

Dear Student

Re: Honours Application for 2016

Thank you for your enquiry into our Honours degree at the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics (including Theology and Ethics). The closing date for applications is **30 September 2015**. Please note that applying to the university does not mean you will automatically be accepted, you must await the acceptance letter which will be sent to you in November.

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 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 Post- Graduate studies and 6.0 for Undergraduate studies, or
 - a test score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

You must have completed a 3-year Bachelor's degree at a recognised institution before you can be considered for our Honours programmes. If you only have a diploma and are seeking special dispensation from the University to enter the Honours programme, then we suggest that you apply by **31 July 2015**. If this is the case, then please ensure that you provide all the information and documents required, and complete form SRPC H3.

International students please note:

a) "UKZN requires SAQA approval (see SAQA website) on all qualifications 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 431500 or see <http://www.saqa.org.za>

b) 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.

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The Fee Guideline Handbook for 2014 is available on the UKZN website and you can estimate about a 10% increase for 2015. In additions to academic fees, residence fees and meal costs, you must take into account the cost of books, medical insurance, and residence fees during vacation, transport, laundry, sports and club subscriptions.

When applying please ensure that you attach all the following documents:

- University Postgraduate Application Forms, including Admission to Status Form
- SAQA Certificate (compulsory for students who obtain degrees outside South Africa)
- English Language Proficiency Test
- SRPC H1 Internal School application forms
- SRPC H2 Motivation for acceptance form
- SRPC H3 Recognition of prior learning and experience form, together with required documents (for Diploma students only).
- Certified copies of your Identity Document/Passport.
- Certified Copies of your Degree Certificate and Academic Records as well as any other relevant documents.
- Proof of payment for application fee.

(Please note that we do not accept scanned or faxed copies of application forms and supporting documentation)

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

- Local students R200
- SADC and countries in Africa R470
- Countries outside Africa US \$146

Application fees can be paid directly into the University bank account:

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 (for international)

Application fees can also be paid by a Cheque or Postal Order made out to the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Please return the above documents by 30 September 2015 to:

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Please use a postal service that provides you with a tracking number in case we experience problems in receiving your application.