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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

“The design of the programme lacks coherence. All modules are electives and there is no indication of any 30-credit research module excluding research methodology.”

Response to Accreditation Panel’s comment:

It was difficult to express how the curriculum design is implemented and managed on the prescribed HEQSF-online format. Because the upload did not allow us to indicate a module as a compulsory “field selection module” as well as the fact that the total tally at the end of the modular section will not reflect how the curriculum worked, it was loaded as electives. No space was provided to specify what module belongs to which specialisation and that a student needs to select one compulsory module according to the desired field of specialisation.

The table below clarifies the curriculum structure of the programme and within each of the 17 specialisations. Also, it is clear from this table that all specialisations include at least 32 research output credits.

Table: The curriculum structure

Module name	NQF Level	Credits per module	Compulsory/ Optional	Year	Total Credits per year
BAHons with specialisation in Anthropology (Specialisation 1)					
Advanced study of culture, history and methodology in Anthropology	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Research Report Anthropology (Honours)	8	64	Compulsory	1	128
Choose TWO from the four modules:					
Medical Anthropology	8	16	Optional	1	128
Ecological Anthropology	8	16	Optional	1	128
Anthropology of visual culture	8	16	Optional	1	128
Cultural construction of identity	8	16	Optional	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8: 96 Elective modules at NQF 8: 32 Total: 128			
BAHons with specialisation in Criminology (Specialisation 2)					
Research Report: Criminology (Honours)	8	64	Compulsory	1	128
Advanced Criminological Theory	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Advanced Victimology	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Advanced issued in Sentencing: a capita selecta	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Advanced juvenile delinquency theory.	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8: 128			
BAHons with specialisation in History (Specialisation 3)					
Research Report: History (Honours)	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Subject theory, research methodology and modern historiography	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Terror and autocracy in historical perspective	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Human rights violations, truth and justice in historical perspective	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8: 128			

BAHons with specialisation in Philosophy (Specialisation 4)					
Research Report: Philosophy (Honours)	8	64	Compulsory	1	128
Students choose TWO of the following four modules:					
Cognitive and cultural philosophy	8	32	Elective	1	128
Philosophy of rationality, action and mind	8	32	Elective	1	128
A philosophical text study	8	32	Elective	1	128
Philosophy and Theology	8	32	Elective	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 64 Elective modules: 64 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons with specialisation in Political Science with focus either on Political Dynamics or International Relations (Specialisation 5)					
Research Report: Political Science (Honours)	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Political Science Research Methodology and Proposal (Honours)	8	24	Compulsory	1	128
Global political economy and the politics of regionalism	8	24	Compulsory	1	128
For Focus on Political Dynamics the following two modules are compulsory					
Advanced Political Theory	8	24	Optional	1	128
Contemporary approaches to Comparative Politics	8	24	Optional	1	128
OR for Focus on International Relations the following two modules are compulsory					
Contemporary thinkers in International Relations	8	24	Optional	1	128
Foreign Policy and Diplomacy	8	24	Optional	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 80 Elective modules: 48 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons with specialisation in Psychology (Specialisation 6)					
Community and Social Psychology	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Psychological assessment	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Applied Research Methodology	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Psychotherapy & Ethics	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Applied Health Psychology	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Advanced Developmental Psychology	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Advanced Psychopathology	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 =128			

