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Please note: Although the information in this Calendar has been compiled with the utmost care and accuracy, the Council and the Senate of the University accept no responsibility whatsoever for errors that may occur. Before students finally decide on the selection of modules, they must consult the class timetable. If a clash occurs in the planned selection of a student, the relevant module combination is not permitted.

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ENG.1 FACULTY RULES

ENG.1.1 AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL ACADEMIC RULES

The faculty rules valid for the different qualifications, programmes and curricula of this faculty and contained in this faculty calendar are subject to the General Rules of the University, as determined from time to time by the Council of the University on recommendation by the Senate. The faculty rules should therefore be read in conjunction with these General Academic Rules.

The Manual for Masters and Doctoral students, with specific guidelines and procedures for masters and doctoral studies, as well as quality measures of research entities also apply.

ENG.1.2 FACULTY-SPECIFIC RULES

- a) In accordance with General Academic rule 1.3.2., programme-specific requirements are specified in this yearbook, whilst faculty specific procedures are published in the relevant quality manual of the faculty.
- b) In accordance with General Academic Rule 1.3.5., when amendments are made to the Faculty Rules, and approved by senate before the next version of the yearbook is published, steps must be taken to bring the amendments to the attention of all students in the faculty who are affected thereby. These steps may include electronic communication and changing information on the web page of the faculty.

ENG.1.2.1 Application, selection and admission to the university

- In combination with General Academic Rule 1.5.1., no student will be considered for selection if the formal application process has not been followed.
- b) In accordance with General Academic Rule 1.5.1.3. Programme-specific additional admission requirements are provided for in the faculty rules and no application for admission may be accepted unless the applicant complies with both the general admission requirements and faculty-specific requirements where applicable. Refer to the specific programmes in this calendar for further information.
- c) In combination with General Academic Rule 1.5.2.1., the faculty also reserves the right to set selection criteria, in addition to the minimum admission requirements, and apply such criteria to admit or refuse admission to specific qualifications and programmes, taking into consideration the faculty's targets for the size (total number of students) and shape (fields of study and diversity profile) of the student population, and the capacity available to the faculty to offer the qualifications and programmes concerned.
- Selection will take place during the approved time schedules of the NWU annual academic calendar.
- e) Prospective students must consult the Faculty postgraduate website to guide them towards the process of identifying a study leader. The study leader will then sign a study leader acceptance form, which must accompany the application form. Students will not be allowed to register unless a study leader has been confirmed.

ENG.1.2.2 Admission and advanced standing on grounds of recognition of prior learning

- a) In accordance with General Academic Rule 1.6.2., the process of equivalencesetting between such learning and formal modules must be documented following the Faculty Standard for RPL Portfolio Template for the correct processes and procedures to be followed.
- b) In accordance with General Academic Rule 1.6.2., the outcome of the RPL evaluation will be recorded using a standardised evaluation report and the official student record.
- Recognition of prior learning (RPL) applications will be endorsed at the faculty board

ENG.1.2.3 Annual registration

- a) In accordance with General Academic Rule 1.10.1.3., the faculty also reserves the right to refuse or cancel the registration of a student where an applicant provides false, incorrect or incomplete information or documentation material during registration as a student, or where any other condition provided for in these rules is not satisfied.
- b) In accordance with General Academic Rule 1.10.1.4, the requirements for active participation by students in specific programmes will be set out in the applicable study guides and postgraduate yearbook and students may not register for modules in which they are unable to or intend not to actively participate.
- c) With reference to General Academic Rule 4.7.2 & 5.7.2, an existing postgraduate student who fails to re-register for any academic year, must apply for readmission and continuation. Such student will be responsible for paying outstanding tuition fees of preceding year(s) as well.

ENG.1.2.4 Research proposal and title registration

- a) In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.9.4. & 5.9.4., every research proposal is subject to ethical clearance as provided for in the applicable quality manual of the faculty and relevant policies, and confirmation of ethics approval must be submitted to the relevant faculty committee.
- b) In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.9.5. & 5.9.5, if a student fails to present a research proposal as referred to above for approval in time, the study may, after due notification, be terminated by the faculty.
- c) If a student failed to register a title as referred above, and there is valid reasons for not registering a title, the student may apply to the faculty board to re-register in the following academic year without a registered title on condition that the title must be registered within six months from the second registration.
- d) The Faculty Board ratifies the approved title registrations.

