people from different organisations and vast experience and knowledge. This has improved my level of engagement and networking ability.

The PDM in the field of Energy Leadership has met my expectations as I am now able to channel my career in a direction that suited my interests and has more potential for growth. The programme has also moulded me for the future as I am now pursuing the Masters in Energy Leadership and I look forward to completing my research.

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PDMEL GRADUATE

■ APPLICATION PROCESS

- Only online applications are accepted. Complete an online application at www.wbs.ac.za by clicking on Online Applications on the top right hand corner and follow the links.
- Please ensure that all information is correct and that you have uploaded everything on the checklist.
- Should your application be successful, an amount of R15 000 will be payable on acceptance. This amount is non-refundable and will be offset against the registration fee payable in your first year.
- Deadline for applications: Please check the website for updates www.wbs.ac.za

ONLINE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Online application form
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae, including places of work to substantiate work experience
- ☐ Certified copies of academic transcripts in English and degree certificate(s)
- ☐ SAQA evaluation certificate (International qualifications only)
- ☐ Letter of motivation in support of application
- ☐ Non-refundable application fee of R200



PDMEL FEES

Fees for the PDMEL for 2026 are quoted as R91 071* (subject to an annual review)

ENQUIRIES PDMEL Applications: +27 (0) 861 000 927 | admissions.wbs@wits.ac.za

THE WBS GRADUATE COMPETENCIES

As a school, we aim to ensure that every student graduating with a qualification at WBS is recognised as having a set of core graduate competencies developed through the successful completion of their programme. This means that WBS graduates emerge from their studies armed with recognisable behavioural and leadership characteristics that clearly identify them as WBS graduates.

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1 WBS graduates demonstrate disciplinary expertise and critical thinking skills.
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2 WBS graduates are entrepreneurial and innovative, integrating global and African perspectives in addressing organisational and/or societal challenges.
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3 WBS graduates develop data-driven solutions that harmonise financial, social, and environmental sustainability perspectives to address the dynamic business landscape.
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4 WBS graduates lead with purpose, integrity, inclusivity and accountability.
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5 WBS graduates are sensitive and personally responsive to the needs of society and organisations as change agents for the common good.

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