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**Masters Programme in
Environmental Management
(M.Env.Man.)**

“But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself.” - Rachel Carson

Masters Programme in Environmental Management (M.Env.Man.)

Join the professional environmental management and assessment fraternity in South Africa!

This programme aims to build the environmental management capacity required to manage human activities sustainably. It emphasises the development of analytical skills and critical thinking through high-quality research. These abilities enable graduates to compete with confidence as environmental management professionals locally and internationally.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course consists of three modules:

- Critical perspectives on Environmental Management theory and practice(OMBO 878) - 40 credits
- Critical perspectives on Environmental Assessment theory and practice (OMBO 879) - 40 credits
- Dissertation (OMBO 873) - 100 credits

PROGRAMME ARRANGEMENTS

- Two-year programme in a part-time format
- Two five day contact sessions per year in Potchefstroom
- Annual research colloquia

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Appropriate honours or equivalent degree
- Students are selected based on qualifications, academic performance and work experience.

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE

(Module OMBO 878)

Principal instructors: Mr Theunis Meyer and Prof Francois Retief

Study units:

- Introduction to environmental management and key environmental challenges
- Legal framework for environmental management
- Introduction to environmental management approaches or policy instruments
- Corporate and public sector environmental management/governance
- Environmental planning and implementation (doing) instruments
- Environmental checking instruments: monitoring and auditing
- Environmental reporting instruments
- Sectoral environmental management: Water, Waste, Air quality, Biodiversity and land management

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE

(Module OMBO 879)

Principal instructors: Prof Francois Retief, Ms Carli Steenkamp and Mr Theunis Meyer

Study units:

- Introduction to Environmental Assessment: EA theory and debates
- Introduction to the South African legal framework for EIA
- International Best Practice Principles
- The EIA process
- Key concepts in Environmental Assessment
- The specialist dimension of Environmental Assessment
- The strategic dimension of Environmental Assessment
- The sustainability dimension of Environmental Assessment

DISSERTATION

(Module OMBO 873)

Students are required to complete a research project in the form of a mini-dissertation under supervision. In addition, they are expected to prepare an article on their research for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Ideally, research topics should align with the programme's existing research focus.

Main research areas:

- **Environmental Assessment:**
 - Quality of EIA and SEA
 - Effectiveness of EIA and SEA
 - EIA and the planning interface
 - Environmental assessment and decision making
 - Environmental assessment theory
- **Environmental Management:**
 - Environmental law and governance
 - Environmental management tools
 - Environmental management systems
 - Environmental auditing and monitoring



Youtube



For more information, follow the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsd0BPI1JyQ&feature=youtu.be>