



## APPLICATION & REGISTRATION

Prospective students are requested to send their application forms *(which can be found on our website)* for admission to the university to:

DiMTEC • Faculty of Natural and Agriculture Sciences  
PO Box 339 • Internal Box 66 • Bloemfontein • 9300  
South Africa

The applications must reach the university by the end of September of the year preceding the one in which you wish to commence your studies.

**Only a limited number of students will be selected for the qualifications.** For details visit our website or contact us.

## DURATION & LECTURING

### POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA

Full-time students will be able to complete in one year.  
Part-time students will be able to complete in two years.  
Students will have to attend three contact sessions each year, consisting of one week per contact session.

### MASTER OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Full-time students will be able to complete in one year.  
Part-time students will be able to complete in two years.  
Students will have to attend two or three contact sessions each year, consisting of one week per contact session, as well as a practical examination.

### PHD IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Minimum 2 years, maximum 5 years.

## FEES

Enquiries about all fees can be found on the University website, or call +27 (0) 51 401 9537

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa

**DiMTEC** is the leading disaster Management academic institution in Africa and has close ties with several United Nations institutions, Universities nationally and internationally, NGO's, Private sector and government organisations operating within the humanitarian fraternity.

These sort of networks give DiMTEC leverage in the academic field of Disaster Risk Reduction, Disaster Management and Humanitarian studies and allows excellent networking opportunities for our students.

**If you want to make a difference ...**

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## VISION

The Vision of UFS-DiMTEC is to be an internationally recognized Centre of excellence in disaster management training, education and research in Africa.

## MISSION

Our mission is focused on three outcomes. Firstly we provide world-class education and training to post graduate students in disaster management in order to capacitate them to reduce disaster risks in their sphere of influence. Secondly, we do cutting edge interdisciplinary research, which provides solutions for a resilient planet in the face of global change. Thirdly, we serve our community, the continent of Africa and beyond.

## STUDY AIMS

The main aim of the programme is to provide aspiring disaster management students or those who may have future disaster management responsibilities, training in a holistic approach towards disaster management to enable them to manage all kinds of disasters by implementing proactive disaster management strategies in terms of relevant legislation, policies and directives, and effectively co-ordinate relief and recovery programs. Students will have an understanding of the principles and practices of disaster management.

## WHO SHOULD ENROLL?

Disaster Management requires a holistic approach with a wide variety of specialists to solve complex Disaster Management problems. A multi-disciplinary team is therefore deemed necessary. This degree is a necessity for people working in the field of disasters, risk and emergency management in either the public or private sectors e.g.:

- Disaster risk managers
- Paramedics
- Departmental line functionaries
- Agricultural officers
- Military officers
- Health officers
- Fire, traffic, municipal personnel
- Town planners
- Police officers
- Trauma officials
- IT managers
- Communication officials
- Environmentalists
- Non-governmental organizations (NGO's)
- Community based organizations (CBO's)
- Psychologists
- Private security and rescue
- Anthropologists
- Human Resources
- Educators

## POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT • PGDip DM • 120 credits



## LEARNING PROGRAMME

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Compulsary:

#### FIRST SEMESTER

Module Code	Subject	Credits
<b>DIMR5810</b>	Research Design Methodology	15
<b>DIMI5810</b>	Introduction to Disaster Management	15
<b>DIMM5810</b>	Theoretical Models for disaster risk reduction	15
<b>DIML5810</b>	Legal and Institutional Arrangements for Disaster Management	15

#### SECOND SEMESTER

Module Code	Subject	Credits
<b>DIMS5820</b>	Strategic Disaster Management	20
<b>DIMT5820</b>	Information Technology in Disaster Management	10
<b>DIMP5820</b>	Public Health in Disaster Management	15
<b>DIMN5820</b>	Management of natural and human-made disasters	15

### MASTER IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

MDM • 180 credits

Electives • choose 60 credits:

Module Code	Subject	Credits
<b>DIMH7910</b>	Disaster Mental Health	30
<b>DIMP7900</b>	Political Strategic Planning	30
<b>DIMG7900</b>	Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing in Disaster Management	30
<b>DIME7910</b>	Ethnic and Cultural Conduct	30
<b>DIMM7910</b>	Management of media relations	30
<b>DIMI7910</b>	Disaster Risk and impact assessment	60
<b>DIMW7910</b>	Water related disasters	60
<b>DIMD7910</b>	Ecosystems based on disaster risk reduction & climate change adaptation	60

Compulsary:

<b>DIM7910</b>	Disaster Management Mini Dissertation	120
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## QUALIFICATIONS

### POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

PGDip • 120 credits

Our PGDip is at NQF level 8 with an entrance level of NQF level 7. It entails 8 subjects, 4 in the first semester and 4 in the second semester. This qualification will equip a learner with strategic and operational skills to plan for and manage disaster risk reduction and disaster management.

On completion of this qualification the student will be able to work as a practitioner at a managerial level within a government, private sector or non-governmental organisation.



### MASTER OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

MDM • 180 credits

With this qualification, the learner will be able to obtain advanced knowledge and practical research skills after completion of 2 electives and a supervised research on your topic of your interest



### PhD IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

360 credits

With a PhD in disaster management, you will become an esteemed expert in your chosen area of study by doing extensive supervised research.

During or on completion of your study, you are expected to present a paper at a recognised national or international conference as well as publish in an accredited journal one article.