

HUMANITIES THIRD TERM COURSES 2018

THIRD TERM COURSE SIGN-UP

- Please remember that you may ONLY sign up for ONE course in each of Winter and Summer Term, you cannot do two courses at the same time.
- You can add a Winter or Summer Term course to your record by the standard change of curriculum process; take a printout of the change of curriculum form and a printout of your academic record (your whole record from the start of your degree, not just this year's courses; both form and record can be accessed on Peoplesoft) to a curriculum advisor or your course convenor for signature, and then submit the signed form and transcript to Humanities reception in the Beattie building. Advisors are listed at <http://www.humanities.uct.ac.za/hum/undergraduate/students/studentadvisors>.
- You may add a Third Term course to your record up until Day 5 of the course lectures, i.e. the end of the first week of the course.
- You can drop a Third Term course from your record with a full fee refund up until Day 5 of the course lectures, i.e. the end of the first week of the course.
- You can remove a Third Term course from your record without any fee refund between Day 6 of the course (Monday of the second week) and the Monday after two-thirds of the lectures have been delivered, effectively the Monday of the last week of the course lectures.

- **Students are warned that Third Term courses will ONLY run if enough students sign up for them; we may have to cancel courses at short notice if numbers are insufficient. Please sign up as early as possible so we have a realistic idea of numbers and do not have to cancel courses.**

THIRD TERM TIMETABLING

- Third Term courses have individual Vula sites in the same way as a standard course during the semester. Timetables will be available through the course Vula sites closer to the start of the Third Term in question, but you are likely to be in lectures or tutorials for at least three hours a day.
- **Winter Term lectures begin on Monday 18th June** and end on Friday 13th July; the exam will be written on Wednesday 18th July.
- **Summer Term lectures begin on Monday 19th November** and end on Friday 14th December; the exam will be written between 18th and 20th December.

AVAILABLE THIRD TERM COURSES 2018

Winter Term (June/July vacation):

Class no.

AXL2401L	Intro to Medical Anthropology	1006
FAM1000L	Analysing Film and TV	1005
HST2045L	Genocide: African Experiences	1025
POL1004L	Intro to Politics	1010
POL2038L	Comparative Politics	1004
SLL1002L	Word Power	1015

Summer Term (November/December vacation):

Class no.

FAM1001P	Media and Society	1005
HST2034P	Africa: Colonial and Postcolonial	1010
PHI2043P	Business Ethics	1059
POL1004P	Intro to Politics	1004
POL1005P	Intro to Politics B	1006
POL1006P	Intro to Public Administration	1057
POL2038P	Comparative Politics	1003
SLL1002P	Word Power	1011

NB don't worry that some class numbers are the same for different courses, Winter and Summer are data captured in different screens on Peoplesoft so they'll know which is which at capture. Make sure you have the correct P or L course code!

Third Term course descriptions

WINTER TERM: FIRST YEAR COURSES

FAM1000L ANALYSING FILM AND TV

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 5

Convener: Dr. Ian Rijdsdijk

Course entry requirements: None

Course outline:

This course offers a critical introduction to contemporary film and television. Its main aims are to provide students with the basic vocabulary for understanding the film-making process as well as narrative forms in both film and television. The course also considers key areas of film and television studies such as spectatorship, genre and realism, with examples drawn from both South Africa and abroad. Students are assessed through academic analysis, written examination and a creative assignment (the short script or short film).

DP requirements: All written work must be submitted by the stipulated dates. Students who miss more than two tutorials will lose their DPs.

Assessment: Still-frame analysis 15%, stylistic analysis 30%, creative project 25% and a two-hour examination 30%.

POL1004L INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 5

Convener: Mr Gregory Maxaulane

Course entry requirements: Faculty admission. Registration to this course is strictly restricted to students registered for a Major in the Political Studies Department, or to students in the PPE programme or the 4-year version of the general bachelor's degree.

Course outline:

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to key concepts in Political Studies including power, authority and legitimacy. These concepts will be applied to the study of comparative politics and international theory. The case study of South African politics constitutes an application of the conceptual and theoretical material to contemporary politics.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests is a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

SLL1002L WORD POWER

(A course in etymology)

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 5

Convener: Gail Symington

Course entry requirements: None

Course outline:

The course consists of two components:

- i. words and ideas: focus on concepts associated with the ancient Greek and Roman civilisations of the Mediterranean and key words in English derived from Greek and Latin;
- ii. a knowledge of English word-formation and evolution from the lexical resources of the Greek and Latin languages, particularly as this knowledge enhances word-building skills and increases confidence in the use of English of an academic register.

