

3.1.6. MMil in Security and Africa Studies

The programme allows for one of two modes of study, both under the guidance of a supervisor.

- Option A:
 - a thesis with prescribed reading in preparation of a research proposal; and
 - an oral examination and submission of an article for publication in an accredited journal; or
 - a paper at a subject conference or a graduate seminar.
- Option B:
 - a structured self-study programme culminating in a thesis.

3.1.6.1. MMil in Security and Africa Studies (Option A)

Admission Requirements

Subject to consultation with the lecturers at the School for Security and Africa Studies, one of the following degrees is required:

- a BMilHons degree in Security and Africa Studies with a minimum final mark of 60% in each subject; or
- any other honours degree with Military History, Strategic Studies, Political Science or another appropriate subject as major, with a final mark of 60% in each subject.

Duration of Programme

You must complete the programme after one year of full-time or two years of part-time study.

Programme Structure

Depending on your academic background, you select a research theme in consultation with your supervisor, who consults with the subject group as well.

This research theme leads to a research proposal, which must have a definite focus on Security and Africa Studies and which in turn leads to the writing of a thesis.

Programme Content

A thesis (180 credits) in which you demonstrate the ability to undertake independent, scientifically responsible research.

The thesis must comply with the guidelines of the University.

An oral examination.

Your thesis must be preceded by a literature study leading to a research proposal, which you must present at a Faculty of Military Science graduate research colloquium.

Publish, or submit for publication, an article on the study theme in a DOE-accredited journal or present a paper at a subject conference or graduate seminar.

3.1.6.2. MMil in Security and Africa Studies (Option B)

Admission Requirements

Subject to consultation with the lecturers at the School for Security and Africa Studies, one of the following degrees is required:

- a BMilHons degree in Security and Africa Studies with a final mark of at least 60% in each subject; or
- any other honours degree with Military History, Strategic Studies, Political Science or another appropriate subject as major, with a final mark of 60% in each subject.

Duration of Programme

You must complete the programme after one year of full-time or two years of part-time study.

Programme Structure

The programme consists of three compulsory modules, as determined by the supervisor, as well as a thesis based on an approved research proposal.

You select your research theme in consultation with your supervisor.

The research theme for your thesis should be based on the prescribed modules.

The research proposal must have a definite focus on Security and Africa Studies.

Programme Content

- Module 1: Strategy in the Contemporary World (Strategic Studies) (30)
- Module 2: Conflict in Africa in the Twentieth Century (Military History) (30)
- Module 3: International Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping (Political Science (Mil)) (30)

- A thesis (90 credits) in which you demonstrate the ability to undertake independent, scientifically responsible research. The thesis must comply with the guidelines of the University.

3. Master's degrees

3.1. Master of Military Science (MMil)

To apply for this degree, you have to possess one of the following:

- a BMilHons degree at Stellenbosch University, or any other honours degree approved by Senate for this purpose;
- upon written request, you have been allowed by Senate (or the Executive Committee acting on Senate's behalf) to register for the MMil programme;
- an approved research curriculum and/or advanced study of at least one year (after having obtained the above-mentioned honours degree) at Stellenbosch University or any other institution approved by Senate; and
- submission of a satisfactory thesis.

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