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CONNECTING POSSIBILITIES

Postgraduate Programmes

Postgraduate Diplomas, Honours, Masters, and Doctorate Degrees



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Welcome

The University of the Western Cape (UWC) is a national university, alert to its African and international context as it strives to be a place of quality, a place to grow – from hope to action through knowledge. It is committed to excellence in learning, teaching, research and innovation to nurture the cultural diversity of South Africa, and responding in critical and creative ways to the needs of a society in transition. Postgraduate study at UWC aligns with the ethos of graduate employability for an ever-changing world of work.

A degree exposes a graduate to a broad range of subject matter, providing basic skills that will enable you to find employment in a chosen field. A postgraduate qualification, on the other hand, provides learners with advanced knowledge in a particular field. A postgraduate qualification is far more detailed and will cover complex subjects and learning material. A postgraduate qualification will give you the knowledge and skills to become a specialist in your chosen field. The Postgraduate Diploma and/or Honours is the entry level to postgraduate studies where you will be taught research skills in addition to specialist subject matter.

You can undertake postgraduate studies after completing an undergraduate degree or having equivalent work experience (Recognition of Prior Learning). The entry requirements for a postgraduate degree may depend on the marks obtained in your undergraduate qualification or a preceding postgraduate degree.

The specialised field you follow will also depend on the subjects you majored in. Sometimes, postgraduate programmes require other entry criteria to be met, such as entrance examinations, work experience, skills tests and, in some instances, interviews.

Postgraduate study is an intensive and personalised learning experience. A typical postgraduate class is much smaller than an undergraduate class, and at a doctoral level, you may work alone with the support of your research supervisor.

Postgraduate studies are taken for various reasons: It improves a graduates marketability, it enhances upward mobility, it opens opportunities to move into academia and research, it allows one to specialise along a specific career path, and it can enable one to change direction from one field into another or to follow another career path altogether.



Faculties and Resources

FACULTY of ARTS & HUMANITIES
UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

The faculty offers internationally recognised postgraduate programmes in various fields and has a substantial research profile. Graduates are equipped with the skills of critical thinking, effective communication and social responsiveness.

Our graduates have successful careers in the fields of media, journalism, education, marketing, public relations, publishing, editing, advertising, development work, information technology, library and archival work, translation, religious ministry, writing and consultancy. See the complete list of postgraduate programmes [here].

The faculty is internationally recognised for community-based, interdisciplinary education and research in the health, well-being and social justice fraternity. It has a long history of focusing on promoting equity and community development in its education programmes and training of professionals.

Our faculty offers a unique opportunity for postgraduate studies in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nursing, dietetics and nutrition, psychology, social work, sport, recreation and exercise science, complementary health sciences (Chinese medicine, acupuncture, phytotherapy, and naturopathy) and public health. See the complete list of postgraduate programmes [here].

FACULTY of COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

FACULTY of DENTISTRY
UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

Welcome to the most extensive dentistry faculty in sub-Saharan Africa, producing no fewer than 50 percent of South Africa's dental professionals. The faculty is a world-class oral health centre committed to promoting oral health through the excellence of its teaching and learning, service rendering, community engagement and research.

It offers high-quality professional education and service based clinical training at postgraduate level, laying the foundation for lifelong professional development. See the complete list of postgraduate programmes [here].

he faculty's mission is to contribute to and influence society's social, economic, political and technological development through teaching, learning and critical scholarship in the fields of economic and management sciences in a digital age.

It strives to be the leading EMS faculty recognised for its excellence in relevant learning, teaching and research aimed at transforming society through critical, engaged and applied scholarship. It offers several high-quality postgraduate programmes. See the complete list of postgraduate programmes [here].

FACULTY of ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

FACULTY of EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

Faculty of Education currently offers a wide range of postgraduate programmes designed to develop students' intellectual, academic and professional capacity in teaching and related professions. They cover fields such as teacher education (both pre-service and in-service), adult education, higher education and vocational education.

Added to this are the disciplinary areas such as language education, science and mathematics education, educational psychology, sociology of education, educational leadership and management, curriculum studies, comparative education and policy studies. See the complete list of postgraduate programmes [here].

he faculty has a proud history in the struggle against apartheid as well as providing excellent education in law. Many former staff and alumni have occupied and today still occupy high positions in academia, the judiciary, parliament, the executive, the legal profession and business.

