

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2018

MPhil Extractive Industry Policy, Management and Regulation (Coursework) (04251027)

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 200

Programme information

Closing date for applications: SA applicants – 30 November; non-SA applicants – 31 August.

This programme is structured to allow for one year of study; therefore, the programme may be completed within two semesters (1 year), subject to fulfilment of all the requirements for the degree and payment of the full amount prescribed for the MPhil degree.

Please contact the Faculty with regard to specific regulations pertaining to MPhil degree programmes.

Admission requirements

In addition to at least an honours degree in an academic discipline relevant to natural resources management OR any other qualification in an academic discipline relevant to non-renewable natural resources (particularly mineral and/or hydrocarbon resources) that allows admission to a master's programme at the institution where the undergraduate qualification was obtained, the following requirements are set for admission of a prospective student to the MPhil Coursework programme:

A minimum average mark of 65% with respect to the prescribed final-year modules of the undergraduate programme is required for admission to an MPhil coursework programme.

Where an average of below 65% is achieved, the student may be admitted on recommendation of the relevant head of department after consultation with the programme coordinator and consideration of other merits (e.g. relevant professional experience; the applicant's performance in undergraduate/honours modules related to the particular MPhil; the candidate's performance in independent research essays or similar components) and/or an admission examination.

Linguistic competence, primarily in English; foreign applicants who did not complete undergraduate studies through the medium of English must show proof of competence in English at a minimum average level of 6 out of 10 for IELTS or a minimum total score of 83 in TOEFL calculated as follows: reading 21, listening 17, speaking 23 and writing 22. In any other instance where there is doubt as to the English linguistic competence of an applicant, the Dean may require the same proof as prescribed for foreign applicants.

Foreign qualifications are subject to SAQA evaluation. (Some LLM coursework programmes or modules as indicated in the yearbook may only be available to students who hold a relevant South African legal qualification.)

Even though a student may comply with the above requirements, the Dean may, on the recommendation of the head of department presenting a specific degree or module, refuse to accept a prospective student for any MPhil programme if such a student's performance in the chosen modules or field of study during undergraduate study was not satisfactory. Alternatively, the Dean could set additional requirements with a view to admission.

An admission examination may also be required in respect of a particular programme or module.

Other programme-specific information

This is a selection-based programme and only selected applicants will be admitted to the programme. The mini-dissertation must comprise 13 000 to 15 000 words – including footnotes but excluding the table of contents and the bibliography. (The methodology and content of the mini-dissertation should reflect a multidisciplinary perspective on extractive industry policy, management and regulation.) Any request for an extension of the period for the submission of the mini-dissertation may only be granted by the Dean on recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee.

Research information

The relevant head of department must recommend a supervisor and title for a mini-dissertation and these must be approved by the Postgraduate Committee. The mini-dissertation must be assessed and finalised as set out in the Faculty Board-approved LLM Policy Document. Mini-dissertations, where required, must be submitted in the format determined by the supervisor and approved by the Postgraduate Committee. The supervisor may likewise and subject to the approval of the Postgraduate Committee determine the research topic and the scope of the proposed research.

Pass with distinction

For the degree to be awarded with distinction a student must obtain an average of at least 75% for all the coursework modules together, as well as a minimum of 75% for the mini-dissertation. The modules must have been written for the first time.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Rights to and regulation of natural resources 801 (EIL 801) - Credits: 30.00

Sustainability aspects of extractive industries 802 (EIL 802) - Credits: 30.00

The South Africa Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 803 (EIL 803) - Credits: 30.00

International law aspects of extractive industries 804 (EIL 804) - Credits: 30.00

Civil law liability for extractive industry activities 805 (EIL 805) - Credits: 30.00

Socio-economic development and management of non-renewable natural resources 812 (EIL 812) - Credits: 30.00

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00

Research methodology 801 (RHP 801) - Credits: 5.00

Research proposal 803 (RHP 803) - Credits: 5.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Mini-dissertation 800 (MND 800) - Credits: 100.00

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