

NATIONAL DIPLOMA: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Qualification code: NDEV02 - NQF Level 6

Campus where offered: Arcadia Campus

Please note that this qualification had no new intakes since 2013.

REMARKS

a. *Admission requirement(s) and selection criteria:*

• **FOR APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED A SENIOR CERTIFICATE BEFORE 2008:**

Admission requirement(s):

A Senior Certificate or an equivalent qualification, with a D symbol at Standard Grade or an E symbol at Higher Grade for English, Mathematics and Physical Science.

Recommended subject(s):

Biology and Geography.

Selection criteria:

- Applicants who meet the minimum requirements will be invited to do an academic proficiency test. The applicants' performance in the Senior Certificate will contribute 80% to the final admission score and the academic proficiency test 20%.
- Applicants who meet the minimum requirements for the National Diploma: Environmental Sciences (Extended Curriculum) will be short listed for selection by a departmental selection panel.

• **FOR APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED A NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE IN OR AFTER 2008:**

Admission requirement(s):

A National Senior Certificate with a bachelor's degree or a diploma endorsement, or an equivalent qualification, with an achievement level of at least 4 for English (home language or first additional language), 4 for Mathematics and 4 for Physical Sciences.

Recommended subject(s):

Geography and Life Sciences.

Selection criteria:

- To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least **21**.
- For the National Diploma: Environmental Sciences (Extended Curriculum) applicants will be selected by a departmental selection panel. Those who achieve the minimum APS will be shortlisted.

Assessment procedures:

- Applicants with a score of 24 and more will be considered for admission.
- Applicants with a score of 21 to 23 will be invited to do an academic proficiency test. The APS will contribute 80% to the final admission score and the academic proficiency test, will contribute 20%.

b. *Minimum duration:*
Three years.

c. *Presentation:*
Day classes.

d. *Intake for the qualification:*
January only.



- e. *Exclusion and readmission:*
See Chapter 2 of Students' Rules and Regulations.
- f. *Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), equivalence and status:*
See Chapter 30 of Students' Rules and Regulations.
- g. *Practicals:*
It is compulsory for students to attend 100% of practical classes. Students must pass the practical component of a subject to be admitted to the examination.
- h. *Textbooks:*
Textbooks and other educational material may be required.
- i. *Personal protective equipment:*
Specific safety wear is compulsory (where applicable), and students must purchase it themselves.
- j. *Projects and assignments:*
Students will be expected to undertake projects and assignments in some of the subjects.
- k. *Industrial Environmental Practice III (Work-Integrated Learning):*
See Chapter 5 of Students' Rules and Regulations.
- l. *Subject credits:*
Subject credits are shown in brackets after each subject.

CURRICULUM

SUBJECTS PRINTED IN BOLD ARE NOT FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES.

FIRST YEAR

CODE	SUBJECT	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE SUBJECT(S)
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FIRST SEMESTER

CHE141B	Chemistry IA	(0,100)	
COS101T	Communication Skills I	(0,050)	
EMG101T	Environmental Management I		
EMG10XT	Environmental Management: General I	(0,075)	
ERS101T	Environmental Resources I		
ERS10XT	Environmental Resources: Ecosystem Ecology I	(0,075)	
GEO141T	Geology I	(0,100)	
MAT171T	Mathematics I	(0,100)	

TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER: 0,500

SECOND SEMESTER

AGL111T	Applied Geology I	(0,100)	Geology I
CSK101B	Computer Skills I	(0,050)	
EMG101T	Environmental Management I		
EMG10YT	Environmental Management: Applied I	(0,075)	Environmental Management: General I
EPS111T	Entrepreneurial Skills	(0,050)	
ERS101T	Environmental Resources I		
ERS10YT	Environmental Resources: Population Ecology I	(0,075)	Environmental Resources: Ecosystem Ecology I
GTH101T	Geotechnology I	(0,100)	Geology I



MBI101T	Microbiology I	(0,100)
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER:		0,550
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE FIRST YEAR:		1,050

SECOND YEAR

CODE	SUBJECT	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE SUBJECT(S)
FIRST SEMESTER			
AGL211B	Applied Geology II	(0,100)	Applied Geology I
ELE201T	Environmental Legislation	(0,100)	
EMG201T	Environmental Management II	(0,100)	Environmental Management I
ENC201T	Environmental Chemistry II	(0,100)	Chemistry IA
GTH201B	Geotechnology II	(0,100)	Geotechnology I
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER:		0,500	
SECOND SEMESTER			
EEC201T	Environmental Economy	(0,100)	
EGE201T	Environmental Geology II	(0,100)	Applied Geology II
EMB201T	Environmental Biotechnology II	(0,100)	Microbiology I
EMS201T	Environmental Management Systems	(0,100)	Environmental Management II
ERS201T	Environmental Resources II	(0,100)	Environmental Resources I
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER:		0,500	
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SECOND YEAR:		1,000	