The faculty has the expertise to provide supervision for doctoral degrees on a wide range of legal topics and offers specialised master's degrees in law in a number of fields. In addition, the faculty offers two postgraduate diplomas in labour law and public law, respectively. See the complete list of postgraduate programmes [here].

FACULTY of LAW
UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

FACULTY of NATURAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY of the WESTERN CAPE

The faculty has nine academic departments, including a School of Pharmacy, four research institutes, two research centres and two research units. It offers 12 honours degrees, one postgraduate diploma, and a number of masters and doctoral programmes across a wide range of scientific disciplines.

The faculty boasts innovative and relevant learning and teaching programmes and aims to create an enabling environment among scholars who are recognised as international leaders in their fields, and who are actively engaged in ground-breaking research with local, national and global impact. See the complete list of postgraduate programmes [here].



Resources: The Division for Postgraduate Studies

The Division for Postgraduate Studies (DPGS) provides an inclusive, multicultural and holistic researcher development environment for all postgraduates at UWC. DPGS is a strategic unit in realising UWC's commitment to postgraduate retention and throughput. Our goal is to ensure research capacity enhancement across faculties by facilitating research training and support, funding support and expanding opportunities for postgraduate students. All postgraduate students have access to DPGS's repository of training resources, live training workshops, one-on-one coaching services, and funding support to help ease the pathway through postgraduate studies.

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Honours Degrees / **Postgraduate** Diplomas

The Honours degree or Postgraduate diploma (PGDip) is considered the gateway to postgraduate study. The difference is that an Honours degree and coursework require you to conduct a short research study. The Honours/PGDip is a Level 8 qualification on the South African National Qualifications Framework (NQF). At this level, a student is expected to learn theories and research methodologies in a field and apply that knowledge. An NQF 8 qualification equips you to solve unfamiliar problems in a specific area or discipline.

Requirements

An undergraduate degree is compulsory. Each Faculty and/or programme may have specific criteria such as a minimum average mark at final year. You need to apply in the second semester of your final year to be considered for study in the following year. Honours/PGDip classes are much smaller than undergraduate classes, and places are limited. You need to be a high achiever and goals oriented to be selected for this level of study.

Study methods

Whilst you will be expected to attend lectures, the emphasis at this level is on self-directed study which will require you to read extensively, participate in groups, engage in group discussions, present at seminars and submit projects and assignments amongst others.

Duration of Study

An NQF 8 qualification is usually one year full-time.

Masters Degrees

Masters

The Masters is a Level 9 on the NQF. At this level, a student is expected to demonstrate specialist knowledge to engage with and critique current research or practices, as well as conduct advanced research in a particular field or discipline or practice. You will need to demonstrate the ability to use a wide range of specialised skills in identifying, conceptualising, designing and implementing methods of enquiry to address complex and challenging problems within a field, discipline or practice.

Requirements

An undergraduate degree is compulsory. Most Faculties and/or programmes require an Honours or Postgraduate Diploma for entry into Masters. Some Faculties and/or programmes may prescribe a minlmum average mark at the Honours/PGDip level. You need to apply. Applications close on 30 September (31 August for Faculty of Dentistry).

Study Methods

Some programmes may have a coursework component, however, Masters programmes are research driven. You will be required to conduct research under the guidance of a supervisor who is a specialist in the field who will coach, guide and direct your research for the duration of the programme. Your supervisor will assist you throughout the process.

Duration of Study

An NQF 9 qualification is usually minimum x years and maximum y years. A NQF 9 qualification is usually a minimum of one year (dependent on the type of programme).

Doctorate

A Doctoral degree is the most advanced qualification one can attain symbolising that you have specialist knowledge in a very specific field. The Doctorate is Level l0 on the NQF, which is the highest qualification in South Africa. The aim of doctoral research is to create new knowledge by adding to the existing theory, applying innovative research methodology to solve problems and/or conducting existing research in new geographic contexts. A doctoral candidate must demonstrate expertise and critical knowledge in a specific area of a field, discipline or practice; and must possess the ability to conceptualise new research initiatives and create new knowledge or practice.

Requirements

A recognised Masters is a prerequisite for Doctoral Study. You need to apply before the end July of each year.

Study Methods

Doctoral programmes are research driven. You will be required to conduct research on your own. You will be allocated a supervisor who is a specialist in the field who will coach, guide and direct your research for the duration of the programme. An expectationof doctoral study is for you to demonstrate your ability to perform independent study, however your supervisor will provide you with support and feedback throughout the process.

