

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

MSc Environment and Society (02250522)

Department Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Programme information

The Centre for Environmental Studies is a graduate school for multidisciplinary training and research focusing on the environment. Training aims to satisfy the need for environmental professionals for implementing current environmental legislation as well as industry-driven environmental management systems.

The programme is coordinated by the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology.

The purpose of this focus area is to train environmental graduates who specialised in careers in the humanities. On completion of the training, candidates should be conversant and be able to partake in, or render advice concerning, all aspects involved in the management of human-environment interactions. This includes social impact assessments, policy formulation, social development and planning, participatory appraisal assessments, demographic pattern and trend interpretations, resource appraisals and management.

The MSc degree is conferred on the grounds of a dissertation and such additional postgraduate coursework as may be prescribed.

Renewal of registration

As long as progress is satisfactory, renewal of the registration of a master's student will be accepted for the second year of the study. Registration for a third and subsequent years will only take place when the Student Administration of the Faculty receives a written motivation that is supported by the relevant head of department and Postgraduate Studies Committee.

General

Candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the General Regulations regarding the maximum period of registration and the requirements on the submission of a draft article for publication.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant BScHons degree with mathematics or statistics passed at first-year level **or** relevant four-year BSc degree with mathematics or statistics passed at first-year level
2. A weighted average of at least 65% at honours or final-year level
3. An admission examination may be required
4. A CV with contactable references may be required

Note: Additional modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Promotion to next study year

The progress of all master's candidates is monitored biannually by the supervisor and the postgraduate coordinator. A candidate's study may be terminated if the progress is unsatisfactory or if the candidate is unable to finish his/her studies during the prescribed period.

Subject to exceptions approved by the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, and where applicable, a student may not enter for the master's examination in the same module more than twice.

Pass with distinction

The MSc degree is conferred with distinction to candidates who obtain a final average mark of at least 75% and a mark of at least 75% for the dissertation/mini-dissertation from each of the members of the examination panel. Where a member of the examination panel awards a mark of less than 75% for the dissertation/mini-dissertation, that member of the examination panel must offer, in writing, support for his/her decision, or indicate in writing that he/she supports the examination committee's decision to confer the degree with distinction.

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Dissertation: Environment and society 893 (ENV 893) - Credits: 180.00

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