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1. Overview

This document provides an overview of the coursework Masters programmes offered by the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology. It provides information specific to the offering of the **2023** academic year. For more detailed information about the coursework Masters more generally visit the Department's website, <https://www.up.ac.za/ggm>, click Study > Our Programmes in the top menu.

Course	Programme	Faculty	Duration	Credits	Yearbook information
02250407	*MSc (Environmental Management) (Coursework)	Natural and Agricultural Sciences	2 years minimum	180	2023
01250514	MA (Environment and Society) (Coursework)	Humanities	2 years minimum	180	2023

NOTE: * The last enrolment for these programs is 2023. MSc Environmental Management will be replaced by MSc Environmental Science from 2023. Students still enrolled in these programs in 2023 will form part of a transitional period and supervisors will only supervise topics in Environmental Science, not Environmental Management during that period.

1.1. Contact details

For programme related queries, contact Dr Kaera Coetzer (programme coordinator for both programmes), Geography 11-3: kaera.coetzer@up.ac.za

For postgraduate student administrative queries, please contact the appropriate Faculty: Ms Cathy Barnard (Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences: cathy.barnard@up.ac.za) or Ms Nombulelo Maphanga (Faculty of Humanities: nombulelo.maphanga@up.ac.za). Ms Sandra Wilkinson is the Departmental administrator, and can be contacted regarding Departmental queries (ggm-studentadmin@up.ac.za)

Important: When you communicate with student administration, always use an appropriate subject for your email and specify your name, student number and MSc Environmental Management (course work) / MA Environment & Society (coursework). Remember also to be as detailed as possible, to make it easy for them to help you.

1.2. Programme composition

i. Course-work lectures

The University year book presents the coursework offering associated with each programme. These are subject to change each year depending on lecturer availability, and as such not all modules are offered every year. The yearbook can be found at <https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/home>: [MSc \(Environmental Management\) \(Coursework\)](#) and [MA \(Environment and Society\) \(Coursework\)](#).

The coursework Masters requires 6 modules of 15 credits each. A 15 credit module translates to 150 notional hours of study; notional hours refer to the time that the average student would need to attend all classes, study for tests and do assignments and self-study.

- The MA (Environment and Society) (Coursework) has 5 core modules, with an additional 1 elective module required.
- The MSc (Environmental Management) (Coursework) has 4 core modules, with an additional 2 elective module required.

Lectures for core modules commence in the week of 20 February 2023. Refer to the UP Main dates calendar for detail.

The following modules are offered in 2023:

Clicking on the course code will redirect to the yearbook where additional information can be found about each module. Unless indicated otherwise, all modules are presented face-to-face at the University of Pretoria.

Teaching week dates	MA (Environment and Society) (Coursework)	MSc (Environmental Management) (Coursework)
CORE MODULES	The below 5 modules are compulsory for this programme: 75 credits	The below 4 modules are compulsory for this programme: 60 credits
20 – 24 February	ENV 810 : Environmental Paradigms (15 credits)	ENV 810 : Environmental Paradigms (15 credits)
27 February – 3 March	ENS 811 : Environment and Development (15 credits)	ENS 811 : Environment and Development (15 credits)
27 – 31 March (online)	ENV816 (OMR 881) : Environmental Law (15 credits)	ENV816 (OMR 881) : Environmental Law (15 credits)
15 – 19 May	ENS 822 : Strategic Environmental Management (15 credits)	ENS 822 : Strategic Environmental Management (15 credits)
TBC: Semester 2	OMS 881 : Environmental Change (15 credits)	
ELECTIVE MODULES	Choose 1 additional 15 credit elective from the below to meet the total credit requirements for the taught component of your degree	Choose 2 additional 15 credit elective (30 credits total) from the below to meet the total credit requirements for the taught component of your degree
31 July – 4 August	ENS 824 : Social modelling and assessment (15 credits)	ENS 824 : Social modelling and assessment (15 credits)
TBC: Sem 2		OMS 881 : Environmental Change (15 credits)
TBC: Sem 2		ENV 822 Integrated Environmental systems (15 credits)*
TBC: Sem 2		LEK 826 Environmental valuation and policy (15 credits)
Other electives may be taken from across the University provided: i) The course credits are appropriate; the required prerequisite are met <i>prior</i> to enrolling. Student MUST liaise with the responsible Department directly for course information (course dates, course contact persons, previous degree prerequisites). These additional electives must be approved by the programme coordinator. Example of another elective option not listed in the yearbook for these Programmes, others can be found vis the yearbook upon students' own investigation:		
TBC: Sem 2	AQM 814 : Air pollution: society and environment (15 credits)	AQM 814 : Air pollution: society and environment (15 credits)