Duration of Study

An NQF 10 qualification is usually minimum of 2 years and maximum of 5 years.



Masters/Doctorate **Life Cycle**

1. APPLICATION
2. SELECTION
3. REGISTRATION
4. CONTACT SUPERVISOR
5. CREATE RESEARCH TOPIC
6. CONDUCT RESEARCH
7. INTENTION TO SUBMIT
8. EXAMINERS APPROVED
9. SUBMISSION FOR EXAMINATION
10. GRADUATE



1. Application.

Upon application for Masters / Doctorate, a student must submit a brief concept proposal (approximately two pages) that should specify the proposed title, introduction and background to the study, a problem statement or research question and research methods that will be used in the study.

2. Selection.

The Faculties.

3. Registration:

Students who receive approval from the Faculty may register by.

4. Contact Supervisor

Supervisor: Once registered, a student may contact their supervisor to commence work. You should agree with your supervisor on how often you will meet important milestones, the turnaround time for feedback, the feedback format, and the supervisor's expectations.

5. Create Research Topic:

A student and supervisor may refine the research topic submitted for the application.

6: Conduct Research:

A student can conduct research once they have received ethical clearance from the University.

7. Intention to Submit:

A student must notify the University that they wish to submit their work for examination.

8. Approval of Examiners:

Upon receipt of the intention to submit, the University will appoint examiners at their discretion.

9. Submission for Examination:

Once your supervisor has given you permission, you must submit your work in the format required by your Faculty.

10. Graduation:

A successful candidate will be informed of the graduation process upon receipt of favourable examiners' reports.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are charged per module within a prescribed programme.
Students who for more a fewer modules prescribed will be charged accordingly.

50% OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING STUDENT FEE ACCOUNT WILL BE DUE BY 30TH APRIL
100% OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING STUDENT FEE ACCOUNT WILL BE DUE BY 31ST JULY

DISCOUNTS ONLY APPLICABLE TO SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS

- Accounts settled in full before the due dates will be eligible for settlement discounts calculated on current tuition fees and accommodation fees outstanding after all rebates have been credited.

Financial **Aid**

A limited number of merit-based bursaries and scholarships are available.



International Students

he UWC International Student Services Office (ISSO) is a dedicated Student Administration unit that supports International Students at various stages in their education at UWC. We are privileged to host students from numerous nationalities in multiple programmes.

International students include all persons whose nationality is from abroad (out of Africa), from the SADC countries (within Africa), refugees, Section 24 asylum permit holders and any other person who does not have a South African citizen identity document.

International students have unique requirements associated with their study in South Africa and thus need specialised support. ISSO aligns with UWC's aim to further global perspectives among its staff and students, thereby strengthening intellectual life and contributing to South Africa's reintegration into the global community.



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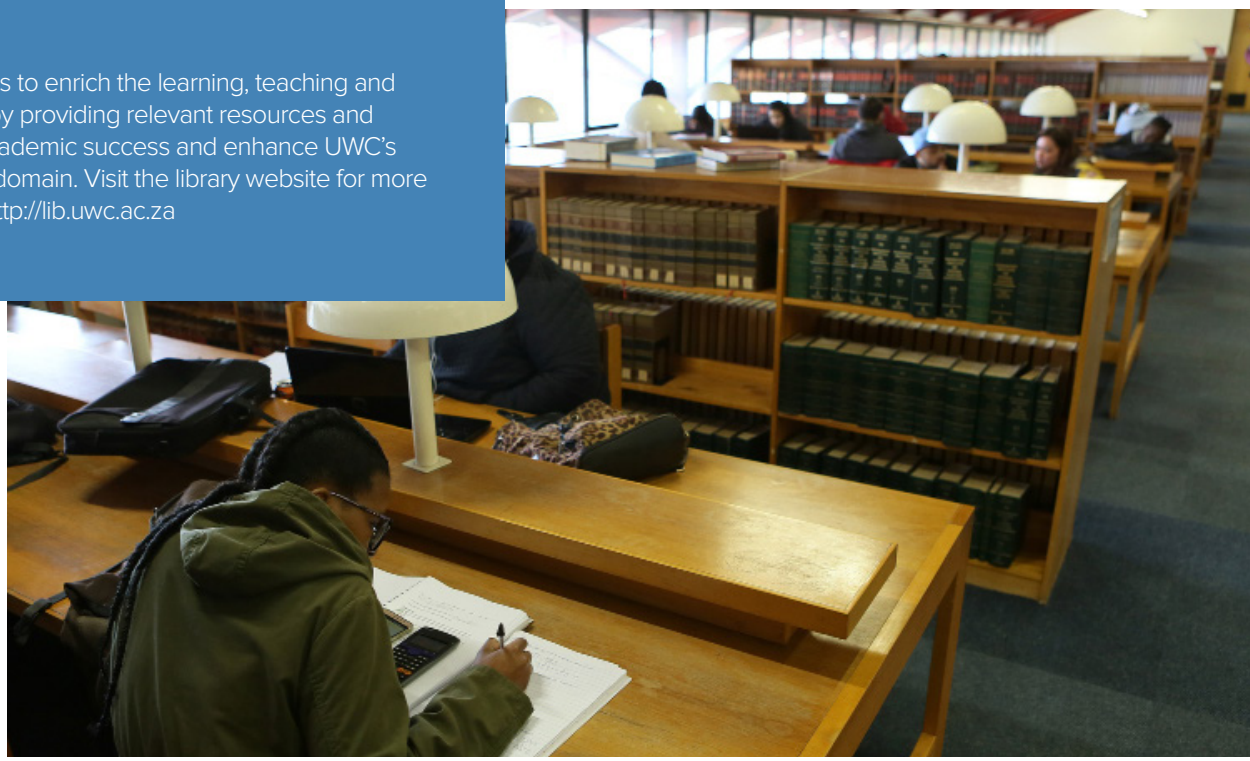




