

## 2.14 Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development

### Admission requirements

- Any bachelor's or BTech degree or a relevant four-year diploma with a 65% pass mark in one of the following major subjects. Relevant work experience will also be considered for admission.
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public and Development Management,</li> <li>○ Town and Regional Planning,</li> <li>○ Housing,</li> <li>○ Architecture,</li> <li>○ Civil/Structural/Mechanical/Electrical Engineering,</li> <li>○ Land Surveying,</li> <li>○ Geology,</li> <li>○ Geography and Environmental Studies,</li> <li>○ Ecology/Nature, Conservation,</li> <li>○ Forestry,</li> <li>○ Botany,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Zoology,</li> <li>○ Mathematics,</li> <li>○ Statistics,</li> <li>○ Economics,</li> <li>○ Agricultural Economics,</li> <li>○ Transport Economics,</li> <li>○ Sociology,</li> <li>○ Social Sciences,</li> <li>○ Psychology,</li> <li>○ Any other major discipline approved by the Programme Committee.</li> </ul>
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- or
- Any tertiary three-year programme of formal studies and five years' working experience. Your qualifications and experience must comply with the recognition of prior learning (RPL) regulations of the University, the Faculty and the Centre for Sustainability Transitions, respectively (for more on RPL and links to the regulations, see the chapter "General Information" at the beginning of this book).

### Selection

The number of students selected will be influenced by, among other things, staff capacity and the availability of resources within the Centre, as well as academic merit and University transformation objectives. As staff capacity and resources may 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 Centre for Sustainability Transitions, the applicants are evaluated according to the following criteria to finalise the selection list:

- Academic excellence: consistent academic performance over and above 65%.
- Work and/or social development experience: relevant and related work and/or social development experience evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- A well-written motivation letter that demonstrates clarity of thinking and logical expression in the written form, as well as proficiency in terms of language, grammar, presentation, and formatting.
- A motivation letter and curriculum vitae that demonstrates a commitment to professional development within the broad field of sustainable development.

Each applicant is scored a mark out of five for each of these criteria, and the total out of twenty is then used to rank the applications to meet the capacity of the class. The overall composition of the cohort is then considered to reflect a mix of disciplines and work/social development experience.

### Application procedure and closing date

Apply by **30 September** of the year before your intended studies, except if the programme administrator allows you to apply later.

### Duration, offering type and starting date of programme

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

**Starting date:** January.

### Programme's mode of delivery

Full-contact learning (face-to-face).

### Enquiries

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