2024 Master's in Sustainability Transitions







The Master's in Sustainability Transitions is designed to provide you with an understanding and theoretical and practical experience of the wide-ranging contextual, conceptual and thematic issues involved in the planning, management and practice of sustainable development globally.

As the various global social and environmental crises deepen, a new generation is rising into leadership positions in the public, private and non-profit sectors that are required to possess a broad transdisciplinary understanding of the various dimensions of these challenges and related solutions.

This programme is ideal if you have an interest in shaping the future by addressing problems relating to the environment, society and sustainability. The programme is interdisciplinary and you will graduate with a broad understanding of theoretical ideas underpinning sustainability transitions within an African context.

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INTAKE: One intake in January of each year DURATION: Two years full-time or part-time ACCREDITATION: A 180 credit Master's level qualification (NQF level 9)

RESEARCH STREAM

Coursework component (60 credits)

X2 Compulsory modules

- Sustainability Transitions Foundational Concepts (STFC) (871) (January/February 2024)
- Research Design and Methods (April 2024)

plus

Research component (120 credits)

Article-based thesis

- Literature review
- One journal article



Compulsory module Research Design & Methods | (8-12 April)

Year 1

Research component (article-based thesis) 120 credits

Year 1 + Year 2



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students are required to attend Module 1 in-person in Stellenbosch from 12-16 February 2024. For all other modules, more information will be available soon. We foresee that most of the firstyear modules will offer in-person and online contact periods. We are aware of the reality that many students are working full-time and would like to pursue a MPhil degree whilst navigating work responsibilities.

SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION: The Research Committee will assign a supervisor to each candidate in accordance with available expertise and equitable distribution of the supervision load, plus two examiners.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: An average of 65% or higher for any Honours or Postgraduate Diploma Degree from a recognised higher learning institution, as well as internal application forms that will be submitted to the Departmental Selection Committee for final selection.

Also note, applicants should consider the research interests from our pool of available research topics and supervisors available at the CST. If one of our supervisors is knowledgeable on, and interested in your research topic, you will be matched. If there is no match, the applicant can either choose to change the chosen research topic or seek an alternative academic home for your research.

Consult the CST website (www0.sun.ac.za/cst) for a list of research topics and possible projects and supervisors.

HOW TO APPLY

Step 1: Complete an online application form at www.sun.ac.za/pgstudies by 30 September 2023

Step 2: Send completed internal application form to Ms Amanda October by 10 October 2023.

Estimated cost

Year 1: R58 000 Year 2: R8 700 Total: R66 700

Contact Person: Ms Amanda October (MPhil and PhD administrative officer at the CST) E-mail: cstenquiries@sun.ac.za **FEES**

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Refer to the information at http://www.sun.ac.za/english/maties/fees/payment-options. **BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:** Information on financial aid can be found at the following links:

- www.sun.ac.za/calendar
- www.sun.ac.za/pgo/funding

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Information on visas, fees, language requirements and long term accommodation can be found on the website of the International Office AT www.sun.ac.za/international.

WHERE TO LIVE: Students are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements. Students typically find university or private rented accommodation in Stellenbosch or surrounds. Follow this link to find learn more: https://www0.sun.ac.za/international/about/accommodation-in- stellenbosch.html



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