

2.5 Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management

Admission requirements

- A bachelor's degree with a final pass mark of at least 60% in any of the following major subjects:
 - Geography and Environmental Studies,
 - Economics,
 - Geology,
 - Zoology,
 - Logistics,
 - Ecology/Nature Conservation,
 - Architecture,
 - Surveying,
 - Other qualifications could be accommodated based on equivalent programme content and relevant work experience as indicated on your application.
 - Public and Development Management,
 - Sociology,
 - Botany,
 - Agricultural Economics,
 - Forestry,
 - Civil Engineering,
 - Town and Regional Planning;
 - Any other field regarded as equivalent;

Further requirements

- You must submit a motivational letter explaining why you are interested in this programme.
- By the time classes start, you must be computer literate enough to be able to use the SUNLearn electronic platform and submit your assignments electronically. In other words, you must be able to use MS Word, e-mail and the internet.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Your experience must comply with the recognition of prior learning (RPL) regulations of the University, the Faculty, and the School of Public Leadership. For more information on RPL and links to the University's and the Faculty's RPL 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 School, 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 applicants who meet the admission requirements exceed the capacity of the School, the criteria of the admission requirements will be used to rank the applicants in order of suitability, and to finalise the list of selected applicants.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply at www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies by **31 October** of the year before your intended studies.

Duration of programme and starting date

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

Starting date: The programme normally starts late January or early February, before University classes officially start.

Programme's mode of delivery

Hybrid learning.

Enquiries and programme leader

Enquiries

Please direct your queries to:

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Programme administrator

School for Public Leadership

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Programme leader

Dr Samantha Williams

School for Public Leadership

Programme structure

The programme comprises compulsory on-campus blocks, synchronous (real-time) online classes and self-directed online learning throughout the year.

Programme content

You must earn a total of at least 120 credits for this programme.

Compulsory modules (105 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14948	742	15	Environmental Analysis and Management	2
14949	716	15	Environmental Economics	1
14950	712	15	Environmental Ethics	1
14951	742	15	Environmental Governance	2
11179	712	15	Environmental Issues	1
60704	772	15	Environmental Law	1
11176	772	15	Geographical Information Systems	2

Please note:

- If you failed the module Development Planning and Environmental Analysis 771 in 2024 or before, you must register for Environmental Analysis Management 742.
- If you failed the module Environmental Ethics (Advanced Study) 771 in 2024 or before, you must register for Environmental Ethics 742.
- If you failed the module Geographical Information Systems in Environmental Analysis Management 771 in 2024 or before, you must register for Geographical Information Systems 772.

Elective modules (at least 15 credits)

Choose one of the following elective modules:

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14943	772	16	Sustainability Transitions	Both
14926	773	15	Capita Selecta: Advanced Topics in Environmental Management	Both

Please note:

- If you failed Sustainable Development in 2024 or before, you must register for Sustainability Transitions 772 .
- The capita selecta module is not offered every year. Please contact the School of Public Leadership to find out whether this module will be offered.

Postgraduate Programmes

1. General information for all postgraduate programmes

The information in this section applies to most of the postgraduate programmes and is not repeated for each programme, so please read it through carefully. Exceptions and deviations are, however, indicated at the individual programmes.

1.1 Postgraduate programmes in the Faculty

The table below lists the postgraduate programmes up to master's level by the department, school or centre where they are offered. The campus or facility is indicated in italics where necessary. All departments, schools and centres also offer a PhD programme. For more on the PhD, see the doctoral section at the end of this chapter.

