



# Gender and Religion Programme

In the School of Religion,  
Philosophy and Classics

The programme emphasis for 2014 is to prepare students to develop critical and analytical skills in research on issues relating to Religion, Gender and Health which will lead to concrete actions for change in the African context.

## Programme Overview

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Religion shapes our everyday beliefs and activities, yet few studies have seriously examined its association with issues of gender and health. The Programme on Gender and Religion in the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics at UKZN is offering exciting and challenging Honours, Masters and PhD degree programmes

### *One Year Honours Programme*

The Honours programme is open to students who have completed their third year degree with 65% pass. The programme prepares students to acquire theoretical and methodological skills and knowledge on issues of gender religion and health in the hope that the knowledge and skills gained will be beneficial to their communities, or in furthering their studies within the field of Gender and Religion.

## **NB**

*There are currently no scholarships for Honours students, however limited competitive scholarships towards tuition fees may be acquired through the school.*

### *Master One Year Pilot Programme*

This is an exciting one year programme which introduces students to critique and research issues of gender, religion, health, sexual and reproductive rights and masculinities. The course aims to stimulate students' critical thinking around these topics and equip them for transformational engagement in local communities.

## Programme Outcomes

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The programme outcomes are:

- Students will gain greater awareness of the relationship between gender, religion and health

- Students will demonstrate an ability to do contextual analysis of the inter-relationship in the areas addressed above
- Students will develop intellectually, acquire research techniques and academic writing skills

### Programme Requirements

This is a full-time Masters by coursework and research programme spread over two semesters in the academic year which begins in February 2014. Students are expected to complete both their coursework and dissertation within one year. Enrolment into the programme is highly competitive and is only open to 10 students who have an Honours degree with an average pass at 70% with the following qualities:

- Commitment to excellence
- Clear purpose about their lives
- Self-motivated

As part of the application process, students will be required to write a motivation of not less than 1000 words displaying their knowledge on issues linked to the interplay between Gender, Religion and Health in their country and how it relates to gender based violence. This should be followed with reasons why they have chosen the programme.

Once enrolled students will be required to register for the required modules for the programme and write a dissertation according to the Masters requirements in the School.

***NB Funding opportunities are available to students who meet these requirements***

### *Doctorate studies in Gender and Religion*

The programme invites students who have successfully completed their Masters degrees with 65% pass to enrol for PhD. For the next three years the programme emphasis is on

the interplay between gender, religion and health.

**Please note: all our programmes are offered on the Pietermaritzburg campus**

### Further Information & Application

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2014 application forms are available at the school and the university website:

<http://srpc.ukzn.ac.za>

The deadline for applications is on 30th September 2013.