

MASTER OF ARTS (Structured - 2808)

C.85 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the degree: **Master of Arts – MA (as indicated in C.88)**

A candidate must have obtained an Honours degree with an average mark of 60% to gain entrance to a Masters programme. A candidate with an equivalent qualification, prior learning and other forms of relevant experience may, subject to the discretion of Senate, also be admitted to a Masters programme. Rule A.2.4 is applicable and additional requirements may be determined for specific disciplines.

C.86 SELECTION

As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure.

C.87 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise the duration for the degree shall extend over one year's full time study.

C.88 CURRICULUM

The following disciplines are offered in the MA structured degree:

- Anthropology
- Sociology
- English
- Ethics
- History
- Linguistics / Applied Linguistics
- Religion and Theology
- Women's and Gender Studies

C.88.1 Anthropology

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory (select all)		
Anthropological Theory	ANT831	30
Advanced Methods and Philosophy of Social Science	ANT834	30
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	ANT803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	ANT804	90
	Sub-total	150
Electives (select 1 module)		
Advanced Anthropological Experience	ANT832	30
Selected Themes Anthropology Advanced (Gender)	ANT833	30
Health and Medical Anthropology	ANT847	30
Multiculturalism and Diversity (Advanced perspectives)	ANT852	30
	Sub-total	30
	TOTAL	180

C.88.2 Medical Anthropology

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory (select all)		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	ANT803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	ANT804	90
	Sub-total	90
Electives (select 3 modules)		
Biological Anthropology	ANT835	30
Selected Themes Anthropology Advanced (Gender)	ANT833	30
Health and Medical Anthropology	ANT847	30
	Sub-total	90
	TOTAL	180

C.88.3 Sociology

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory (select all)		
Advance Sociological Theory	SOC836	30
Advanced Methods and Philosophy of Social Science	SOC834	30
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	SOC803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	SOC804	90
	Sub-total	150
Electives (select 1 module)		
Advanced Sociology of Technology	SOC823	30
Advanced Sociology (Visual Culture)	SOC839	30
Health and Medical Sociology	SOC847	30
	Sub-total	30
	TOTAL	180

C.88.4 English

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	ENG803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	ENG804	90
	Sub-total	90
Electives (select 3 modules)		
Art of Writing A	ENG816	30
Art of Writing B	ENG817	30
Digital Cultures	ENG819	30
Ecology and Writing	ENG821	30
South African Literature, Orature and Visual Cultures	ENG823	30
African Literature, Orature and Visual Cultures	ENG824	30
World Literature, Orature and Visual Cultures	ENG825	30
Literature and Film/Media/Digital Cultures	ENG826	30
Directed Reading	ENG829	30
Period Studies	ENG862	30
	Sub-total	90
	TOTAL	180

C.88.5 Ethics

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	ETH803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	ETH804	90
	Sub-total	90
OR		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	REL803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	REL804	90
	Sub-total	90
Electives (select 3 modules)		
Ethical Theory	ETH831	30
Theories of Responsibility	ETH832	30
Virtue Theory	ETH833	30
Public Morality	ETH834	30
Contemporary Issues in Ethics	ETH835	30
Professional Ethics	ETH836	30
	Sub-total	90
	TOTAL	180

C.88.6 History

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
Key Issues in History	HIS844	30
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	HIS803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	HIS804	90
	Sub-total	120
Electives (select 2 modules)		
Political Biography and the National Liberation Struggle in South Africa (Not Offered in 2019)	HIS832	30
Visual History	HIS835	30
Advanced Issues in Museum and Heritage Studies	HIS846	30
Family, Slavery and Sexuality in the VOC World (Not Offered in 2019)	HIS847	30
History of Anthropology	HIS848	30
Activism and Archives: Struggles in and over History (Not Offered in 2019)	HIS849	30
Curatorship	HIS851	30
Forensic History (Not Offered in 2019)	HIS852	30
Oral History	HIS853	30
Experimental History Writing (Not Offered in 2019)	HIS854	30
	Sub-total	60
	TOTAL	180

C.88.7 Linguistics / Applied Linguistics

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	LIN803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	LIN804	90
	Sub-total	90
Electives (select 3 modules)		
Research Method and Proposal (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN811	30
Business and Organisational Communication	LIN831	30
Inter- and Cross-Cultural Communication	LIN832	30
Material Development and Multimedia (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN833	30
Language and Curriculum (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN834	30
Multilingualism	LIN835	30
Multilingual Education, Language Planning and Policy (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN836	30
Formal Language Study	LIN837	30
Language Contact and World Englishes (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN838	30
Language Pathology (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN839	30
Critical Media Studies	LIN841	30
Language, Gender and Difference (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN842	30
Literacy Studies (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN843	30
Discourse Analysis	LIN844	30
Sociolinguistics (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN845	30
Communication Studies (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN846	30
First / second Language Acquisition (Not Offered in 2019)	LIN847	30
	Sub-total	90
	TOTAL	180

C.88.8 Religion and Theology

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	REL803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	REL804	90
OR	Sub-total	90
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	TST803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	TST804	90
	Subtotal	90
Electives (select 3 modules)		
Theory of Religion	REL831	30
Religion and Society	REL832	30
Old Testament Studies	TST831	30
Old Testament Exegesis	TST832	30
New Testament Studies	TST833	30
New Testament Exegesis	TST834	30
Biblical Hermeneutics	TST835	30
Historical Christianity	TST836	30
History of Christianity in SA	TST837	30

History of Christian Doctrine	TST838	30
Systematic Theology	TST839	30
Theological Hermeneutics	TST841	30
Homiletics and Liturgics	TST842	30
Pastoral Care and Counseling	TST843	30
Contemporary Christian Theology	TST844	30
Theology and Development	TST845	30
Contextual Christian Spirituality	TST846	30
	Sub-total	90
	TOTAL	180

