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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"The university needs to review its application as it appears to be a conflation of more than one qualification."

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>						
ANTH8900	Dissertation: Anthropology (Research)	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
ANTA8900	Publishable articles: Anthropology	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
KRIM8900	Dissertation: Criminology (Research)	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
POLS8900	Dissertation: Political Science (Research)	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
SOCN8900	Publishable articles: Sociology – Narrative Study of Lives (Research)	9	180	Compulsory	1 or/and 2	180
SOCM8900	Dissertation: Sociology (Research)	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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