

3.5.2 MA (English Studies)

Programme Codes

53880 – 879(180)

53880 – 889(180)

Specific Admission Requirements

- An Honours degree in English, or an Honours degree in a suitable cognate discipline such as Comparative Literature, African Literature, Literary-Cultural Studies, Cultural/ Media Studies, Media and Communication Studies, Gender Studies, Film Studies, or another appropriate qualification approved by Senate. Preference will be given to students with a final Honours' mark of 65% and higher.
- For admission to the thesis option you must submit a written research proposal. This proposal must show your potential ability to conduct independent research and to write a thesis.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by 30 November of the preceding year.
- International students:
 - Apply by 31 August of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

You choose between a full thesis and **one** of two structured coursework options:

- **Option 1** – Literature, conflict and transition;
- **Option 2** – Creative writing.

You have to write a thesis of limited scope in both of the abovementioned options.

Option 1 comprises coursework and a thesis, each contributing 90 credits to the total of 180 credits. In the case of option 2 the thesis contributes 120 credits and the coursework the remaining 60 credits. The thesis for option 2 must include a work of original creative writing and a critical commentary.

Please note: The MA by thesis is on offer every year while the MA by coursework options may not necessarily be taught in a particular year.

Duration of Programme

The programme extends over a minimum of one academic year.

Programme Content

879:

Compulsory Module

12879 : Thesis (English)	871(180)
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889:

Compulsory Modules

12879 : Thesis (English)	873(90)
10127 : Literature, Conflict and Transition	872(90)

OR

Compulsory Modules

12184 : Thesis (Creative Writing)	874(120)
11427 : Course Component Creative Writing	872(60)

Assessment and Examination

The thesis, whether 180, 120 or 90 credits, is to be assessed according to the regulations of Stellenbosch University as stipulated by the Rules for Postgraduate Qualifications in Part 1 of the Calendar.

The structured coursework is assessed by means of essays and additional seminar presentations, projects or examination work. The thesis is pursued under close and regular supervision. You must pass each module with 50%.

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