Total course-work credits:	90 CREDITS	90 CREDITS

2nd year	ENV 891 - Mini dissertation research project (90 credits) Proposal submission due: 2 June 2023
Total Degree credits	180 CREDITS

*additional course fee associated with this module

ii. Mini-Dissertation

There are no regular lectures for the ENV 891, Mini-dissertation module. You have to arrange appointments with your supervisor as needed.

The mini-dissertation requires the submission of a research proposal. A core module offered in both Masters programmes assists with the development of this proposal (ENV810), which is due for submission in **June** of each year. This proposal is developed in consultation with your research supervisor in year 1. The following framework can be used as a guide as to the organisation of the proposal content, but your supervisor may have their own preference for the structure.

1. UNIVERSITY SUBMISSION COVER PAGE
2. PROPOSAL COVER PAGE INCL. RESEARCH TITLE, STUDENT NAME, STUDENT NUMBER, SUPERVIOR/S, DEPARTMENT & DEGREE
3. [DECLARATION OF ORIGINALITY](#)
4. ABSTRACT
5. TABLE OF CONTENTS INCL. LIST OF TABLES & FIGURES
6. INTRODUCTION
7. PROBLEM STATEMENT / RESEARCH RATIONALE: Why is the research necessary? What gap is it filling?
8. RESEARCH QUESTION AND OBJECTIVES
9. LITERATURE REVIEW
10. RESEARCH APROACH: Data & Methodology, Study area
11. STATEMENT OF ETHICS (if required)
12. ASSUMPTIONS & LIMITATIONS/CHALLENGES: Scientific and other risks, potential weaknesses in your research that are largely out of your control and may affect your design and results. Both assumptions and limitations affect the inferences you can draw from your study.
13. GANNT CHART / PROPOSED TIMELINE
14. BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS
15. REFERENCE LIST: Consider using a reference manager software to assist with this ([Endnote](#), [Zotero](#))

16. SUPERVISOR & HoD's DECLARATION

17. [TURN-IT-IN](#)/ PLAGIARISM REPORT

iii. Plagiarism considerations

The University provides anti-plagiarism training for its post-graduates: "*Postgraduate Online Training: Reference Management and Plagiarism*", found here <https://library.up.ac.za/c.php?g=1128848&p=8237866> . From this page, once you are registered, you are able to enroll into [Library's ClickUP Anti-Plagiarism Course](#). This is one module in the general online training supported by the UP library – online training provides step-by-step training, working through the various stages of the research cycle, to develop and improve the necessary skills to complete your research. It is strongly recommended that you make use of the support offered by the Library during your degree.

Students who commit plagiarism will not be given any credit for plagiarised work, with varying levels of penalties applied for minor (<10% plagiarized), moderate (>10% but < 20% plagiarised), and serious (20% plagiarised) plagiarism. At the post-graduate levels, a disciplinary enquiry may be applied regardless of the level of plagiarism encountered. Plagiarism is regarded as a serious contravention of the University's rules and can lead to expulsion from the University. The University's plagiarism prevention policy can be accessed here: https://www.up.ac.za/media/shared/1/ZP_Files/s5106-19-plagiarism-prevention-policy.zp181077.pdf

1.3. Communication

Students admitted for MA Environment & Society and MSc Environmental Management will be added to the Departmental student mailing group, administered by Ms Sandra Wilkinson. A link will be sent to the students (via the programme coordinator) to add themselves to the mailing list. This list is used to disseminate general information about post-graduate student matters. Additional module-specific correspondence will come via module coordinators, typically using the ClickUP site. Programme-specific correspondence will come via the programme coordinator, Dr Kaera Coetzer.

2. Registration arrangements

Both MA Environment & Society (coursework) and MSc Environmental Management are intended to be 2-year degrees. You will complete the theory modules in the first year and the research project in the second year. If you have questions or want to move modules around, please contact the programme coordinator.

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Extension beyond the 2 year period may have fee implications and special permission following a motivation by the student and Programme coordinator/HOD to the Dean of the respective Faculty for continuation into year 3.