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Qualification reference number: 19601

Authorised Qualification name: Doctor of Philosophy in Language: H06/14632/HEQSF

TO: Directorate: Accreditation

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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"This is a qualification obtained through research; it appears that a number of programmes have been conflated in this application and are presented as electives."

Response to Accreditation Panel's comment:

This programme has been deemed not HEQSF aligned and re-categorised to C. **This is a mistake**. We kindly request that this be reversed and provide hereby the presentation as it was identified as a "needs improvement" programmes on the 9 October 2015's HEQC report.

Representation to motivate for this programme:

Prospective PhD students select a topic for research the will be undertaken. This topic needs to be approved by the Faculty of Humanities' Department of Languages, postgraduate committee, according to policy. The institutional system requires that each topic is assigned to a specific module, registered on a module catalogue for systemic management. The topics are assigned to the identified fields of specialisation. For this Master of Arts in Language, eight fields of specialisation offered, and assigned to a module. These modules are indicated in the Table below. On the submitted HEQSF-online format these modules have been indicated as electives. A

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student thus produces one thesis of 360 credits in total for the programme and registers her/his title to the appropriate module.

Module Code	Module name	NQF Level	Credits per module	Compulsory/ Optional	Year	Total Credits per year
Choose one compulsory module in the field of specialisation to complete the thesis						
AFLT9100	Thesis in African Languages	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
AFND9100	Thesis in Afrikaans/Dutch	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
ENGD9100	Thesis in English	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
FRAN9100	Thesis in French	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
MERM9100	Thesis in German	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
CLPD9100	Thesis in Classical Languages (Greek and/or	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
HNOS9100	Thesis in Hebrew	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
SASD0100	Thesis in Sign Language	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
			Compulsory Credits: 360 **Total Credits:** 360 **Total Credits on NQF 10:** 360			

Thank you so for your consideration and continued support. We believe that you will find this response adequate to validate this programme's accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Sincerely

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