BAHons with specialisation in Sociology (Specialisation 7)					
Advanced Sociological theory	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Social Research	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
The sociology of population and the environment	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
The Advanced study of the Sociology of Consumerism and Consumption	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 =128			
BAHons with specialisation in African Languages with focus on (i) Sesotho Literature or (ii) Sesotho Linguistics (Specialisation 8)					
Choose ONE of either module:					
Research Report Sesotho Linguistics	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Research Report Sesotho Literature	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Choose THREE modules from the following electives to a sum of 96 credits:					
Morphology in African Languages	8	32	Elective	1	128
Semantics in African Languages	8	32	Elective	1	128
Sociolinguistics and Pragmatics in Sesotho	8	32	Elective	1	128
Syntax in African Languages	8	32	Elective	1	128
Advanced Studies in Sesotho Poetry	8	32	Elective	1	128
Advanced Studies in Sesotho Fiction	8	32	Elective	1	128
Advanced Studies in Sesotho Drama	8	32	Elective	1	128
Advanced Studies of Oral Traditions in African Languages	8	32	Elective	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 32 Elective modules: 96 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons with specialisation in Afrikaans and Dutch (Specialisation 9)					
Methodology in Language and Literature	8	16	Compulsory	1	128
Must choose ONE of the following:					
Research approaches to Afrikaans Linguistics	8	16	Compulsory/Elective	1	128
Approaches to Afrikaans literary works of art	8	16	Compulsory/Elective	1	128
Students must then choose electives to the sum of 96 credits from the following electives:					
Advanced studies in Syntax in Afrikaans and/or Dutch	8	16	Elective	1	128
Advanced studies in Afrikaans and/or Dutch Morphology	8	16	Elective	1	128

Semantics in Afrikaans and/or Dutch	8	16	Elective	1	128
Advanced studies in Afrikaans and/or Dutch Pragmatics	8	16	Elective	1	128
Advanced studies in the Sociolinguistics aspects of Afrikaans and/or Dutch	8	16	Elective	1	128
Language Editing in Afrikaans and/or Dutch	8	32	Elective	1	128
Afrikaans and/or Dutch Drama	8	16	Elective	1	128
Afrikaans and/or Dutch Film and Television	8	16	Elective	1	128
Afrikaans and/or Dutch Prose	8	32	Elective	1	128
Afrikaans and/or Dutch Poetry	8	32	Elective	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 32 Elective modules: 96 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons with specialisation in English (Specialisation 10)					
Choose ONE of the following:					
Research Methodology and Research Essay English Literature	Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory/Elective	1	128
Research Methodology and Research Essay in English Linguistics	Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory/Elective	Compulsory/Elective	1	128
Choose from the following electives to a sum of 96 credits					
Literary Theory: The Beginnings	8	16	Elective	1	128
Contemporary Critical Theory	8	16	Elective	1	128
Contemporary Poetry	8	16	Elective	1	128
Performing the Past: Late-medieval and early modern drama	8	16	Elective	1	128
Perspectives on Modernism	8	16	Elective	1	128
Reading Film: Perspectives from Film Theory and Cultural Studies	8	16	Elective	1	128
Contemporary Literary Identities: Race, gender and the self	8	16	Elective	1	128
The Literary and Cultural Politics of Abuse	8	16	Elective	1	128
Medieval making: from manuscript to book	8	16	Elective	1	128
17th and 18th-century Poetry	8	16	Elective	1	128
Intra-African Mobilities: Contemporary African Cultural Production	8	16	Elective	1	128
Applied Language Studies in	8	32	Elective	1	128

English					
Perspectives in the Study of Language	8	32	Elective	1	128
Discourse and difference	8	32	Elective	1	128
The Study of Computer-mediated Communication	8	32	Elective	1	128
Capita Selecta	8	16	Elective	1	128
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		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 32 Elective modules: 96 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons with specialisation in French (Specialisation 11)					
Research Report: French (Hnrs)	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Literary Translation in the language pair French-Afrikaans/English	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Study of an author, genre or literary period in French	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
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		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 128			
BA Honours with specialisation in German (Specialisation 12)					
Research Report: German (Hnrs)	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Choose FOUR modules to a sum total of 96 credits:					
Geschichte einer literarischen Gattung	8	24	Elective	1	128
Intensives Studium eines Autors	8	24	Elective	1	128
Intensives Studium einer literarischen Epoche	8	24	Elective	1	128
A theme of the candidate's own choice	8	24	Elective	1	128
Any module from the Honours curriculum of another relevant subject	8	24	Elective	1	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 32 Elective modules: 96 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons with specialisation in Classical Languages (Greek and/or Latin) (Specialisation 13)					
Research Report (Classical Languages/Studies)	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Choose FOUR modules to a sum total of 96 credits:					
Advanced Hellenistic Greek literature	8	24	Elective	6	128
Advanced Classical Greek literature	8	24	Elective	6	128