Africa Centre for Inclusive Health Management
PGDip (HIV/Aids Management)
MPhil (HIV/Aids Management)
Centre for Sustainability Transitions (CST)
PGDip (Sustainable Development)
MPhil (Sustainable Development)
Department of Business Management
PGDip (Marketing)
BComHons (Business Management)
MCom (Business Management)
Department of Economics
BComHons (Economics)
BComHons (Economics and Mathematical Statistics) [with the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science]
MCom (Economics)
Department of Industrial Psychology
PGDip (Strategic Human Resource Management)
BComHons (Human Resource Management)
BComHons (Industrial Psychology)
MCom (Human Resource Management)
MCom (Industrial Psychology)
Department of Logistics
PGDip (Transport and Logistics)
BComHons (Logistics Management)
BComHons (Operations Research)
BComHons (Transport Economics)
MCom (Logistics Management)
MCom (Operations Research)
MCom (Transport Economics)
Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science
PGDip (Actuarial Science)
BComHons (Actuarial Science)
BComHons (Economics and Mathematical Statistics) [with the Department of Economics]
BComHons (Financial Risk Management)
BComHons (Mathematical Statistics)
BComHons (Statistics)
MCom (Actuarial Science)
MCom (Financial Risk Management)
MCom (Mathematical Statistics)
MCom (Statistics)

School of Accountancy
PGDip (Accounting)
BComHons (Management Accounting)
BAccHons
MCom (Computer Auditing)
MCom (Financial Accounting)
MCom (Management Accounting)
MCom (Taxation)
MAcc (Auditing)
MAcc (Financial Accounting)
MAcc (Taxation)
School of Public Leadership (SPL), <i>Bellville Park</i>
PGDip (Environmental Management) <i>Stellenbosch</i>
PGDip (Public Finance Management)
BComHons (Public and Development Management)
BPubAdminHons
MCom (Public and Development Management)
M (Public Administration)
MPhil (Environmental Management) <i>Stellenbosch</i>
Stellenbosch Business School, <i>Bellville Park</i>
PGDip (Business Management and Administration)
PGDip (Development Finance)
PGDip (Financial Planning)
PGDip (Futures Studies)
PGDip (Leadership Development)
PGDip (Project Management)
MPhil (Development Finance)
MPhil (Futures Studies)
MPhil (Management Coaching)
MBA

1.2 Undergraduate module requirements for postgraduate programmes

In Appendix D to this Yearbook part, you will find a table showing the minimum module requirements for admission to certain postgraduate programmes. Review this table to determine whether you meet the requirements for the postgraduate programme you wish to follow.

1.3 Selection

Every postgraduate programme in the Faculty is potentially a selection programme since the capacity of the relevant department determines the number of students that can be accommodated in each programme. This means that selection happens when more candidates apply than the department can accommodate in a specific programme. There are, however, also programmes where selection always happens, regardless of how many candidates apply. Departments may choose to list specific requirements and criteria at the relevant programme entries below or on their website or in the programme brochure.

1.4 Postgraduate assessment and examination

- Assessment is determined at modular level; therefore, consult the relevant module framework for more information.
- For the Faculty postgraduate assessment rules, you can consult the Faculty website at www.sun.ac.za/ems and look under "Current students" and then "General information" to find the link "EMS Postgraduate Assessment Rules".
- For more information and the general rules on assessment, see Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook, under "Assessments and Promotions".

- For the general specifications for assignments, theses, and dissertations, consult the section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General Rules) of the Yearbook.
- For specific information relating to the assignment, thesis or dissertation for an individual programme, consult the programme administrator or leader or relevant programme documentation.

1.5 Pass requirements for postgraduate programmes

The pass mark for postgraduate programmes is 50% and to pass with distinction you need 75%. More detailed information on pass requirements for individual programmes is available from the relevant programme administrator or leader.

1.6 Different campuses and facilities

Some postgraduate programmes are presented by the Stellenbosch Business School or the School for Public Leadership, both of which are on the Bellville Park campus of the University. The School of Public Leadership also presents classes at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch. The place where a particular diploma programme will be presented, if not Stellenbosch campus, is indicated below for each individual Programme under "Programme structure".

Disclaimer:

The content above comes from the 2025 Economic and Management Sciences Yearbook. Make sure to consult the full **Economic and Management Sciences Yearbook** to see this extract in context and to check if there have been any changes. Take special note of additional information in the yearbook under section ***2. General provisions for postgraduate programmes.***