

3. Postgraduate programmes per department

3.1 Department of African Languages

3.1.1 BAHons (African Languages)

Programme Code

41505 – 778(120)

Specific Admission Requirements

- A BA degree with an African language as major subject.
- An average final mark of 60% in the major subject which leads to postgraduate study.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by **30 September** of the preceding year and submit all necessary supporting documents.
- International students:
 - Apply by **31 August** of the preceding year and submit all necessary supporting documents.

Programme Structure

The programme focuses on the development of a reflective language view of the African languages through the study of literature and/or linguistics. Four specialisation fields or streams are offered in the programme:

- Language teaching;
- Communication;
- Literature; and
- Linguistics.

The programme is presented by means of 2 lectures and 1 seminar per week.

Duration of Programme

This programme extends over one year full-time or two years part-time. Lectures begin the first week of February.

The programme makes provision for the needs and circumstances of both full-time and part-time students (professional persons):

- Full-time students – one year of study with contact tuition on campus. You take all six compulsory modules in one year.
- Part-time students – two years of study with contact tuition on campus or through modular teaching. You take three modules in the first year and do the remaining three modules in the second year.

Programme Content

The programme includes the following research fields in African languages:

- Literature;
- Linguistics;
- Communication;
- Language Acquisition; and
- Language Teaching.

You choose, in collaboration with the Department, themes from **one option** of five modules in respect to one of the specialisation fields or streams.

Module description

The content of the module is determined by your option:

- **Option 1:** Communication (elements of human communication, interpersonal and group communication, public communication, pragmatics and discourse analysis, and mass communication).
- **Option 2:** Language Teaching (literacy and language teaching, reading skills and text-linguistic analysis, writing skills and genre analysis, pragmatics and discourse analysis, and sociolinguistics).
- **Option 3:** Literature (novel, drama, short story, poetry and creative writing, oral literature and folklore).
- **Option 4:** Linguistics (syntax, morphology/phonology/phonetics, semantics and computational linguistics, pragmatics and discourse analysis, and sociolinguistics).

Compulsory Modules

10033 : Study of African Language	781(18)
10033 : Study of African Language	782(18)
10033 : Study of African Language	783(18)
10033 : Study of African Language	784(18)
10033 : Study of African Language	785(18)
12792 : Research Assignment (African Languages)	776(30)

Assessment and Examination

Assessment is conducted per module as explained in the individual module frameworks.

Enquiries

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3.1.2 BAHons (African Languages for Professional Contexts)

Programme Code

56472 – 778(120)

Specific Admission Requirements

A BA degree with an African language as major subject or equivalent qualification.

Closing Date for Applications

Apply by **30 November** of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

The programme focuses on professional discourse practices in African languages in multilingual contexts. It focuses specifically on the study of African languages in the related fields of sociolinguistics, communication study, pragmatics, discourse analysis and genre analysis. The programme structure is modular and consists of blocks of on-campus contact sessions and self-study components.

Duration of Programme

The programme extends over one year of study. Lectures begin in the first week of February.

Programme Content

The compulsory modules are presented below. For the research module you write an assignment of 30 credits.

Compulsory Modules

12790 : Professional Discourse in African Languages	771(60)
10037 : Discourse and Pragmatics	772(30)
12791 : Research Assignment (Language Planning and Policy)	773(30)

Assessment and Examination

Assessment is conducted per module as explained in the individual module frameworks.

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