Greek rhetoric	8	24	Elective	6	128
Greek epic	8	24	Elective	6	128
Advanced study of Latin authors from the Golden Age	8	24	Elective	6	128
Advanced study of Latin genres from the Golden Age	8	24	Elective	6	128
Advanced study of Latin authors from the Silver Age	8	24	Elective	6	128
Advanced study of Latin genres from the Silver Age	8	24	Elective	6	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 32 Elective modules: 96 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons with specialisation in Hebrew (Specialisation 14)					
Introduction to Near Eastern Studies	8	32	Compulsory	6	128
Research Report: Hebrew (Hnrs)	8	32	Compulsory	6	128
Choose TWO modules from the following electives:					
Translation of Biblical and religious texts	8	32	Elective	6	128
Qmran, Judaism and the origin of Christianity	8	32	Elective	6	128
Cultures of the Near East	8	32	Elective	6	128
Near Eastern and Biblical languages	8	32	Elective	6	128
Near Eastern and Biblical literature	8	32	Elective	6	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 64 Elective modules: 64 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons specialising in Linguistics (Specialisation 15)					
Research Report: Linguistics (Hnrs)	8	32	Compulsory	6	128
Choose THREE modules from the following electives:					
Linguistics: foundations and frontiers	8	32	Elective	6	128
Sociolinguistics	8	32	Elective	6	128
Geolinguistics	8	32	Elective	6	128
Advanced Semiotics, semantics and pragmatics	8	32	Elective	6	128
Politics of Language	8	32	Elective	6	128
Any other Honours level modules from a relevant subject	8	32	Elective	6	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 32 Elective modules: 96			

		TOTAL = 128			
BAHons specialising in Language Practice (Specialisation 16)					
Any module from the Linguistics Honours	8	32	Compulsory	1	128
Research Report: Language Practice	8	40	Compulsory	1	128
Choose 56 credits from the electives offered.					
Interpreting Theory	8	16	Elective	6	128
Consecutive and simultaneous interpreting	8	16	Elective	6	128
Language Policy, language planning and language management	8	16	Elective	6	128
Language politics in South Africa	8	16	Elective	6	128
The textual and linguistic aspects of translation	8	16	Elective	6	128
Language practice: communicative texts	8	16	Elective	6	128
Document design and text editing	8	16	Elective	6	128
Lexicography and terminography	8	16	Elective	6	128
Language and speech technology	8	16	Elective	6	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 72 Elective modules: 56 TOTAL = 128			
BAHons with specialisation in Sign Language (Specialisation 17)					
Research Report: South African Sign Language (Hnrs)	8	32	Compulsory	6	128
Choose THREE of the following modules:					
Sign Language: Advanced Phonology, Morphology and Syntax	8	32	Elective	6	128
SA Sign Language: Advanced Semantics and Pragmatics	8	32	Elective	6	128
Advanced Studies in Deaf Culture	8	32	Elective	6	128
Literature of the Deaf	8	32	Elective	6	128
SA Sign Language: advanced Language Acquisition and Development	8	32	Elective	6	128
		Total Compulsory Credits at NQF 8 = 32 Elective modules: 96 TOTAL = 128			

Additional note by the UFS

The Psychology specialisation (Specialisation 6) will be phased out and a new programme designed to meet both the HEQSF requirements and the HPSCA requirements. A teach out plan has been articulated in the attached document.


Briefly, the teach-out plan for this specialisation is as follows:

- New qualification planned submission for accreditation by the end 2015.
- Notice in 2016 rule book that specialisation will be phased out
- Notice in 2017 rule book of last year of admission to specialisation and current students will have until 2019 to complete their studies
- Current programme modules will be taught again in 2018 for any failures
- Internship programme will be run until the end of 2019 to cover any students with challenges passing the internship.
- Any students who have not qualified by the end of 2019 will have to re-register for the new programme and will be given credit for modules passed if they qualify according to new programme modules. No more than 50% of new programme can be acknowledged.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support in relation to the response on the comments made by the accreditation panel. We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate this programme's accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards

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