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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"The information on the curriculum is incomplete as only 160 credits comprise compulsory modules and only 5 elective modules are indicated . It is unclear how the balance of 240 credits has been structured."

Response

It was difficult to express how the curriculum design is implemented and managed on the prescribed HEQSF-online format. Students have specific streams (specialisations) they can follow, for which the institution makes provision for different module codes to ensure students stay within their stream, even though the core of the curriculum remains the same. Because the upload did not allow us to indicate modules as compulsory and/or elective 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 the rules of combination for the constituent modules and, where applicable, progression rules from one year to the next.

The first year of study provides students with the opportunity to develop a broad foundation in the two major concepts as suggested in the title of the qualification, namely Governance and Political Transformation. The two



majors are continued (at NQF Level 6), but in both 1st and 2nd year are supplemented with modules from a supportive discipline as chosen by the student. This provides students with the opportunity to select modules from related supportive disciplines to ensure a purposeful qualification. In the third year of study, students must specialise in the major fields of governance and political transformation as suggested in the title of the qualification (at NQF Level 7 and 8), with at least a total of 64 credits completed for each major which require 128 credits on NQF Level 7. A student is required to complete a minimum of 128 credits in years 1 and 2 and 152 credits in year 3, to reach the total minimum credits of 400.

The following table outlines the curriculum:

UFS Module Name	Compulsory/Elective	Credits	NQF Level	Total Credits per year
YEAR 1				
<i>Compulsory modules</i>				
Introduction to Political Science	Compulsory	16	5	128
Introduction to World Politics and Global Governance	Compulsory	16	5	128
Public administration and management theories	Compulsory	16	5	128
Human resource management in the public sector	Compulsory	16	6	128
Introduction to verbal and non-verbal communication	Compulsory	16	5	128
Intercultural communication	Compulsory	16	5	128
<i>Choose 32 credits from the following electives</i>				
Introduction to Governance and Transformation	Elective	16	5	128
Introduction to the Twentieth Century History of South Africa and Africa	Elective	16	5	128
Twentieth Century World History	Elective	16	6	128
Introduction to Philosophy. Classical Greek and Roman Philosophy	Elective	16	5	128
The Church Fathers and the Middle Ages: Historical and Conceptual Overview	Elective	16	6	128
Compulsory modules at NQF 5 = 80 Compulsory modules at NQF 6 = 16 Minimum elective modules at NQF 5/6 = 32 Total minimum credits for Year 1: 128				

YEAR 2				
<i>Compulsory modules</i>				
Cooperative and governance electoral principles	Compulsory	16	6	128
Governance and political transformation in Africa	Compulsory	16	6	128
Macro and micro organizational analysis	Compulsory	16	6	128
The study of municipal management and administration	Compulsory	16	6	128
Persuasive communication	Compulsory	16	6	128
Communication research	Compulsory	16	6	128
<i>Choose 32 credits from the following electives</i>				
Social Media	Elective	16	6	128
Globalisation and World Politics	Elective	16	6	128
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The Rise of Nationalism in South Africa	Elective	16	6	128
Twentieth Century Global Clashes	Elective	16	6	128
Municipal Management and Administration	Elective	16	6	128
Early modern and modern thought: From Ockham to the French Revolution	Elective	24	6	128
Kant and Hegel: Between German Idealism and Romanticism	Elective	24	6	128
Compulsory modules at NQF 6 = 96 Minimum elective modules at NQF 6 = 32 Total minimum credits for Year 2: 128				
YEAR 3				
<i>All modules are compulsory</i>				
Security and Conflict Studies	Compulsory	16	7	152
Political Risk Analysis and Strategic Planning	Compulsory	16	7	152
Ideology and Political Theory	Compulsory	16	7	152
International Political Economy	Compulsory	16	7	152
Service Learning	Compulsory	16	7	152
Contemporary issues in local government	Compulsory	16	7	152
Public Financial management	Compulsory	16	7	152
Municipal finance	Compulsory	20	7	152
Public policy administration and management.	Compulsory	20	7	152

Compulsory modules at NQF 7 = 152 Total minimum credits for Year 3: 152				
	SUMMARY: TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS			Total Credits per qualification
1	Compulsory	80	5	408
1	Compulsory	16	6	408
1	Electives	32	5 or 6	408
2	Compulsory	96	6	408
2	Electives	32	6	408
3	Compulsory	152	7	408
	Total minimum compulsory = 344 Total minimum electives = 64			408

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

Kind regards



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