DP requirements: Students must attend all tutorials, submit all tutorial assignments, and write all tests.

Assessment: One two-hour examination at the end of the semester counts for 50% of the final mark; coursework counts for 50%.

WINTER TERM: SECOND YEAR COURSES

AXL2401L MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

24 NQF credits at HEQSF level 6

Convener: Dr. Helen Macdonald

Course entry requirements: One of AGE1002S, AXL1401S; AXL1400F, or by permission of the Head of Section. Semester Study Abroad students must be able to demonstrate understanding of the basic principles of the comparative approach of Social-Cultural Anthropology, including Cultural Relativism and its limitations.

Course outline:

Comparative anthropological approaches to the social-cultural aspects of health, disease and health care; health-related beliefs and behaviour in a range of different social contexts and global health formations; 'traditional' healers and the transmission of health-related knowledge. The course is particularly concerned with comparative social-cultural understandings of HIV/AIDS and TB, and includes a small field research/exercise project that is likely to focus on that issue as it manifests in southern Africa.

DP requirements: All essays, assignments and projects, plus a satisfactory tutorial attendance.

Assessment: Continuous assessment (essays, projects, class tests) counts 50%; one two-hour examination counts 50%, provided a sub-minimum mark of 50% is attained for the examination **and** that at least half the examination questions required to be answered have been awarded marks of 50% or more.

HST2045L GENOCIDE: AFRICAN EXPERIENCES

24 NQF credits at HEQSF level 6

Convener: Assoc. Prof. Mohamed Adhikari

Course entry requirements: At least two courses at 1000-level Historical, cultural studies or social science offered by the Faculty of Humanities, or by permission of the Head of Department.

Course outline:

In addition to examining the concept of genocide in detail and reflecting on contending theoretical approaches to the subject, major themes in the course will include the roles of racism, colonialism, and nationalism in fomenting mass violence. The main case studies covered include the extermination of the indigenous peoples of the Canary Islands in the 14th and 15th centuries by Spanish invaders, the destruction of Cape San societies in the 18th and 19th centuries, the annihilation of Herero and Nama peoples in the early 20th century, the Rwandan genocide, and the recent mass killings in Darfur. The course will also introduce a comparative perspective by examining some of the global dimensions of the phenomenon.

Assessment: Coursework: 50% Exam: 50%

POL2038L COMPARATIVE POLITICS

24 NQF credits at HEQSF level 6

Convener: Dr Elias Phaahla

Course entry requirements: POL1004F (or POL1009F if taken in 2015 or before) or POL1005S (or POL1010S if taken in 2015 or before).

Course outline:

This course introduces students to the major concepts, approaches, themes and topics of inquiry in the field of comparative politics. The course is designed to relate specific theories and relevant case studies and/or empirical evidence. The first part of the course focuses on the broad theme of comparative government and the second on violent processes of political change.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes **MUST** be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

SUMMER TERM: FIRST YEAR COURSES

FAM1001P MEDIA AND SOCIETY

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 5

Convener: Assoc. Prof. Wallace Chuma

Course entry requirements: None

Course outline:

This course examines the importance of the mass media in modern society and questions the roles that the media play in public life. We look conceptually at how meanings are constructed, using semiotic concepts to interrogate the relationship between audiences, media texts, technology and society. Debates around media effects and media ethics are also explored in the course. In addition to discussing theoretical media debates, the course also introduces students to a diverse range of writing styles for multiple media platforms such as newspapers, television and the Internet.

DP requirements: All written work must be submitted by the stipulated dates. Students who miss more than two tutorials will lose their DPs.

Assessment: Two-and-a-quarter-hour examination 30%, writing exercises 35%, media analysis 35%.

POL1004P INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 5

Convener: Dr. Zweli Jolobe

Course entry requirements: Faculty admission. Registration to this course is strictly restricted to students registered for a Major in the Political Studies Department, or to students in the PPE programme or the 4-year version of the general bachelor's degree.

Course outline:

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to key concepts in Political Studies including power, authority and legitimacy. These concepts will be applied to the study of comparative politics and international theory. The case study of South African politics constitutes an application of the conceptual and theoretical material to contemporary politics.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests is a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL1005P INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS B

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 5

Convener: A/Prof John Akokpari

Course entry requirements: DP for POL1004F (or POL1009F if taken in 2015 or before) or with special permission from the Head of Department.

