CHE Improvement response: Bachelor of Arts Honours in International Politics (99414)

* ***The programme needs improvement with respect to the number of credits at NQF level 8. Currently it is possible for students to complete the qualification with only 96 credits at NQF level 8, as opposed to 120 credits stipulated in the HEQSF. There is a disconnect between some of the specified exit level outcomes and the actual modules to be covered in the programme as there are references to things like earth and life sciences, which would not usually be covered within the specified CESMs. The institution should therefore review the exit level outcomes to align them with the curriculum. More details on how the research project is assessed and moderated should also be provided.***

All the modules in this programme are at NQF level 8 and the module codes show that.

| **Programme design details** | | | | | | |
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| **Modules for year 4** | | | | | | |
| Module | NQF level | Credits | Year level | Compulsory | Electives | Module status: Removed / Added / Modified / Unchanged |
| POLITICS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: NATIONAL, AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES **(PSC4802)** | Level ~~7~~ 8 | 24 | 4 | No | Yes | Unchanged |
| CONFLICT, PEACE AND SECURITY STUDIES **(PSC4803)** | Level ~~7~~ 8 | 24 | 4 | No | Yes | Unchanged |
| INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL THEORY **(IPC4802)** | Level 8 | 24 | 4 | No | Yes | Unchanged |
| INTEGRATION AND DISINTEGRATION: AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS **(AIP4801)** | Level ~~7~~ 8 | 24 | 4 | No | Yes | Unchanged |
| AN ADVANCED STUDY OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS **(IPC4803)** | Level 8 | 24 | 4 | No | Yes | Unchanged |
| POLITICAL SCIENCES AND RESEARCH **(HPPSC81)** | Level 8 | 12 | 4 | Yes | No | Modified |
| RESEARCH REPORT **(HRPSC82)** | Level 8 | 36 | 4 | Yes | No | Modified |
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|  | | | | **Total Compulsory Credits:** 48 |  |  |

The research project is built up from a number of assignments throughout the year on which students receive comprehensive formative feedback. The summative assessment of the research project is done by a first internal examiner, as well as an external examiner, appointed according to the Unisa Policy and procedures on Assessment.

Exit level outcomes

1. The graduate can identify, analyse, formulate and solve convergent and divergent problems and issues related to international politics

2. The graduate can work effectively with others as a member of a team, group, organization or community.

3. The graduate can manage and organize her or his activities and life responsibly and effectively, including her or his studies within the open and distance learning context.

4. The graduate can collect, analyse, organize and critically evaluate information, as required in the pursuit of a honours degree in International Politics

5. The graduate can communicate effectively using visual, mathematical and/or language skills in the modes of oral and for written presentation, often in pieces of sustained discourse.

6. The graduate can use science and technology effectively and critically, showing responsibility towards the environment and health and well-being of others, specifically in a national and international context.

7. The graduate can demonstrate an understanding of the world as a set of related systems by recognizing that problem solving contexts do not exist in isolation, and by acknowledging their responsibilities to those in the local and broader community, specifically as it relates to international politics, dialogue and conflict.