

4.4.2 MPhil (Environmental Management)

Admission requirements

- A Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management from Stellenbosch University;
or
- Senate may also consider any other equivalent qualification if you do not have a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management. Such a qualification must be approved by Senate before you will be admitted.

Selection

The number of students selected can be influenced by, for example, staff capacity and the availability of resources within the School, as well as academic merit and University transformation objectives. As staff capacity and resources can fluctuate from year to year, the number of students selected can also differ from year to year.

Should the number of applicants that meet the admission requirements exceed the available capacity of the School, the criteria in the admission requirements will be used to rank the applicants in order of suitability, and to finalise the list of selected applicants. Students who obtained an average of 65% or more for the Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management will get preference.

Application procedure and closing date

Contact the School of Public Leadership directly at the contact details under “Enquiries” below to find out about the application process and closing date.

Duration, offering type and starting date of programme

Duration:

- **For the Coursework and Thesis option:**
One year, full-time
- **For the Full Thesis option:**
Two years, part-time

Starting date: The programme normally starts late January or early February, before the other classes at the University begin.

Programme's mode of delivery

Fully contact (face-to-face).

Enquiries and programme leader

Enquiries

Please direct your queries to:

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Programme administrator
School of Public Leadership
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Programme leader

Prof Martin de Wit
School of Public Leadership

Programme structure

You can choose between two possible options:

- **A Coursework and Thesis option:**
For the Coursework and Thesis option you must complete:
 - one compulsory coursework module (30 credits),
 - three elective modules (at least 60 credits), *and*
 - a thesis that focuses on environmental management (90 credits).

- **A Full Thesis option:**

For the Full Thesis option, you must attend a compulsory research workshop and colloquium and complete a research thesis that focuses on environmental management to earn the full credit load.

Programme content

You must earn a total of at least 180 credits for one of the options in this programme.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
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The modules for each option are listed below.

Compulsory modules for the Coursework and Thesis option (120 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13075	811	30	Collaborative Environmental Governance	1
11247	818	90	Thesis: Environmental Management	1

Elective modules for the Coursework and Thesis option (at least 60 credits)

Choose two of the following modules to add up to 180 credits with the compulsory modules.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13069	811	30	Community-based Natural Resources Management	1
13070	811	30	Economic Principles and Tools for Conservation Management	1
13071	811	30	Management of Protected Areas	1

Compulsory module in the Full Thesis option (180 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
11247	828	180	Thesis: Environmental Management	Both

Postgraduate Programmes

1. General information for all postgraduate programmes

The information in this section applies to most of the postgraduate programmes and is not repeated for each programme, so please read it through carefully. Exceptions and deviations are, however, indicated at the individual programmes.

1.1 Postgraduate programmes in the Faculty

The table below lists the postgraduate programmes up to master's level by the department, school or centre where they are offered. The campus or facility is indicated in italics where necessary. All departments, schools and centres also offer a PhD programme. For more on the PhD, see the doctoral section at the end of this chapter.

Africa Centre for Inclusive Health Management
PGDip (HIV/Aids Management)
MPhil (HIV/Aids Management)
Centre for Sustainability Transitions (CST)
PGDip (Sustainable Development)
MPhil (Sustainable Development)
Department of Business Management
PGDip (Marketing)
BComHons (Business Management)
MCom (Business Management)
Department of Economics
BComHons (Economics)
BComHons (Economics and Mathematical Statistics) [with the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science]
MCom (Economics)
Department of Industrial Psychology
PGDip (Strategic Human Resource Management)
BComHons (Human Resource Management)
BComHons (Industrial Psychology)
MCom (Human Resource Management)
MCom (Industrial Psychology)
Department of Logistics
PGDip (Transport and Logistics)
BComHons (Logistics Management)
BComHons (Operations Research)
BComHons (Transport Economics)
MCom (Logistics Management)
MCom (Operations Research)
MCom (Transport Economics)
Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science
PGDip (Actuarial Science)
BComHons (Actuarial Science)
BComHons (Economics and Mathematical Statistics) [with the Department of Economics]
BComHons (Financial Risk Management)
BComHons (Mathematical Statistics)
BComHons (Statistics)
MCom (Actuarial Science)
MCom (Financial Risk Management)
MCom (Mathematical Statistics)
MCom (Statistics)

School of Accountancy
PGDip (Accounting)
BComHons (Management Accounting)
BAccHons
MCom (Computer Auditing)
MCom (Financial Accounting)
MCom (Management Accounting)
MCom (Taxation)
MAcc (Auditing)
MAcc (Financial Accounting)
MAcc (Taxation)
School of Public Leadership (SPL), <i>Bellville Park</i>
PGDip (Environmental Management) <i>Stellenbosch</i>
PGDip (Public Finance Management)
BComHons (Public and Development Management)
BPubAdminHons
MCom (Public and Development Management)
M (Public Administration)
MPhil (Environmental Management) <i>Stellenbosch</i>
Stellenbosch Business School, <i>Bellville Park</i>
PGDip (Business Management and Administration)
PGDip (Development Finance)
PGDip (Financial Planning)
PGDip (Futures Studies)
PGDip (Leadership Development)
PGDip (Project Management)
MPhil (Development Finance)
MPhil (Futures Studies)
MPhil (Management Coaching)
MBA

1.2 Undergraduate module requirements for postgraduate programmes

In Appendix D to this Yearbook part, you will find a table showing the minimum module requirements for admission to certain postgraduate programmes. Review this table to determine whether you meet the requirements for the postgraduate programme you wish to follow.

1.3 Selection

Every postgraduate programme in the Faculty is potentially a selection programme since the capacity of the relevant department determines the number of students that can be accommodated in each programme. This means that selection happens when more candidates apply than the department can accommodate in a specific programme. There are, however, also programmes where selection always happens, regardless of how many candidates apply. Departments may choose to list specific requirements and criteria at the relevant programme entries below or on their website or in the programme brochure.

1.4 Postgraduate assessment and examination

- Assessment is determined at modular level; therefore, consult the relevant module framework for more information.
- For the Faculty postgraduate assessment rules, you can consult the Faculty website at www.sun.ac.za/ems and look under "Current students" and then "General information" to find the link "EMS Postgraduate Assessment Rules".
- For more information and the general rules on assessment, see Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook, under "Assessments and Promotions".

- For the general specifications for assignments, theses, and dissertations, consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.
- For specific information relating to the assignment, thesis or dissertation for an individual programme, consult the programme administrator or leader or relevant programme documentation.

1.5 Pass requirements for postgraduate programmes

The pass mark for postgraduate programmes is 50% and to pass with distinction you need 75%. More detailed information on pass requirements for individual programmes is available from the relevant programme administrator or leader.

1.6 Different campuses and facilities

Some postgraduate programmes are presented by the Stellenbosch Business School or the School for Public Leadership, both of which are on the Bellville Park campus of the University. The School of Public Leadership also presents classes at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch. The place where a particular diploma programme will be presented, if not Stellenbosch campus, is indicated below for each individual Programme under "Programme structure".

Disclaimer:

The content above comes from the 2025 Economic and Management Sciences Yearbook. Make sure to consult the full **Economic and Management Sciences Yearbook** to see this extract in context and to check if there have been any changes. Take special note of additional information in the yearbook under section ***2. General provisions for postgraduate programmes.***