

MPhil (Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies)

MPHIL (TRANSDISCIPLINARY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Hosted by the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology the MPhil in Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies offers a comprehensive approach to the social study of health and development challenges. The programme allows students to explore a set of intersecting concerns that cut across social studies and studies in health and development. The programme aims to create a space for a diverse group of students to take on the social, historical and political complexities of health and development through theoretically informed and methodologically rigorous social research. This MPhil provides a conceptual foundation for theoretically and methodologically grounded engagements with applied concerns around health and development, and sets up students for professional work or further academic study within the field of Health more broadly.

Programme Structure

This programme requires a minimum of one year of study. Students can register for one of two options for the MPhil degree. The first option (879) requires the completion of a thesis reflecting the results of research conducted on a topic selected by the student enrolled under the guidance of a supervisor. Once the proposal is approved by the programme committee, students begin research, analysis, and writing. The second option (899) requires the completion of three core modules, plus the Directed Reading module, which can be further portioned-out by selecting 2 additional short courses. The student will also need to complete the requisite research assignment.

Programme Codes

Full thesis 13135 - 879(180)

Course Work 13135 - 899(180)

Specific Admission Requirements

- **Full thesis option (879):**
 - A postgraduate diploma in Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies, a related social science Honours degree or a health sciences qualification with proven experience in social science research on NQF level 8.
 - An average final mark of at least 65% in the relevant subjects, and with demonstrated academic ability.
 - You must also show evidence of adequate English language and writing proficiency for postgraduate academic studies.

- **Course work option (899):**
 - A postgraduate diploma or Honours degree at NQF level 8 in an alternate field.
 - An average final mark of at least 65% in the relevant subjects, and with demonstrated academic ability or with equivalent professional experience.
 - You must also show evidence of adequate English language and writing proficiency for postgraduate academic studies.

Closing Date for Applications

Full thesis option:

- South African students:
 - Apply by 30 November of the preceding year.

- International students:
 - Apply by 31 October of the preceding year.

Course work option:

- South African students:
 - Apply by 30 November of the preceding year.

- International students:
 - Apply by 31 August of the preceding year.

Duration of Programme

This programme extends over a minimum period of one academic year. Lectures begin in early February.

Programme Content

Compulsory Modules

879 (Full thesis option):

13150 : Thesis (Transdisciplinary Health and Development Studies)	871(180)
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899 (Coursework option):

13187 : Critical Theory for Transdisciplinary Research in Health and Development	771(30)
13189 : History, Politics and Ethics of Health and Development in Africa	771(30)
13147 : Social Science Methods for Health and Development	871(30)
13149 : Research Assignment (Transdisciplinary Health and Development)	871(60)
13148 : Directed Reading for Research Development 871(30)	
<i>As part of the Directed Reading you must select 2 of the Short Courses offered below (15 Credits Each):</i>	
[Climate Change and Health]	
[Health Systems and Policy Analysis]	
Quantitative Data Analysis with SPSS*	

*Statistical Package for the Social Science

Assessment and Examination

879 (Full thesis option):

The thesis is assessed according to the regulations of Stellenbosch University for Master's theses as stipulated in the section on postgraduate qualifications in Part 1 (General) of the Calendar.

899 (Coursework option):

You obtain a mark in each module through flexible assessment by means of essays, reading assignments, group and individual participation, and practical assignments. The research assignment is assessed according to the standard regulations of Stellenbosch University.

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