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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"The institution should submit each elective module as a separate programme with qualifiers for example Anthropology module comprises two publishable articles whilst the other modules comprise a single discrete research project."

Response to Accreditation Panel's comment:

This qualification is a Master's Degree of 180 credits devoted to a research dissertation, or in some cases two publishable articles, as allowed by academic capacity. These comply with institutional policy, the General Rules for First Qualifications, Postgraduate Diplomas, Bachelor Honours Degrees, Master's Degrees, Doctoral Degrees, Higher Doctorates, Honorary Degrees and Convocation, Rules for Postgraduate study and those of the Faculty of Humanities. The Faculty Board approved this ONE qualification on 25 May 2014 for submission to the HEQC under Category B, and is approved as one programme on the PQM.

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.



With the table below we wish to clarify the choice of specialisation:

Module Code	Module name	NQF Level	Credits per module	Compulsory/ Optional	Year	Total Credits per year
<i>Choose one compulsory module in the field of specialisation to complete the thesis</i>						
POLS8900	Dissertation Political Science (Research Masters)	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
KRIM8900	Dissertation Criminology	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
HISR8900	Dissertation History	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
LAPD8900	Dissertation Language Practice	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
FRAN8900	Dissertation French	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
ANTA8900	Two related, publishable Articles Anthropology	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
AFLM8900	Dissertation Sesotho	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
ASMD8900	Dissertation Africa Studies	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
ASMA8900	Two Related Publishable Articles in Africa Studies	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
AFNM8900	Dissertation Afrikaans and/or Dutch	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
ANTH8900	Dissertation Anthropology	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
GERM8900	Dissertation German	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
HFVM8900	Dissertation Film and Video Studies	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
LAPA8900	Two Related Publishable Articles Language Practice	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
LINA8900	Two Related Publishable Articles Linguistics	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
DRMM8900	Dissertation Drama and Theatre Arts	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
LIND8900	Dissertation Linguistics	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
SOCN8900	Two related publishable Articles Sociology	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180

SOCM8900	Dissertation Sociology	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
PSMD8900	Dissertation Psychology	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
SLMM8900	Dissertation Sign Language	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
CLMA8900	Dissertation Classical Language Greek/Latin/Classical Studies	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
HNOS8900	Dissertation Hebrew	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
FILM8900	Dissertation Philosophy	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
HKGK8900	Dissertation History of Art & Visual Cultural Studies	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
HKGA8900	Two Related Publishable Articles History of Art & Visual Cultural Studies	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
ENGM8900	Dissertation English	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
			Compulsory Credits: 180			
			Total Credits: 180			
			Total Credits on NQF 10:			
			180			

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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