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Department of English

**MASTERS IN ENGLISH STUDIES
STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY**

Master's study in the English Department at Stellenbosch University is available in two *forms*:

- a research thesis of approximately 35 000 to 45 000 words on an academic topic (180 credits), related to the department's research fields; **OR**
- a thesis comprising an original creative work (120 credits), plus a reflective scholarly component (60 credits, totalling 180 credits). (Together, these must comprise 35 000 to 45 000 words.)
[The word count includes in-text referencing and footnotes, but excludes the front matter (abstract and *opsomming*, declaration, acknowledgments, table of contents etc.), bibliography and appendices.]

Programme Code

53880 - 879(180)

There is currently no coursework on offer [for Programme Code 53880 - 889(180)]

MA students are part of an integrated postgraduate cohort, involved in weekly seminars, reading and writing groups, and training in research methods. Students are expected to meet on a regular basis, in person, with their supervisor/s and to attend research seminars and workshops.

Specific Admission Requirements:

- An Honours degree in English, or an Honours degree in a suitable related discipline such as Comparative Literature, African Literature, Literary-Cultural Studies, Cultural/Media Studies, Media and Communication Studies, Gender Studies, Film Studies, or another appropriate qualification approved by Senate. Preference will be given to students with a final Honours mark of 65% and higher.
- For admission to the thesis option, you must submit a written research proposal/concept note to the English department. The proposal must show your potential ability to conduct independent research and to write a thesis. (Proposal submission: msslabbert@sun.ac.za). Applicants who apply for the creative writing form of the thesis must submit a concept note/proposal and example of their creative work to the department.

Acceptance into the programme depends on whether an applicant's proposal is relevant or related to departmental focus areas' and whether the department has supervisory capacity.

New applications for 2023 will be circulated to staff, discussed, and supervisory capacity must be established. You will be notified whether the proposal was accepted or rejected by staff or preliminary accepted (e.g.: depending on final Honours mark).

When a proposal has been accepted by the department and supervisory capacity has been established, the official online application (on SUNStudent) can proceed.

Official Applications / Closing Dates:

South African students: Apply by 30 November 2022

International students: Apply by 31 August 2022

Apply online <https://student.sun.ac.za/>

(For queries regarding official online application/registration see <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/pgstudies> or contact Jabu Nxumalo jabs@sun.a.za)

Research Areas – Department of English Studies

- Atlantic and Indian Oceans: crossings and encounters
- Race, genders and sexualities
- Queer Theory
- Life writing and fictions of the self
- Queer theory
- Writing experimentally
- The local, the global and the transnational
- Environmental politics
- Feminist theories
- Reading the nineteenth century
- Southern and Eastern African studies
- Space, place and topographies of subjectivity
- Reading-Translating-Writing as a self-reflexive practice

