

MPhil (Sustainable Development)

Admission requirements

- You must have a Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development from Stellenbosch University,
or
- You must be a full-time student who holds an appropriate qualification equivalent to an honours-degree and has been awarded competitive master's bursary linked to ongoing research projects at the Centre for Sustainability Transitions (CST).

Selection

Only a limited number of students that can be accommodated in the programme each year; therefore, you will get preference if your average for the Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development is 65% or higher. To qualify for selection, you must also submit a short concept note and have identified a supervisor based at CST. Prospective students may be required to attend a research workshop and pass prescribed preparatory online tests.

A limited number of full-time students who have been awarded competitive bursaries linked to CST research projects may also be admitted. To be considered for this, you must have obtained a final mark of 65% or higher in a qualification equivalent to an honours degree, which equips you to do research in the particular project to which your bursary is linked. These bursaries will be openly advertised, and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a panel comprising the relevant project lead and potential supervisor. Your final admission will depend on the MPhil programme leader's approval.

Application procedure and closing date

South African as well as international applicants must apply before **30 September** of the year before their intended studies.

Duration of programme and starting date

Duration: One year, full-time, or two years, part-time.

Starting date: As a new student, you will be registered only by 31 March of your first year of study. However, you must already attend a research workshop during November of the previous year and submit your research proposal in January. You must also complete prescribed preparatory online tests before registration.

Programme's mode of delivery

Fully contact (face-to-face).

Enquiries

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Programme structure

This programme is presented at the Sustainability Institute in Lynedoch. It is a transdisciplinary programme comprising a minimum of two electives plus a research component that focuses on the planning, management and practice of sustainable development.

Research component

The research component consists of:

- One of the following:
 - A thesis or
 - Two academic articles according to the requirements of the University, the Centre and the supervisor or
 - A business plan for a complex capital works project or sustainable development project;
- A compulsory Research Methodology workshop;
- Compulsory online tests.

Elective modules

In addition to the research component, you must complete specialised elective modules. This can be done in any of the following ways:

1. You may select any module from those listed below under “Programme content”;
or
2. You may select a module presented by any university or tertiary learning institution. These may include modules offered by the School of Public Leadership, as part of the MPhil in Environmental Management, or the master’s programmes in Public and Development Management (such as Project Management or GIS);
or
3. You may select a master’s level elective in consultation with the programme administrator. Contact the Centre for Sustainability Transitions at the details provided above under “Enquiries”.

Programme content

Programme module

You must earn at least 180 credits for this programme.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
58122	889	180	Sustainable Development	Both

Your credits accumulate as follows:

1. A research component of 150 credits, plus two elective modules of 15 credits each (30 credits in total), *or*
2. A research component of 120 credits, plus four elective modules of 15 credits each (60 credits in total).

Use the tables below to choose your modules.

Thesis (150 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13705	874	150	Thesis: Sustainable development	Both

Thesis (120 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13705	875	120	Thesis: Sustainable Development	Both

Elective modules

- Choose two or four modules, depending on the credit value of your chosen research component.
- If you are doing a business plan, you must select the two Capita Selecta modules and do the Intermediate and Advanced Project Management short courses offered by the School of Public Leadership at Bellville Park.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13704	871	15	Capita Selecta: Advanced Studies in Sustainable Development	Both
13703	871	15	Capita Selecta: Transdisciplinary Research in Sustainability Transitions	Both
12531	874	15	Renewable Energy Finance	Both
11651	871	15	Renewable Energy Policy	Both
11273	871	15	Research Dissemination	Both
51764	871	15	Research Methodology	Both

- The following elective module is presented by departments in the Engineering Faculty. You may also choose this as an elective.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
64904	844	15	Bio-energy	2