

MASTER OF ECONOMICS IN COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

(Qualification type: *Structured Master's Degree*)

MEcon (Comparative Local Development) - NQF Level 9 (180 credits)

Qualification code: **MDLD19**

SAQA ID: 96753, CHE NUMBER: H16/10786/HEQSF

Campus where offered:

Pretoria Campus (Nana Sita Street)

REMARKS

a. *Admission requirement(s):*

A postgraduate diploma, **or** an honours degree, **or** a bachelor's degree, **or** an equivalent qualification in Economics, Law, Political Science or Sociology at NQF Level 8 obtained from an accredited South African University, **or** any four-year qualification with honours status at NQF Level 8.

Holders of any other equivalent South African or international qualification may also be considered, see Chapter 1 of Students' Rules and Regulations.

Candidates with a baccalaureus technologiae degree at NQF Level 7 in the relevant discipline, will be accepted on condition that they concurrently register the master's degree with NQF Level 8 bridging modules namely, Advanced Research Methods (ARM118Z - 30 credits) and Political History of South Africa (POH119Z - 30 credits).

b. *Selection criteria:*

Admission will be subject to approval of a research topic by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC). All applicants are required to submit a research abstract and all other supporting documentation to the department. Acceptance is subject to available capacity according to the Student Enrolment Plan (SEP). Applicants will be informed of their status per official letter from the Office of the Registrar, alternatively, they can check their application status on the TUT website, www.tut.ac.za.

c. *Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), equivalence and status:*

See Chapter 30 of Students' Rules and Regulations.

d. *Intake for the qualification:*

January only.

e. *Presentation:*

Evening classes and research.

f. *Duration:*

A minimum of two years and a maximum of three years.

g. *Rules on postgraduate studies:*

See Chapter 8 of Students' Rules and Regulations.

h. *Re-registration:*

A student may re-register for any re-registration module only with the permission of the Head of the Department. The purpose of the re-registration is to provide students with an opportunity to complete the project only, and not to redo it, should they fail the module.



CURRICULUM

FIRST YEAR

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT
FIRST SEMESTER			
EAL119M	Economic Approaches to Local Development	(9)	(12)
LAL119M	Legal Approaches to Local Development	(9)	(12)
SAL119M	Socio-Political Approaches to Local Development	(9)	(12)
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER:			36
SECOND SEMESTER			
DEP119M	Local Development and Entrepreneurship Policies	(9)	(12)
MVS119M	Management of Diversities in Societies	(9)	(12)
RIG119M	Regional Integration and Multilevel Governance	(9)	(12)
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER:			36
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE FIRST YEAR:			72

SECOND YEAR

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT
CLD109M	Research Report	(9)	(60)
CLD119R	Research Report (re-registration) (first- or second-semester module, see paragraph h)	(9)	(0)
FIRST SEMESTER			
FLD119M	Financial Aspects of Local Development	(9)	(12)
PJG119M	Project Management	(9)	(12)
SLV119M	Sustainable Local Development	(9)	(12)
SECOND SEMESTER			
WCL119M	WIL in Comparative Local Development	(9)	(12)
WCL119R	WIL in Comparative Local Development (re-registration) (first-semester module, see paragraph h)	(9)	(0)
TOTAL CREDITS FOR SECOND YEAR:			108
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE QUALIFICATION:			180



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 module. At time of publication, the syllabus content was defined as follows:

E

ECONOMIC APPROACHES TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (EAL119M) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module custodian: Department of Economics)
Exploring the conditions for economic development, focusing on innovation systems theory. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

F

FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (FLD119M) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module custodian: Department of Economics)
The role of the financial system in the process of local economic development. Policy instruments used to strengthen the financial support to the development process. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

L

LEGAL APPROACHES TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (LAL119M) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module custodian: Department of Economics)
Underlying legal concepts in local development and laying the foundation for exploring the organisation and functions of the different levels of government and administration. Focus on the organisation of local government from a comparative perspective, with particular focus on the constitutional frameworks and institutions of the countries of southern Africa as re-shaped in the transitional period of the 1990s. The legal basis for trans-border cooperation in the southern Africa region and the outlook of the progressive embodiment of traditional law in modern constitutional systems will be studied. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP POLICIES (DEP119M) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module custodian: Department of Economics)
Definition of the concept of entrepreneurship by paying special attention to the specificity of contexts within which entrepreneurship becomes manifest, the different types and roles of entrepreneurship and the role of institutions in determining which features prevail. Barriers to entrepreneurship and the relevant policy implications. Distribution of SMMEs. Underground economy and organised criminality. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

M

MANAGEMENT OF DIVERSITIES IN SOCIETIES (MVS119M) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module custodian: Department of Economics)
Examining the challenges of the pluralistic society for local development. Regulation and management of diversities and relations in plural societies with an emphasis on the regulation and management of ethnic relations and the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts. Concepts related to identifying difference and diversity and their implications for local development. Students will be equipped with conceptual frameworks, skills and strategies for managing these differences to create opportunities for local development. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

P

PROJECT MANAGEMENT (PJG119M) **1 X 3-HOUR PAPER**
(Module custodian: Department of Economics)
Designing, developing and evaluating programmes and presenting them effectively orally and in writing. (Total notional time: 120 hours)



R**REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE (RIG119M)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Economics)**

Evaluating and understanding the economic, legal, political and social implications and the contributions of the process of regional integration and multi-level governance to local development. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

RESEARCH REPORT (CLD109M, CLD119R)**MINI-DISSERTATION ASSESSMENT****(Module custodian: Department of Economics)**

Analysis, research and experience are combined to produce an original and innovative project for local development in southern Africa or other areas in transformation. The students' ability to research, apply and elaborate on the knowledge and technical expertise they acquired during the taught component of the programme is developed. (Total notional time: 600 hours)

S**SOCIO-POLITICAL APPROACHES TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (SAL119M)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Economics)**

An orientation to the alternative socio-political theoretical and conceptual explanations of the process of development and the differing international, national and regional factors affecting local development. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (SLV119M)**1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Economics)**

Highlighting the basic concepts in sustainable development by drawing out certain policy implications. Special attention is devoted to the general concepts and methodological issues, but empirical examples will also be discussed. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

W**WIL IN COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (WCL119M/R)****PROJECT ASSESSMENT****(Module custodian: Department of Economics)**

Practical exposure to policy design and implementation in relevant government departments or NGOs. This will enable students to bring the theoretical aspects of the programme to an unfamiliar workplace and to critically assess current practices. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

