CHE Improvement: Bachelor of Science Honours in Geography (98105)

**This programme is not HEQSF-aligned because it does not have a discrete research component that is supervised to which at least 30 credits are allocated. The institution should ensure that the programme includes a discrete research component which is supervised.**

• In the case of Bachelor of Arts Honours in Geography and **Bachelor of Science Honours in Geography** the curriculum consists of two compulsory research modules of 24 credits each. The first module is a research proposal which is taught under supervision and the second is the presentation of a research project related to the research proposal, and the research is undertaken under supervision. Thus a total of 48 credits for both these qualifications are achieved under supervision and thus exceed the 30 credit requirement. It should also be noted that the Unisa Senate (27 August 2008) approved the following in terms of the delivery of postgraduate qualifications:

‘The outcome of the module will be an acceptable research proposal (12 credits) and is considered to be a research module since the research proposal is completed under supervision. The purpose of the module is primarily to guide students in a formalized manner to prepare an acceptable research proposal.’

In addition, Unisa Senate approval 2 June 2010: The purpose of making the modules on research proposal writing a prerequisite is to ensure that the student does not proceed with the dissertation or thesis before she or he has completed the research proposal.

Unisa considers the research proposal as an integral part of the total research component of all post graduate qualifications.

I thus hereby confirm that all five qualifications exceed the minimum requirements for research under supervision.