

3.6.2 Postgraduate Diploma in Second-language Studies

Please note: This programme is not necessarily presented every year. Please contact the Department before applying for admission.

Programme Code

51128 – 788(120)

Specific Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree with linguistics, a language, a language-related subject or speech therapy (logopaedics) as major, or another qualification accepted by Senate as equivalent to a Bachelor's degree.
- With regard to the language requirement, your application with a language at second-year level may also be considered in exceptional cases.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by **30 November** of the preceding year.
- International students:
 - Apply by **30 September** of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

The programme focuses on aspects of the phenomenon of second languages which are central to various forms of language practice, and investigates specifically the nature, properties and acquisition of second languages from a general linguistic and psycholinguistic perspective. You take three compulsory modules: one in the first semester and two in the second semester. One of the modules in the second semester is a self-study module in which you have a limited choice regarding the topic of study, and which is aimed at the deepening of knowledge. This self-study module is assessed by means of an examination.

Duration of Programme

The programme extends over a minimum of one academic year.

Programme Content

Compulsory Modules

10055 : General Linguistic Perspective	771(48)
10056 : Psycholinguistic Perspective	772(48)
10058 : Perspective on Second Languages	747(24)

Assessment and Examination

Assessment is done per module as explained in the framework of each individual module.

Enquiries

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