
University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

PhD Air Quality Management (02261045)

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

NQF level 10

Programme information

Coordinated by the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology.

The Centre for Environmental Studies is a graduate school for multidisciplinary training and research focusing on the environment. Training aims to satisfy the need for environmental professionals for implementing current environmental legislation as well as industry-driven environmental management systems.

The extensions to the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) promulgated after 2005 affect environmental management in South Africa in a profound way. In particular, the Air Quality Act brings South African legislation into line with international trends. The metro councils are charged with the responsibility of implementing the Act at the local level. In addition, companies need appropriate expertise to obtain licenses for their air quality management plans. This focus area serves to provide suitable expertise for the implementation of the above legislation by industry by training graduates specialised for careers in air quality management. On completion of the training, candidates should be conversant and be able to partake in, or render advice concerning the legislative requirements with respect to air quality management, modelling of and measurement of air pollution and the interpretation of pollution plumes, the measurement and interpretation of chemical air pollution as well as dust pollution, international agreements and requirements as well as the effects of air pollution on humans.

Duration of studies

The doctorate is conferred on a student only if one of the following periods has expired:

- i. At least four years after complying with all the requirements for a three-year bachelor's degree.
- ii. At least three years after complying with all the requirements for a four-year bachelor's degree.
- iii. At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a bachelor's degree of five years or more.
- iv. At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a master's degree.
- v. With the exception of a shorter period that may be approved by the Dean, at least 12 months since registration for the doctorate at this University has expired.

The relevant head of department may set specific residential requirements for students who are required to live on campus.

Renewal of registration

Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctorate must complete his or her studies within three years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department or the Postgraduate Committee, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.



Curriculum

The curriculum for the PhD degree consists of the following:

- i. Theoretical knowledge of the major subject/s and such additional modules as may be prescribed.
- ii. A thesis.

General

Candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the General Regulations regarding the maximum duration of study and the requirements to submit an article/s for publication.

Admission requirements

- MSc (Air Quality Management) or an equivalent degree
- Applicants need to prove that they published one research paper in an open scientific literature (i.e. peer-reviewed professional research journals)
- At least a final grade point average of 65% for the preceding degree.
- SAQA evaluation compulsory. (NQF level 9 required)

Examinations and pass requirements

- i. Consult the General Regulations that apply to the calculation of marks.
- ii. In order to obtain the PhD degree the candidate must:
 - pass the examinations and the prescribed modules, as determined in the study programme;
 - pass the thesis; and
 - pass the final examination on the thesis and general subject knowledge.



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: Air quality management 998 (ENV 998) - Credits: 360.00



Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: [Air quality management 998](#) (ENV 998) - Credits: 360.00

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