

MA (Public Sociology and Anthropology)

Programme Code

13690 – 889(180)

Specific Admission Requirements

- An Honours degree in Sociology or Social Anthropology or an equivalent qualification on NQF level 8 that Senate considers as sufficient for admission to the programme.
- An average final mark of at least 65%, with demonstrated academic ability.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by **30 November** of the preceding year.
- International students:
 - Apply by **31 October** of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

This programme focusses on the acquisition and broadening of knowledge in a specific area of Sociology or Social Anthropology. It also aims to develop your ability to think critically about social issues related to transformation in (South) Africa and to critically apply the newly acquired knowledge and skills to societal problems. It includes an applied practice component.

The programme consists of four modules: You will receive a solid grounding in Social Theory and take a module in Research Design and Ethics which provides the foundation for a thesis. You will also take a module in Critical Transformation Studies where you select a topic which is most closely aligned to your thesis. You choose between the elective of Public Sociology (Thesis) and Public Anthropology (Thesis). An internship programme of a minimum of five weeks is linked to your thesis. You work on your thesis from the start with your supervisor, and this runs concurrently with the modules which are structured to support the development of your research proposal, research and the writing of your thesis.

Programme Content

13634 : Social Theory	871(30)
13635 : Research Design and Ethics	871(30)
13636 : Critical Transformation Studies	871(30)
13637 : Thesis (Public Sociology)	871(90)
OR	
13638 : Thesis (Public Anthropology)	871(90)

Assessment and Examination

You obtain a mark in each module through flexible assessment by means of essays, reading assignments, group and individual participation, practical assignments and an applied practice component. 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.

Enquiries

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