Course outline:

This course is an introduction to two related fields of Political Studies – Comparative Politics and International Relations. Comparative Politics involves the use of comparative approaches to study political institutions and processes within states. International Relations examines power relations across state borders. The course provides an introduction to the systematic study of both fields, with an emphasis on some of the leading theories and questions.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

POL1006P INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

(NB this course does not count towards the major in Politics and Governance).

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 5

Convener: Prof Robert Cameron

Course entry requirements: None

Course outline:

Public Administration is, in its simplest form, the execution of the public laws, regulations, court decisions and public policies that form the core of government activities. This introductory course in Public Administration aims to cover the fundamentals or main themes in public administration, including the evolution of the field, comparative Western and non-Western approaches to the discipline, politics-administration relations, intergovernmental relations, policy making, values and ethics, corruption and accountability. An introduction to the structure and function of the South African government is also undertaken. The programme is designed to engender in its students the capacity to think objectively and analytically about public policy, public administration and bureaucracies.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes **MUST** be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.

SLL1002P WORD POWER

(A course in etymology)

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 5

Convener: Gail Symington

Course entry requirements: None

Course outline:

The course consists of two components:

- i. words and ideas: focus on concepts associated with the ancient Greek and Roman civilisations of the Mediterranean and key words in English derived from Greek and Latin;
- ii. a knowledge of English word-formation and evolution from the lexical resources of the Greek and Latin languages, particularly as this knowledge enhances word-building skills and increases confidence in the use of English of an academic register.

DP requirements: Students must attend all tutorials, submit all tutorial assignments, and write all tests.

Assessment: One two-hour examination at the end of the semester counts for 50% of the final mark; coursework counts for 50%.

SUMMER TERM: SECOND-YEAR COURSES

HST2034P AFRICA: COLONIAL & POST-COLONIAL

24 NQF credits at HEQSF level 6

Convener: Associate Professor Lance van Sittert

Course entry requirements: At least two courses in historical, social science or cultural studies offered by the Faculty of Humanities, or by permission of the Head of Department.

Course outline:

The course covers the history of Africa from c.1800 to the present, focusing on the main themes of slavery, legitimate commerce, partition, colonialism, decolonisation, development, debt and democracy. The course is intended for non-specialists and no prior knowledge of history or African history is required.

DP requirements: 100% of required coursework and course evaluation.

Assessment: Coursework counts for 50% of the final mark, and one two-hour examination at the end of the course counts for the remaining 50%.

PHI2043P BUSINESS ETHICS

NB this course is offered for limited numbers of students.

18 NQF credits at HEQSF level 6

Convener: Vasti Calitz

Course entry requirements: At least second year status.

Course outline:

Ethical choices are unavoidable in business. This course aims to help students to articulate their options when confronted with an ethical dilemma in business, and to make well-informed judgements about the right thing to do. The course will consider a range of problems, from issues that could arise in a student's first job to questions of business regulation that they may one day face as a leader in commerce or government. In each case, the course will challenge and assist students to recognise ethical problems in practical situations, understand the possible solutions, and make reasoned decisions.

DP requirements: Regular attendance at lectures and tutorials; completion of all tests, submission of all essays and assignments by due dates, and an average mark of at least 35% for the coursework.

Assessment: Coursework counts 40%; one 3-hour examination in June or October/November counts 60%.

POL2038P COMPARATIVE POLITICS

24 NQF credits at HEQSF level 6

Convener: Ms Alecia Ndlovu

Course entry requirements: POL1004F (or POL1009F if taken in 2015 or before) or POL1005S (or POL1010S if taken in 2015 or before).

Course outline:

This course introduces students to the major concepts, approaches, themes and topics of inquiry in the field of comparative politics. The course is designed to relate specific theories and relevant case studies and/or empirical evidence. The first part of the course focuses on the broad theme of comparative government and the second on violent processes of political change.

DP requirements: Tutorial attendance is compulsory and students who attend fewer than 85% of the tutorials will not be allowed to write the final examination. In addition, completion of all written assignments, essays and tests are a requirement for a DP. Should students fail to hand in written assignments by due date, they will be penalised according to the grading formula of the Department. All required work for DP purposes MUST be submitted by the last day of the course.

Assessment: Coursework counts 50%; final two-hour examination counts 50%.