

4.4.6 MPhil (Sustainable Development)

Admission requirements

- You must have a Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development from Stellenbosch University, *or*
- You must have an appropriate qualification equivalent to an honours degree.

Selection

If you have completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development and have achieved 65% or higher, you will receive preference. Only a limited number of applicants who achieved 65% or higher for another previous qualification equivalent to an honours degree (which is not the Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development at Stellenbosch University) will be considered.

The departmental admissions committee will consider the following criteria to finally determine whether you are selected or not:

- Your choice of a research topic and whether the Centre has the capacity to offer supervision for it.
- Whether a potential supervisor has been identified and has agreed to supervise your project.
- Your presentation of a research concept note for research that is linked to ongoing research projects at the Centre and is deemed executable (by the departmental admissions committee), as well as the acceptance of this research concept note.
- Your demonstrated capability (academic experience and skills) to successfully complete a postgraduate study, as assessed by the departmental admissions committee.

The number of students selected can be influenced by, for example, supervision capacity and the availability of resources within the Centre, as well as academic merit and University transformation objectives. As supervision capacity and resources can fluctuate from year to year, the number of students selected can also differ.

Application procedure and closing date

Apply at www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies. South African as well as international applicants must apply before **30 September** of the year before their intended studies.

Duration of programme and starting date

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

Starting date: As a new student, you will be registered only by 31 March of your first year of study. However, you must already attend a research workshop during November of the previous year and submit your research proposal in January. You must also complete prescribed preparatory online tests before registration.

Programme's mode of delivery

Fully contact (face-to-face).

Enquiries

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Programme structure

This programme is presented at the Sustainability Institute in Lynedoch. It is a transdisciplinary programme comprising a minimum of two electives plus a research component that focuses on the planning, management and practice of sustainable development.

Research component

The research component consists of:

- One of the following:
 - A thesis *or*
 - Two academic articles according to with the requirements of the University, the Centre and the supervisor *or*
 - A business plan for a complex capital works project or sustainable development project;
- A compulsory Research Methodology workshop;
- Compulsory online tests.

Elective modules

In addition to the research component, you must complete specialised elective modules. This can be done in any of the following ways:

1. You may select any module from those listed below under "Programme content";
or
2. You may select a relevant module presented in another programme;
or
3. You may select a master's level elective in consultation with the programme administrator. Contact the Centre for Sustainability Transitions at the details provided above under "Enquiries".

Programme content

Programme module

You must earn at least 180 credits for this programme.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
14562	879	180	Sustainable Development	Both

Your credits accumulate as follows:

1. A research component of 150 credits, plus two elective modules of 15 credits each (30 credits in total), *or*
2. A research component of 120 credits, plus four elective modules of 15 credits each (60 credits in total).

Use the tables below to choose your modules.

Thesis (150 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13705	874	150	Thesis: Sustainable Development	Both

Thesis (120 credits)

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13705	875	120	Thesis: Sustainable Development	Both

Elective modules

- Choose two or four modules, depending on the credit value of your chosen research component.
- If you are doing a business plan, you must select the two Capita Selecta modules and do the Intermediate and Advanced Project Management short courses offered by the School of Public Leadership at Bellville Park.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
13704	871	15	Capita Selecta: Advanced Studies in Sustainable Development	Both
13703	871	15	Capita Selecta: Transdisciplinary Research in Sustainability Transitions	Both
12531	874	15	Renewable Energy Finance	Both
11651	871	15	Renewable Energy Policy	Both
11273	871	15	Research Dissemination	Both
51764	871	15	Research Methodology	Both

- The following elective module is presented by departments in the Engineering Faculty. You may also choose this as an elective.

Code	Module	Credits	Module Name	Semester
64904	844	15	Bio-energy	2

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