

DEPARTMENT OF AFRIKAANS AND DUTCH

Basic information for the following Master's applications:

- MA in Afrikaans and Dutch
- MA in Lexicography
- MA in Translation

(For the MA in Creative Writing, please e-mail [Dr Willem Anker](#).)

If you intend to enrol for a Master's degree at the Department of Afrikaans and Dutch, you should follow the procedure below in the year preceding your studies:

1. SU Honours students, go to www.sun.ac.za > 'Students' > 'My.SUN' > 'Studies' > 'Application Postgraduate studies'.
Non-SU students, go to [SUNStudent](#) > Applicant > [Create a profile](#) > Login
2. You can apply for the degree programme of your choice. Applications for Master's degrees close on 31 October of the preceding year.
 - 2.1. E-mail [Ms J. Nxumalo](#) at Administration if you have any further questions about Master's programmes.
3. The Department has set the following conditions for applications. You need to have:
 - 3.1. passed a suitable Honours degree – please refer to [Part 4 of the Calendar](#) – and
 - 3.2. obtained a mark of at least 70% for the Honours research assignment weighted at 30 credits.
4. If you want to apply for the MA in Afrikaans and Dutch, please e-mail [Dr Willem Anker](#).
If you want to apply for the MA in Translation, please e-mail [Prof. Ilse Feinauer](#).
If you want to apply for the MA in Lexicography, please e-mail [Prof. Rufus Gouws](#).
5. You also need to submit a document to [Dr Willem Anker](#), [Prof. Ilse Feinauer](#) or [Prof. Rufus Gouws](#) indicating the following:
 - 5.1. The field of study in which you are interested (linguistics or literature for the MA in Afrikaans and Dutch; translation, interpreting or editing for the MA in Translation).
 - 5.2. The theme(s) you would like to investigate.

- 5.3. A concise explanation (a few paragraphs) in which you provide a more detailed overview of the themes you would like to investigate.
6. The Department will decide
 - 6.1. whether you meet the admission requirements (refer to Par. 3)
 - 6.2. on a supervisor
 - 6.3. whether the theme is a suitable subject for a Master's thesis. If it is not, the assigned supervisor will help you to decide on a more suitable topic.
7. Once you have been accepted, Ms Nxumalo will give you official permission to register.

You should follow the procedure below in the first year of your Master's studies (preferably completing all the steps before the end of the first semester):

1. Register for the degree programme.
2. With the guidance of your supervisor, prepare an extensive research proposal with a minimum word count of 2 000 and a maximum of 3 000 (excluding reference list and addenda).
3. Submit the research proposal to the Department's Postgraduate and Research Committee (PRC).
4. Once you have incorporated the PRC's feedback and suggestions into the research proposal to their satisfaction, your supervisor submits the research proposal to the Department for approval.
5. If the research proposal is approved, you and your supervisor sign an [agreement](#).
6. Register for the screening process to determine whether your research needs ethical clearance. If you do not need ethical clearance, you can initiate your research.
7. If ethical clearance is needed, follow the procedure to obtain ethical clearance in order to continue with your empirical research. (In the meanwhile, you can work on your literature review and so forth.)
8. Once you have received ethical clearance, you can start your empirical research.

Please consult the [Faculty's guidelines for Master's Research](#).