

## **MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN POPULATION STUDIES (3921)**

### **B.316 ADMISSION**

Unless Senate decides otherwise and subject to Rule A.2.4, candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the degree: **Master of Philosophy - MPhil (Population Studies)**

**B.316.1** Candidates must be in possession of an honours degree in Population Studies, Demography, Statistics or relevant field with at least 60% average for admission into the programme.

**B.316.2** Only students with the required Population Studies knowledge and the needed research skills will be accepted into the full-thesis Masters programme.

**B.316.3** Departmental approval is subject to the availability of a suitable supervisor.

### **B.317 SELECTION**

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

### **B.318 DURATION**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, the minimum duration of the curriculum for full-time students shall be one year and two years for part-time students.

### **B.319 CURRICULUM**

The programme is offered in three different modes. Student must select only one mode of study.

#### **B.319.1 Mode 1 – Full Thesis**

| <b>Module Name</b>                    | <b>Alpha Code</b> | <b>Cred</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>Compulsory</b>                     |                   |             |
| <b>1st Enrolment Code</b>             |                   |             |
| Population Studies Masters Thesis 801 | POP801            | 180         |
| <b>2nd Enrolment Code</b>             |                   |             |
| Population Studies Masters Thesis 802 | POP802            |             |
|                                       | <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>180</b>  |

#### **B.319.2 Mode 2 - Research Report & Coursework**

| <b>Module Name</b>   | <b>Alpha Code</b> | <b>Cred</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>Compulsory</b>    |                   |             |
| Research Project 839 | STA839            | 90          |
|                      | <b>Sub-Total</b>  | <b>90</b>   |

**Electives (Select 6 modules – \* modules compulsory if not completed at Honours. Please check with department which elective modules will be taught).**

|  |        |    |
|--|--------|----|
| Demographic Analysis* 807  | POP807 | 15 |
| Official Statistics 809  | POP809 | 15 |
| Survey Methods * 811   | POP811 | 15 |
| Population Projections* 812  | POP812 | 15 |
| African Historical Demography 813  | POP813 | 15 |
| Social Demography 814  | POP814 | 15 |
| Gender Issues & Reproductive Health 815  | POP815 | 15 |
| Mathematical Demography And Population Modelling 848 (Mathematical Background in Differential and Integral Calculus and Demographic Analysis needed) | POP848 | 15 |

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|--|------------------|------------|
| Applied Statistics 501* (Only students who have not majored in Statistics) | STA501           | 15         |
| Research Methodology* 810  | STA810           | 15         |
| Biostatistics* 835 (Third-Year Statistics needed)                          | STA835           | 15         |
|  | <b>Sub-Total</b> | <b>90</b>  |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>180</b> |

### **B.319.3 Mode 3 - Mini-Thesis & Course Work**

| <b>Module Name</b>               | <b>Alpha Code</b> | <b>Cred</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>Compulsory</b>                |                   |             |
| <b>1st Enrolment Code</b>        |                   |             |
| Population Studies Mini - Thesis | POP803            | 120         |
| <b>2nd Enrolment Code</b>        |                   |             |
| Population Studies Mini - Thesis | POP804            |             |
|                                  | <b>Sub-Total</b>  | <b>120</b>  |

### **Electives (Select 4 Modules – \* modules compulsory if not completed at Honours. Please check with department which elective modules will be taught.)**

|  |                  |            |
|--|------------------|------------|
| Demographic Analysis* 807  | POP807           | 15         |
| Official Statistics 809  | POP809           | 15         |
| Survey Methods * 811   | POP811           | 15         |
| Population Projections* 812  | POP812           | 15         |
| African Historical Demography 813  | POP813           | 15         |
| Social Demography 814  | POP814           | 15         |
| Gender Issues & Reproductive Health 815  | POP815           | 15         |
| Mathematical Demography and Population Modelling 848 (Mathematical Background in differential and integral calculus and demographic analysis needed) | POP848           | 15         |
| Applied Statistics 501* (Only Students who have not majored in Statistics)   | STA501           | 15         |
| Research Methodology* 810  | STA810           | 15         |
| Biostatistics* 835 (Third-Year Statistics needed)  | STA835           | 15         |
|  | <b>Sub-Total</b> | <b>60</b>  |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>180</b> |

### **B.320 ASSESSMENT**

Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

### **B.321 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.

### **B.322 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.

### **B.323 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME**

**B.323.1** Modules indicated with an asterisk must be completed if not completed in the Honours level.

**B.323.2** Modules may not be repeated at Masters Level if completed at Honours level.

**B.323.3** The modules will be taught depending on availability of staff.

- B.323.4** Electives at Masters level (maximum 30 credits) may be chosen from Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Management, Public Health or Sociology, with the approval of the Head of Department, only if these modules enhance the knowledge needed for Population Studies.
- B.323.5** Assessment methods could also include written research projects, oral presentations and other activities.