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Dear Colleagues

## RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

### HEQSF review comment

*"The areas of specialisation have been submitted as electives with each one seemingly being a programme. This needs to be corrected."*

### 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.



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>						
DRMD9100	Thesis in Drama and Theatre Arts	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
HKGK9100	Thesis in Art History and Visual Cultural Studies	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
HKGA9100	Thesis in Art History and Visual Cultural Studies (Article Option)	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
XDBK9100	Thesis in Fine Arts	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
ANTH9100	Thesis in Anthropology	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
ANTA9100	Anthropology (Article option)	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
KRIM9100	Thesis in Criminology	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
HIST9100	Thesis in History	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
FILT9100	Thesis in Philosophy	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
POLS9100	Thesis in Political Science	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
SOCD9100	Thesis in Sociology	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
ASPH9100	Thesis in Africa Studies	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
GOVT9100	Thesis in Governance and Political Transformation	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
KOM900	Thesis in Communication Studies	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
AWPT	Thesis in Social Work	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
TPP900	Thesis in Language Practice	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
LINT9100	Thesis in Linguistics	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
LINA9100	Linguistics (Article option)	10	360	Compulsory	1-3	360
			<b>Compulsory Credits: 360</b>			
			<b>Total Credits: 360</b>			
			<b>Total Credits on NQF 10: 360</b>			

## UFS REQUEST

The UFS kindly requests that major field of study CESM 1101 Linguistic, Comparative and Related Language Studies and Practices be added to this programme and it is best situated in the PhD without the qualifier “Languages”. This will enable a thesis to be completed in either Language Practice or Linguistics, under the PhD, instead of the PhD (Languages).

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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