CHE Improvement: Bachelor of Arts Honours in Environmental Management (98108)

***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 Environmental Management Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Management and Bachelor of Science Honours in Environmental Monitoring and Modelling. The curriculums of these programmes consist of two compulsory research modules that are taught under supervision. The first module is a research proposal which is taught under supervision (a total of 12 credits) and the second is the presentation of a research project related to the research proposal (24 credits), the research of which is undertaken under supervision. Thus a total of 36 credits for the qualifications are achieved by research 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 postgraduate qualifications.