Our Campus

The Library

The UWC Library seeks to enrich the learning, teaching and research experience by providing relevant resources and expertise to enable academic success and enhance UWC's standing in the public domain. Visit the library website for more detailed information: http://lib.uwc.ac.za



Study Areas

The 24-hour study hall is located on Level 2 in the Library with an outside entrance. The Level 13 Postgraduate Lab is reserved for use by registered Masters and Doctoral students. Wi-Fi enabled reading and study areas with seating accommodation for approximately 1 800 people is also available in the library with various discussion rooms situated on Levels 4, 9, 10 and 13.





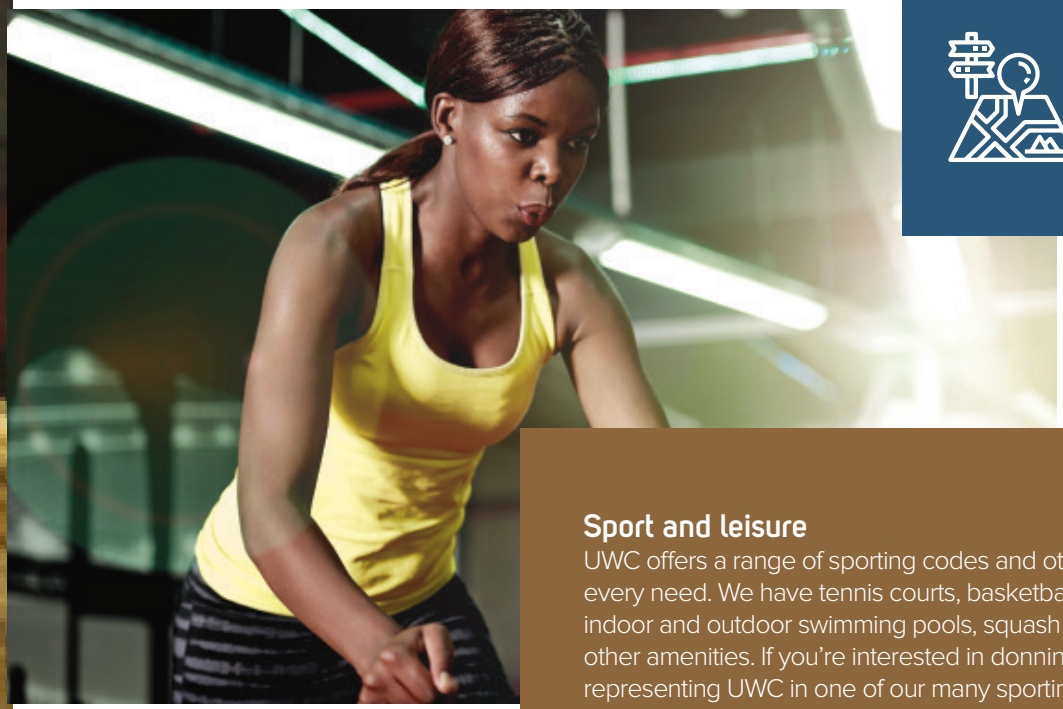
Students with Disabilities

The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSwD) is the central campus resource for disabled students who wish to request academic accommodation. In collaboration with students, faculties and departments, we coordinate accommodation and support to ensure equal access, promote awareness, and provide an individualised support structure for students with disabilities within the UWC community. We are dedicated to promoting equality, opposing unfair discrimination, ensuring reasonable adjustment to campus, facilitating learning and encouraging the participation of all students in university life. Students with disabilities include those who might not directly identify themselves as disabled but who might face discrimination in everyday life because of their impairment. Contact oswd@uwc.ac.za for more details.



