

Dear Student

Re: Application to Masters 2017

Thank you for your enquiry to do a Masters degree in Religion, Philosophy and Classics (including Theology and Ethics). When applying, please indicate clearly the programme or discipline in which you wish to pursue your Masters and provide a motivation for this choice. Lists of available programmes are attached.

a) All students applying for admission to a degree programme at the University need to demonstrate that they have obtained one of the following levels of English proficiency:

1. A pass in an examination equivalent to English Home or First Additional language level in the NSC (National Senior Certificate) or the Higher Grade (First or Second Language) at the South African Senior Certificate level (Matriculation).
2. A pass in English at A-level, or O-level (C symbol or higher), or the International Baccalaureate or equivalent examination.
3. International applicants who do not satisfy (1) or (2) above and for whom English is a foreign language:
 - an overall band score of 7.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for Postgraduate studies and 6.0 for Undergraduate studies, or
 - a test score of 550 on the paper version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a score of at least 80 on the I.BT (electronic) version of the test. See Postgraduate Application Guide for more details.

b) You need to have completed at least four years of study (a three-year Bachelor's degree and an Honours degree at a recognised Institution, before you can be considered for our Masters' programmes) *Students who wish to enter postgraduate studies and who do not possess an appropriate previous qualification, but have at least ten years appropriate experience, are required to submit a two-page CV and two reports from referees.*

c) **International students** please note:

1. UKZN requires SAQA approval (see SAQA website) on all qualifications obtained outside South Africa. It is incumbent on the applicant to obtain SAQA approval on their qualifications BEFORE registration as students will not be allowed to register without SAQA approval. Please do NOT come to South Africa if you have not obtained this approval as there have been many delays in the past that have led to students being forced to withdraw from programs. It is compulsory that students who obtain degrees from outside South Africa MUST APPLY to the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) for evaluation of credentials by sending original academic transcripts to:

Postnet Suite 248
Private Bag X06
WATERKLOOF - 0145
South Africa

For further details contact + 27 12 4315000 or see <http://www.saqa.org.za>

2. It is **YOUR** responsibility to apply for a study visa. You must make application as soon as possible to enquire whether or not such a visa will be issued.

d) The 2016 Fee Guideline Handbook is attached and you should estimate a 5%- 10% increase for 2017. In addition to academic, residence and meal costs, you must take into account the costs for books, medical insurance, and residence fees during vacation, transport, laundry, sports and club subscriptions. ***There is a registration fee of R500 and a student levy of R250. Full-time international students will be required to pay an international levy of R1 368 per semester (as per 2016) only.***

e) Students undertaking full-time research Masters and research Doctoral Studies are exempted from paying tuition fees. Students are eligible for this remission of tuition fees if studies are completed in the minimum prescribed period of study (one year for a Masters by research and three years for a PhD).

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f) You must complete the attached forms and post them together with certified copies of your academic transcripts. *(Please note that we do not accept scanned or faxed copies of application forms and supporting documentation).*

CHECKLIST	Y/N
1. University Postgraduate Application Form	
2. Admission to Status Form	
3. 2017 SRPC M1 (Internal Application Form)	
4. Initial Research Project Proposal (minimum 2 pages)	
5. Certified copies of Identity Document (SA ID/Foreign Passport).	
6. Certified Copies of Degree Certificates and Academic Records as well as any other relevant documents.	
7. English Language Proficiency test (if necessary)	
8. SAQA Certificate (compulsory for qualifications obtained outside South Africa)	
9. Application fees: Local students R175 SADC & countries in Africa R470 Countries outside Africa \$146 The banking details are as follows: Name: UKZN Main Bank: Standard Bank Acc. No: 05 308 0998 Branch: Westville Branch Code: 045426 Type of account: Business Current Account Reference: F001 11402 with applicant's full name Swift code: SBZAZAJJ Please provide your details on the deposit slip and submit proof of payment on submission of your application.	

The application together with the required supporting documentation must be received by 29 August 2016 Applications must be sent to:

Ms Catherine Murugan, Research and Higher Degrees Officer, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics
 University of KwaZulu-Natal, Private Bag X01, Scottsville 3209, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Please use a postal service that provides you with a tracking number in case of problems with the service.

Yours sincerely,
Ms Cathy Murugan
Research and Higher Degrees Officer