C.88.9 Women's and Gender Studies

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Compulsory		
Trends in Contemporary Feminist Theory	WGS832	30
Feminist Research Methodology	WGS806	30
1st Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	WGS803	
2nd Enrolment Code		
Masters Mini-thesis	WGS804	90
	Sub-total	150
Electives (select 1 modules)		
Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies	WGS836	30
Women's Health and Well-being	WGS839	30
Women and Development	WGS809	30
	Sub-total	30
	TOTAL	180

C.89 ASSESSMENT

- C.89.1** Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.
- C.89.2** A module that carries 30 credits will be evaluated in the form of either an examination of 3 hours or a Research Essay/Research Project of approximately 10 000 words. The Research Project may take the form of a portfolio of research-based work done during duration of the module.
- C.89.3** In order to be admitted to the examination in a module, a student must obtain a coursework mark of not less than 50% or may qualify for assessment in accordance with Rule A.5.3.5.
- C.89.4** For modules evaluated in the form of an examination, the final mark will consist of the Coursework mark of 50% and an examination mark of 50%.
- C.89.5** A student who has failed a module may repeat it once with the special permission of Senate (Rule A5.4.2 (d)).
- C.89.6** The mini-thesis, based on the approved research proposal, is evaluated by a supervisor, an internal examiner and an external examiner appointed by Senate on the recommendation of Faculty.
- C.89.7** A final mark of at least 50% is required for each of the coursework modules and for the mini-thesis.

C.90 PROGRESS RULES

Registration for the following year of study will be recommended by the supervisor, if in his/her opinion adequate progress has been made during the current year.

C.91 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

The renewal of registration will be governed by the Rule A.4 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

C.92 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

C.92.1 General Comments

- C.92.1.1** Modules that are compulsory for a specific programme are indicated where applicable.
- C.92.1.2** In any of the structured Masters programmes listed above, students may include one elective from any of the postgraduate modules offered in other programmes. Recommendations by the relevant departmental chairpersons are required in such a case.
- C.92.1.3** Please note that not all modules may be offered in a particular year. Candidates are advised to consult the relevant department for more information in this regard.
- C.92.1.4** A Masters mini-thesis of approximately 20 000 words (96 credits) is required for all the structured Masters programmes in the Faculty of Arts. This mini-thesis will contribute 50% to the final mark. Please consult the brochure on Procedures for Post-graduate research in the Faculty of Arts for detail on the requirements and procedures that have to be followed in this regard.
- C.92.1.5** Students may not select a module for a Masters programme if they have already been credited for an Honours module with the same title. In most cases, this implies that a student may not select two modules in the same discipline where the last two digits of the module codes are the same. For example: Students who were credited for Linguistics 732 will not be credited for Linguistics 832 because the course content is of a similar nature.

C.92.2 English

A student who does an Honours core course or elective module may not repeat the same module at Masters level unless the course content has been completely changed. Registration for any elective course that is part of the creative writing programme (ENG819, ENG821) requires submission of a creative writing portfolio accepted by the English Department.

C.92.3 Religion and Theology

- C.92.3.1** The module Research Methodology (Religion and Theology 811) will no longer be a compulsory module for the Masters degree.
- C.92.3.2** Various institutions in the Cluster of Theological Institutions in the Western Cape offer structured masters courses in religious and theological subjects. An agreement has been reached between the following institutions to allow students registered for a structured masters degree at one of the participating institutions (home institution) to complete certain components of the course at any of the participating institutions (host institutions):

- Department of Religion and Theology, University of the Western Cape; Faculty of Theology, University of Stellenbosch and relating departments at the University of Stellenbosch.
- Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town.
- Andrews University (Michigan, USA) (Extension Campus, Helderberg College).

C.92.3.3 On the basis of this agreement, students registered in the Department of Religion and Theology, University of the Western Cape, may follow courses towards a structured master's degree offered by any other participating institution. On successful completion of such courses, the University of the Western Cape will credit students for those modules of the structured MTh/MPhil that were substituted by the courses completed at the other institutions. The following procedure applies:

C.92.3.4 Written applications must reach the Faculty Office of the Faculty of Arts at least two weeks before the final date of registration at the University of the Western Cape.

C.92.3.4.1 A student must indicate clearly which module or modules offered by the Department of Religion and Theology at the University of the Western Cape he or she wishes to substitute and which course or courses offered at a specified participating institution he or she wishes to do instead.

C.92.3.4.2 The mini-thesis may not be completed through the exchange programme.

C.92.3.4.3 Students may register at the University of the Western Cape for the specified component of the structured master's programme which is to be substituted by taking part in the exchange programme.

C.92.3.4.4 Students do not need to register or meet the financial obligations for registration and tuition at host institutions. Students will therefore register at the University of the Western Cape only.

C.92.3.4.5 Detail concerning structured courses for master's degrees offered at the University of the Western Cape is available from the Department of Religion and Theology and/or from the participating institutions.

C.92.3.4.6 Applicants taking part in this exchange programme are subject to approval of host institutions.

C.93.4 Women's and Gender Studies

C.93.4.1 The Masters programme in Women's and Gender Studies is of a multi-disciplinary nature. Various departments offer a wide range of modules relating to women's and gender issues from which students may choose electives as well. Please consult with WGS for the full list of offerings for the year.

C.93.4.2 Students may also take one elective that is not gender-related if it fits with their particular specialization in consultation with WGS.

C.93.4.3 Students may select up to one elective from those offered by the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town.

C.93.4.4 Students will be required to complete WGS 731 (Theories of Feminism) if WGS Honours programme has not been completed.