CHE Improvement response: Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (90015)

* ***In the programme design the institution has stated that the programme offers three major combinations: Politics, Philosophy or Economics. However, Philosophy and Politics modules are compulsory only at first and and second year levels whereas this is not the case for Economics modules. The institution should clarify the rules of combination with respect to the three major combinations offered in this programme.***

The table below clarifies the information provided in the original submission regarding the accreditation of the BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics programme. The correct information on the rules of combination, as was approved by Unisa’s Senate, is shared below. It should be noted that *all three* CESM categories (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) are present on first and second year level, which then enables students to decide on a first and second major on the third year level. (As a response to the review comment that states Economics modules are not present in the same way as Politics and Philosophy modules, please give specific attention to the group of eight Economics modules on year level two, on page three of this document, of which students have to select three modules.)

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| **PROGRAMME DESIGN DETAILS** | | | | | | |
| **Year level 1 (total credits at NQF level 5: 96; total credits at NQF level 6: 24)** | | | | | | |
| **Module** | **NQF level** | **Credits** | **Year level** | **Compulsory** | **Electives** | **CESM category** |
| **Politics** | | | | | | |
| Politics as Social activity  PLC1501 | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 2006 |
| Understanding the State  PLC1502 | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 2006 |
| **Philosophy** | | | | | | |
| Introduction to Western Philosophy  PLS1501 | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 1701 |
| Introduction to African Philosophy  PLS1502 | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 1701 |
| Critical Reasoning  PLS2601 | 6 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 1701 |
| **Economics** | | | | | | |
| Economics IA  ECS1501 | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 0404 |
| Economics IB  ECS1601 | 6 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 0404 |
| Business Management IA  MNB1501 | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 0404 |
| **Other module – compulsory** | | | | | | |
| The Making Of Early Colonial South Africa: Transformation And Resistance  HSY1502 | 5 | 12 | 1 | Yes | No | 2003 |
| **Other modules – electives (select 1 of the following)** | | | | | | |
| English for Academic Purposes  ENN103F | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1101 |
| Practising Workplace English  ENN1504 | 5 | 12 | 1 | No | Yes | 1101 |
| **Year level 2 (total credits at NQF level 6: 120)** | | | | | | |
| **Module** | **NQF level** | **Credits** | **Year level** | **Compulsory** | **Electives** | **CESM category** |
| **Politics** | | | | | | |
| Political Change in Contemporary Africa  APC2601 | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 |
| Political Economy of Africa  APC2602 | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 |
| International Political Dynamics  IPC2602 | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 |
| Understanding Political Behaviour and Participation  PLC2601 | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 2006 |
| **Philosophy** | | | | | | |
| African Ethics and Politics  PLS2602 | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 1701 |
| Philosophy of Science  PLS2607 | 6 | 12 | 2 | Yes | No | 1701 |
| **Economics**  **Students have to select 3 modules from the following group of Economics modules**  **Note these are all modules from the CESM category 0404 applicable to the qualifier Economics** | | | | | | |
| Microeconomics  ECS2601  (compulsory if Economics is first or second major) | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| Macroeconomics  ECS2602  (compulsory if Economics is first or second major) | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| South African Economic Indicators  ECS2603 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| Labour Economics  ECS2604 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| South African Financial System  ECS2605 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| Environmental Economics  ECS2606 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| Economic History of the World  ECS2608 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| Economic History of South Africa  ECS2609 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| **Other modules – electives (select 1 of the following)** | | | | | | |
| Politics and Public Policy  PLC2602 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 2006 (Politics) |
| South African Politics  PSC2601 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 2006 (Politics) |
| Business Management IB  MNB1601 | 6 | 12 | 2 | No | Yes | 0404 (Economics) |
| **Year level 3 (total credits at NQF level 7: 120)**  **Students have to select 2 majors from Politics, Philosophy and Economics according to the following combinations: 5 modules for the first major, 4 modules for the second major, and 1 module if not a major (i.e., a minor).** | | | | | | |
| **Module** | **NQF level** | **Credits** | **Year level** | **Compulsory** | **Electives** | **CESM category** |
| **Politics**  **If Politics is the first major the following 5 modules are compulsory; if Politics is a second major select 4 modules; if Politics is not a major select 1 module.** | | | | | | |
| Political Ideas  PLC3701 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2006 |
| Democracy and Other Forms of Regime  PLC3702 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2006 |
| Political Development and Political Economy  PLC3703 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2006 |
| Political Conflict and Conflict Resolution  PSC3702 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2006 |
| Political Knowledge  PSC3703 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 2006 |
| **Philosophy**  **If Philosophy is the first major the following 5 modules are compulsory; if Philosophy is a second major select 4 modules; if Philosophy is not a major select 1 module.** | | | | | | |
| Theoretical and Applied Ethics  PLS3701 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1701 |
| Modern Philosophy  PLS3702 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1701 |
| Advanced African Philosophy  PLS3703 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1701 |
| Political Philosophy  PLS3705 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1701 |
| Advanced Western Philosophy  PLS3709 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 1701 |
| **Economics**  **If Economics is the first major select 5 of the following modules; if Economics is a second major select 4 modules; if Economics is not a major select 1 module.** | | | | | | |
| Monetary Economics  ECS3701 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| International Trade  ECS3702 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| International Finance  ECS3703 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| Public Economics  ECS3704 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| History of Economic Thought  ECS3705 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| Econometrics  ECS3706 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 |
| Development Economics  ECS3707 | 7 | 12 | 3 | No | Yes | 0404 |

Thus if Politics is a first major the student will be taking at least 11 modules from CESM category 2006. If Politics is a second major at least 10 modules will be from CESM category 2006. If Politics is a minor at least 7 modules will be from CESM category 2006.

If Philosophy is a first major the student will be taking 10 modules from CESM category 1701. If Philosophy is a second major 9 modules will be from CESM category 1701. If Philosophy is a minor 6 modules will be from CESM category 1701.

If Economics is a first major the student will be taking at least 10 modules from CESM category 0404. If Economics is a second major at least 9 modules will be from CESM category 0404. If Economics is a minor at least 6 modules will be from CESM category 0404.

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