

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

MSc (Environment and Society) (Coursework) (02250403)

Department Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology

Minimum duration of study 2 years

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.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant BScHons degree with mathematics and statistics passed at first-year level **or** relevant four-year BSc degree with mathematics and 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 standard

Additional requirements

Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in the English language up to the level required by either the TOEFL test (www.ets.org/toefl) or the IELTS language proficiency test (www.ielts.org).

Other programme-specific information

At least one additional elective module must be selected in consultation with the Director of the Centre and the Head of the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology. Options will be based on the academic background and/or anticipated career of the candidate.

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.



Curriculum: Year 1

Programme information:

Minimum credits: 180

Core credits: 150

Elective credits: 30

Core modules

[Environment and development 811](#) (ENS 811) - Credits: 15.00

[Strategic environmental management 822](#) (ENS 822) - Credits: 15.00

[Environmental paradigms 810](#) (ENV 810) - Credits: 15.00

[Environmental law 816](#) (ENV 816) - Credits: 15.00

[Mini-dissertation 891](#) (ENV 891) - Credits: 90.00

Elective modules

[Environment and land reform 823](#) (ENS 823) - Credits: 15.00

[Social modelling and assessment 824](#) (ENS 824) - Credits: 15.00

[International environmental management systems 822](#) (ENV 822) - Credits: 15.00

[Trees in a multifunctional landscape 833](#) (ENV 833) - Credits: 15.00

[Water quality management 810](#) (EWM 810) - Credits: 15.00

[Water conservation and demand management 821](#) (EWM 821) - Credits: 15.00

[Water supply and sanitation 822](#) (EWM 822) - Credits: 15.00

[Forest ecology and management 835](#) (FOR 835) - Credits: 15.00

[Environmental change 881](#) (OMS 881) - Credits: 15.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Environment and development 811 (ENS 811) - Credits: 15.00
Strategic environmental management 822 (ENS 822) - Credits: 15.00
Environmental paradigms 810 (ENV 810) - Credits: 15.00
Environmental law 816 (ENV 816) - Credits: 15.00
Mini-dissertation 891 (ENV 891) - Credits: 90.00

Elective modules

Environment and land reform 823 (ENS 823) - Credits: 15.00
Social modelling and assessment 824 (ENS 824) - Credits: 15.00
International environmental management systems 822 (ENV 822) - Credits: 15.00
Trees in a multifunctional landscape 833 (ENV 833) - Credits: 15.00
Water quality management 810 (EWM 810) - Credits: 15.00
Water conservation and demand management 821 (EWM 821) - Credits: 15.00
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