

MSc in Molecular Biology

General admission and selection requirements for MSc programmes

- For admission to the MSc degree programmes, you must have an honours degree in Science of this University, or another honours degree approved for such purposes by Senate, or you must otherwise have attained a standard of competence deemed adequate for such purpose by Senate.
- The initial research proposal is approved by a departmental research committee, as well as by the Health Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. In instances where research is conducted on animals, the proposal is approved by the Committee for Experimental Animal Research of the Faculty.

Specific admission requirements

The following specific admission requirements apply in addition to the general admission requirements for MSc programmes as mentioned above:

- If you have a BTech qualification:
 - you will be considered for admission if you have passed the BTech degree with a minimum final mark of 60%; and
 - then you will be admitted if you pass the BScHons examination in the relevant field of study as a preliminary examination with a minimum examination mark of 60%.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply online at www.maties.com by **30 September** of the previous year. Applications for prospective international students close on **31 August**.

Duration of programme

The programme extends over two years.

Programme description

This is a thesis-based programme with no study modules. The programme consists of a research project, thesis and project presentation. You write the research proposal with the help of the supervisor and present it to the Committee for Postgraduate Teaching.

Programme content

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Assessment and examination

- You must complete a research project, present the results in a thesis and deliver a project presentation.
- The thesis is assessed according to University guidelines by an internal and external examiner.
- The final mark is calculated from the marks obtained for the research project (supervisor's mark), thesis (internal and external examiners) and project presentation.
- You must obtain 50% to pass and 75% to pass with distinction.

Enquiries

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