

Dear Student

Re: Application to Masters 2015

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

a) All students applying for admission into 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 at Home or First Additional language level in the NSC (National Senior Certificate) or at the Higher Grade (First or Second Language) at the South African Senior Certificate level (matriculation).

2. A pass in English language at A-level, or O-level (C-symbol or higher), or the International Baccalaureate or equivalent examination.

3. For 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 IBT (electronic) version of the test. See Postgraduate Application Guide for more details.

b) You would have had to have completed at least 4 years of study (3 years Bachelor's degree and an Honours degree, at a recognised Institution, before you can be considered for our Masters' programmes). *Students to enter postgraduate studies that do not possess an appropriate previous qualification, but have at least 10 years if appropriate experience are required to submit a CV (2-PAGES) and 2 referees reports.*

c) **International students** please note:

1. "UKZN requires SAQA approval (see SAQA website) on all qualifications obtained from 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.sqa.org.za>

School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics

Postal Address: Private Bag X01, Scottsville 3209, South Africa

Telephone: +27 (0) 33 260 5560 **Facsimile:** +27 (0) 33 260 5858 **Email:** Muruganc@ukzn.ac.za

Website: <http://srpc.ukzn.ac.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 attached Fee Guideline Handbook is for 2014 and you can estimate 5%- 10% increase for 2015. 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. ***Fulltime international students will be required to pay an international levy of R1 090 per semester (as per 2014) 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).

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).***

1. University Postgraduate Application Form,
2. Admission to Status form,
3. SRPC M1 Internal Application for Admission to the Masters Degree
4. Please attached the Initial Research Project Proposal
5. Certified copies of your Identity Document/Passport.
6. Certified Copies of your Degree Certificate and Academic Records as well as any other relevant documents.
7. English Language Proficiency test
8. SAQA Certificate (compulsory for students outside South Africa)

9. Application fees

A non-refundable application fee is payable on submission of the application form.

- Local students R175
- SADC and countries in Africa R420
- Countries outside Africa US \$130

Application fees can be paid to:

Bank: Standard Bank

Name of account: UKZN Main

Type of account: Business Current

Account

Account number: 05 308 0998

Branch: Westville

Branch code: 045426

Reference: F001 11402 with applicant's full name

Swift code: SBZAZAJJ (forinternational)

To be paid either a Cheque/Postal Order made out to the *University of KwaZulu-Natal*

The application together with the required supporting documentation must be received by the 31 August 2014 Applications should 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