

Rules for the Degree of Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

(Degree code: 06807 – DIS680Y)

These rules should be read in conjunction with the general rules and the general information in Part 1 of the Calendar.

See General Rules PG11 to PG18 regarding duration of study, re-registration, requirements for dissertation, etc.

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Admission requirements

A student must hold an Honours Bachelor's degree in Psychology or a completed BPsych qualification. Only a limited number of students can be admitted to the studies for the degree. Prospective students must appear before a selection committee in Pretoria.

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Duration of study

The curriculum extends over two years.

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Curriculum

The curriculum covers theoretical and practical as well as research training. The three sections carry equal weight. A student who is in possession of a master's or a Doctor's degree in Psychology may, with the approval of Senate, do an oral examination or submit a comprehensive report in the place of the dissertation of limited scope.

Students register for TP1KLNG in the first year of study and for TP2KLNL and DIS680Y in the second year of study.

1. THEORY

- (a) Psychodiagnosis, testing and differential diagnoses. Clinical aspects of intelligence and personality testing and behavioural observation.
- (b) An introduction to the ecosystemic approach in psychology
- (c) Therapy. Therapeutic communication according to different theoretical models in individual, family and group situations.
- (d) Ethics
- (e) Community psychology

2. PRACTICAL

- (a) Application of psychological assessment techniques under supervision
- (b) Weekly training in psychotherapy with direct supervision
- (c) Training in report writing

3. RESEARCH

- (a) A dissertation of limited scope (DIS680Y) is planned and executed in collaboration with a supervisor.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of General Rule PG15(7), the dissertation may be submitted at any stage of the course but a student will not complete the degree until the dissertation has been accepted.
- (c) A scientific article must be submitted with the dissertation.

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Pass-mark and pass with distinction

- (1) To pass, a candidate shall obtain at least 50% in each of the three sections. To be awarded the degree with distinction, a candidate shall obtain at least 75% in each of the practical and theoretical sections, as well as an average of at least 75% in the three sections combined.
- (2) The theoretical section and the practical section must be passed in the same academic year. Credit is not retained if only one section is passed.

IMPORTANT: INTERNSHIPS

For purposes of registration with the Professional Board for Psychology, a student is required to do an internship of one year at an accredited institution in addition to the successful completion of the degree. Except with the permission of the Chairperson of the Department, the internship may not be done before the student has complied with all the requirements for the completion of the degree.