WiFi everywhere

The entire UWC campus – from inside lecture halls and labs to outside in spectator stands at the sports stadium – is equipped with fast and reliable WiFi access. Relax with a latte at the Vida e-Café or the Starbucks on campus while you download your latest assignment or do research with your thesis.



Take our tour

Want more? Take the interactive campus tour [here] or watch the campus video tour [here]

Sport and leisure

UWC offers a range of sporting codes and other cultural activities to cater for every need. We have tennis courts, basketball courts, soccer and rugby fields, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, squash courts and a gym, among many other amenities. If you're interested in donning the Blue and Gold and representing UWC in one of our many sporting codes or just want to do a bit of recreational activity, contact sport@uwc.ac.za

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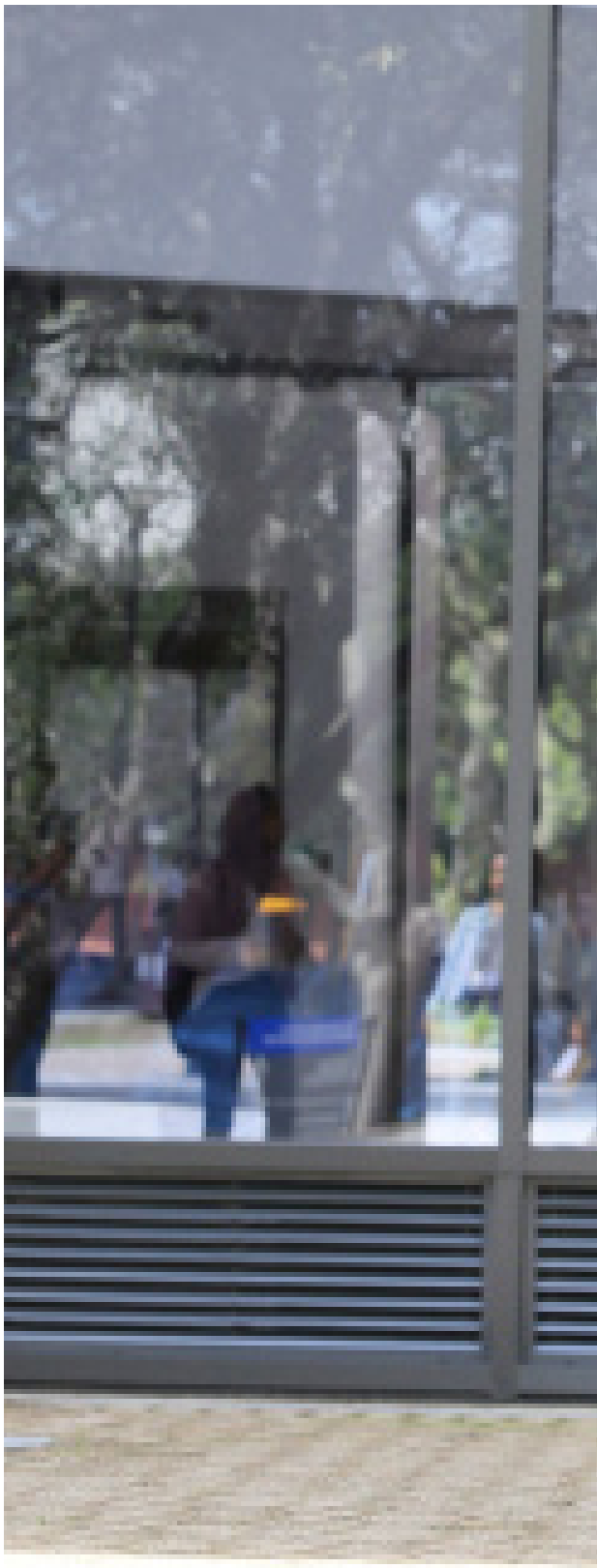
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