THIRD YEAR

CODE	SUBJECT	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE SUBJECT(S)
FIRST SEMESTER			
EMG301T	Environmental Management III	(0,150)	Environmental Management II
ENV301T	Environmental Geohydrology III	(0,150)	Environmental Geology II
ERS301T	Environmental Resources III	(0,150)	Environmental Resources II
plus two of the following subjects:			
EGE301T	Environmental Geology III	(0,150)	Environmental Geology II
ENC301T	Environmental Chemistry III	(0,150)	Environmental Chemistry II
GTH301T	Geotechnology III	(0,150)	Geotechnology II
IPO301T	Industrial Processes III	(0,150)	
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER:		0,750	
SECOND SEMESTER			
On completion of all the subjects in the first- and second year.			
INV301T	Industrial Environmental Practice III (offered in both semesters)	(0,200)	
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER:		0,200	
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE THIRD YEAR:		0,950	
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE QUALIFICATION:		3,000	



SUBJECT/MODULE INFORMATION (OVERVIEW OF SYLLABUS)

The syllabus content is subject to change to accommodate industry changes. Please note that a more detailed syllabus is available at the Department or in the study guide that is applicable to a particular subject/module. On 01 August 2017, the syllabus content was defined as follows:

A

APPLIED GEOLOGY I (AGL111T) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(*Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences*)
Introductory geophysics. Introductory hydrogeology. Introductory engineering geology. (Total tuition time: ± 60 hours)

APPLIED GEOLOGY II (AGL211B) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(*Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences*)
South African stratigraphy and mineral deposits. (Total tuition time: ± 68 hours)

C

CHEMISTRY IA (CHE141B) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(*Subject custodian: Department of Chemistry*)
Atomic structure, chemical bonding, periodic table of elements and nomenclature of inorganic compounds. Chemical equations and reactions and stoichiometry. Solutions, acids, bases, pH calculations and chemical equilibrium. Electrochemistry and redox reactions. Introduction to organic compounds (nomenclature and functional groups). Practical: experiments based on the theory, with the emphasis on basic laboratory techniques. (Total tuition time: ± 152 hours)

COMMUNICATION SKILLS I (COS101T) **CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
(*Subject custodian: Department of Applied Languages*)
Communication theory. Oral presentation. Technical writing skills. Group communication skills. (Total tuition time: not available)

COMPUTER SKILLS I (CSK101B) **CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT**
(*Subject/Module custodian: End User Computing Unit*)
Students have to acquire theoretical knowledge (computing fundamentals) and practical skills as an end-user in operating systems and MS Office Suite applications (MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint) on an introductory level. Students will do online and computer based tests. The modules are mapped with SAQA and IC3 Essential Skills for Digital Literacy (international certification). (Total tuition time: ± 40 hours)

E

ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS (EPS111T) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(*Subject custodian: Department of Management and Entrepreneurship*)
The various types of businesses, management functions, budgeting, accounting, administration, banking, personnel management, customer relations, and entrepreneurship versus entrepreneurship. (Total tuition time: not available)

ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECHNOLOGY II (EMB201T) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(*Subject custodian: Department of Biotechnology and Food Technology*)
The different ecospheres that house organisms, their role in cycling in nature and the uses of micro-organisms to treat wastewater and xenobiotics. Harnessing organisms for mining and extraction of oil as well as remediation of oil spills. (Total tuition time: ± 40 hours)

ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY II (ENC201T) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(*Subject custodian: Department of Chemistry*)
Chemical fate and transport, industrial ecology, aquatic chemistry, including water analysis, sources of water pollution and water treatment methods. Chemical analysis of water and wastewaters. Toxicological chemistry. Practical: experimental techniques related to the theory. (Total tuition time: ± 96 hours)



- ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY III (ENC301T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Chemistry)
 The geosphere and geochemistry: rock cycle, sediment transport and pollution issues relating to the geosphere. Soil chemistry: composition of soil and chemical reactions that may occur in soil. Atmospheric chemistry: atmospheric physical and chemical processes, particularly the photochemical process, as well as various effects from dispersion of pollutants, sampling and analytical methods relating to atmospheric or gaseous samples. Waste: nature and sources of waste, waste minimisation at source, disposal of waste, hazardous waste, nuclear waste and agricultural chemicals. Waste and solids analysis: methods for sampling and analysis of solid environmental samples including wastes. Practical: experimental techniques related to the theory. (Total tuition time: ± 96 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMY (EEC201T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Introductory economy. Sociopolitical factors. Resource economy. Quantification of environmental risks. Environmental and economical problems and situation criteria. (Total tuition time: ± 42 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL GEOHYDROLOGY III (ENV301T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Basic concepts. Appearance and movement of groundwater. Groundwater exploration. Drilling techniques. Borehole construction, development and maintenance. (Total tuition time: ± 60 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY II (EGE201T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Natural disasters. Human impact on geological environment. (Total tuition time: ± 45 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY III (EGE301T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Environmental geophysics, environmental geohydrology and environmental engineering geology. (Total tuition time: ± 60 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION (ELE201T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Framework of environmental law. South African legal process. Nature and scope of national, provincial and local legislation. Implementation of specific laws. Environmental impact assessment, environmental management programme. International environmental legislation and standards. International conventions and treaties. Green organisations. Quantification of legal risks. (Total tuition time: ± 42 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT II (EMG201T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Production management. Life cycle analysis. Environmental finance and cost analysis. Industrial health. (Total tuition time: ± 30 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT III (EMG301T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Environmental management strategy. Environmental audit. Environmental monitoring. Integrated environmental management. (Total tuition time: ± 42 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: APPLIED I (EMG10YT)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Introduction to environmental management. Key environmental issues, air pollution, renewable energy, climate change, solid and hazardous waste. (Total tuition time: ± 30 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: GENERAL I (EMG10XT)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Introduction to environmental management. Key environmental issues, human population and its impacts, water resources, food, soil and pest management. (Total tuition time: ± 30 hours)
- ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (EMS201T)** **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)
 Environmental management philosophy. Formal management resources. Various uses of environmental systems. ISO 14000, BS 7750 and ERA. (Total tuition time: ± 45 hours)



ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES II (ERS201T) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

Environmental quality: air pollution, water pollution, solid waste, pesticides, radiation, noise. Waste management. Waste: rational use reduces waste, renewal techniques, recycling. Risk management: identifying potential risks, dealing with risks. (Total tuition time: ± 30 hours)

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES III (ERS301T) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

Climate studies: the South African climate, urban climate, factors that have an impact on climate. Particular environmental features: mountains, rivers, the coastal zone. Indications of environmental concerns: unofficial indicators, official indicators. (Total tuition time: ± 45 hours)

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: ECOSYSTEM ECOLOGY I (ERS10XT) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

General ecology: the purpose of the study of ecology, organisation of the ecosystem, ecological pyramids and population interactions. Renewable resources: soil, wild animals, freshwater systems, marine systems. Non-renewable resources: terrestrial minerals, offshore minerals. (Total tuition time: ± 45 hours)

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: POPULATION ECOLOGY I (ERS10YT) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

General ecology: the purpose of the study of ecology, organisation of the ecosystem, ecological pyramids and population interactions. Renewable resources: soil, wild animals, freshwater systems, marine systems. Non-renewable resources: terrestrial minerals, offshore minerals. (Total tuition time: ± 45 hours)

G

GEOLOGY I (GEO141T) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

Introduction to earth sciences. Physical geology. Geomorphology. Pedology. Introduction to environmental geology. (Total tuition time: ± 104 hours)

GEOTECHNOLOGY I (GTH101T) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

The use of maps, aerial photographs and other satellite images in the earth sciences. Introduction to section drawings. Mapping techniques. (Total tuition time: ± 60 hours)

GEOTECHNOLOGY II (GTH201B) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

Petrology of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. (Total tuition time: ± 60 hours)

GEOTECHNOLOGY III (GTH301T) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

Geological exploration. Mining. (Total tuition time: ± 60 hours)

I

INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE III (INV301T) WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

Students do practical application of basic theory on a structural basis. (Total tuition time: not available)

INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES III (IPO301T) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Environmental, Water and Earth Sciences)

Different types of industries and processes. Alternative technologies. Waste management. (Total tuition time: ± 60 hours)

M

MATHEMATICS I (MAT171T) 1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Mathematics and Statistics)

Basic mathematics. Differentiation. Integration. Matrices. (Total tuition time: ± 90 hours)



MICROBIOLOGY I (MBI101T)

1 X 3-HOUR PAPER

(Subject custodian: Department of Biotechnology and Food Technology)

General introduction. Microscopy. Protista, mycota and monera. Eucaryotes, procaryotes and viruses. Microbial nutrition. Growth and culture media. Sterilisation and control of micro-organisms. Aseptic techniques and pure culture techniques. Basic terminology and principles of microbial metabolism. Practical microbiology. (Total tuition time: ± 66 hours)

