



## MASTER'S AND PHD POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION PROCEDURE (QWAQWA)

The application procedures for admission to the department are as follows:

### Master's Degree:

Acceptance for an MA in Geography or MSc in Geography/Environmental Science/Geo-informatics require a grade of >65% for a BA (Hons) or a BSc (Hons). However, if the grades are between 60-64% the supervisor can motivate for their admission.

Prospective students need to follow the following process:

- Follow the **UFS postgraduate online application** process. Take note of the following:
  - If a student completed a BA (Hons) or BSocSc (Hons) degree with geography as a major, they can only apply for an MA in Human Geography.
  - If a student completed the BSc (Hons) Geography or Environmental Geography degree at UFS, they can apply for the MSc in Geography, Environmental Geography and Mountain Environments.
  - Students applying from outside the UFS, who completed a BSc (Hons) in Geography or Environmental Geography degree, can apply for the MSc in Geography, Environmental Geography or Mountain Environments.
  - Students applying from outside the UFS, who completed a BSc (Hons) in Geography or BSc (Hons) in Geo-informatics, with a strong computer science and geo-informatics background, can apply for an MSc in Geo-informatics presented at the Bloemfontein Campus.
- It is advised that prospective candidates view the personnel profiles on the UFS Geography Departmental website and identify a possible supervisor based on the research interest of both the candidate and the supervisor.
- **In addition to the online application** candidates also need to submit an *application form* and a *concept note/mini proposal* (±3000 words) to the Postgraduate Coordinator at the QwaQwa Campus ([xulus@ufs.ac.za](mailto:xulus@ufs.ac.za)). To obtain the application form, email the respective Postgraduate Coordinator, *after* the UFS postgraduate online application has been completed. If the application is successful and approved



by the Postgraduate Committee of the UFS Geography Department, the applicant will be notified and can continue with registration.

- In exceptional cases, the Department may grant admission by virtue of an oral or written assessment in which the student displays up-to-date knowledge of the theory and principles of the subject. Depending on a student's academic background, additional modules may be prescribed by the Department. Foreign students need to submit their degrees for SAQA evaluation, before the application can be considered and the results need to accompany the application form.

### **PhD Degree:**

Acceptance for PhD in Geography/Environmental Science/Geo-informatics require a grade of >65% for MA or MSc. However, if the grades are between 60-64% the supervisor can motivate for their admission.

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- Follow the ***UFS postgraduate online application*** process. Take note of the following:
  - If a student completed an MA or MASocSc degree with geography as a major, they can apply only for a PhD in Human Geography.
  - If a student completed the MSc Geography, Environmental Geography or Mountain Environments degree at UFS, they can only apply for the PhD in Geography, Environmental Geography or Mountain Environments.
  - Students applying from outside the UFS, who completed an MSc in Geography, can apply for the PhD in Geography or Environmental Geography.
  - Students applying from outside the UFS, who completed an MSc in Geography or MSc in Geo-informatics with a strong computer science and geo-informatics background, can apply for the PhD in Geo-informatics presented at Bloemfontein Campus.
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