ENG.1.2.5 Submission to rules and resolutions

In accordance with General Academic Rule 1.10.2., by signing and submitting either on paper or electronically the prescribed application and registration

forms, the applicant or registered student agrees to be bound by the applicable rules, policies and resolutions of the university and the faculty until the registration of the student is terminated.

ENG.1.2.6 Active enrolment

- Students of the faculty registered for research degrees must be actively involved in the study guidance process as agreed with the supervisor/promoter as well as research activities of the applicable entity or project.
- b) The registration of a student who fails to participate satisfactorily in the activities referred to in Academic rule 1.10.3.1 is subject to review in accordance with the progression requirements provided for in Academic rule 1.16, or as specified in programme specific requirements in the postgraduate yearbook.

ENG.1.2.7 Extension of period of study

- a) In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.14 & 5.13, the provisions for an extension of a study period is available in the faculty quality manual
- b) In combination with General Academic Rules 4.14.2 & 5.13.2, an application for extension of the study period must also be endorsed by the relevant faculty committee.

ENG.1.2.8 Monitoring of academic performance

Each semester, each supervisor must submit a report on the progress made by each student on the research component of the programme concerned. This must be submitted to and considered by the Higher Degrees committee to be considered at the first committee meeting of April as well as the first committee meeting of September. The Higher Degrees committee will – based on these reports – recommend to the executive dean to issue an official warning. Simultaneously each student must submit a confidential report about progress made and supervision received to the executive dean, research director and school director concerned. Based on the above recommendation by the Higher Degrees committee and the confidential student report, the executive dean, in consultation with the research director and school director will decide on appropriate action, which may include the issuing of a written warning or an appropriate intervention in consultation with the supervisor.

ENG.1.2.9 Termination of Studies

In accordance with General Academic Rule 1.18.4, a student whose studies have been terminated may apply for admission to another study programme but must in the course of the application mention the termination.

ENG.1.2.10 Student academic requests

No academic request will be approved without submission and processing of a formal student request form, which will be processed according to the guidelines outlined in the applicable faculty quality manual. No verbal approval will be given for any student request. All decisions will be confirmed and noted in the minutes of the relevant faculty committee meeting and recorded on the student's academic record.

ENG.1.2.11 Examination

ENG.1.2.11.1 Submission of the research product for examination

- a. The student must give notification (on the prescribed form) of his/her intention to submit for examination during the period set out for it in the annual University calendar.
- b) A student who is not registered may not give notice to submit.

ENG.1.2.11.2 Recommendation to the examination of the research product in a master's or doctoral degree

- a) In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.11.5.1., an examiner may recommend that a research product –
 - be accepted unconditionally; (Faculty rules make provision that smaller typographical errors for instance typo errors, spelling errors, grammatical errors, etc. can be included in this option.)
 - be accepted on condition that specified revisions be made to the satisfaction
 of the supervisor; (If the research is considered scientifically in order and
 acceptable, faculty rules make provision that revision of errors of a greater
 extent, for instance refining of arguments and/or logical restructuring or
 improving of layout and technical finishing may be included in this option.)
 - be accepted on condition that specified revisions of a substantive nature be made to the satisfaction of the examiners or the academic director concerned; (Faculty rules allow for feedback to be submitted to an examiner by means of a detailed rebuttal which focuses on the specific recommendations and/or required changes called for.)
 - 4. not be accepted in its current format, in which case it is referred back to the candidate for revision, elaboration or amendment and resubmission for re-examination; (Faculty rules require that no mark be awarded for a dissertation/mini-dissertation, should this option be opted for. This option further entails that the research is scientifically not adequate or in order and should be expanded and/or revisited. Feedback may be submitted to the examiner during re-examination by means of a detailed rebuttal letter which focuses on the specific recommendations and/or required changes called for. The mini-dissertation/dissertation/thesis will be submitted to the examiner for re-examination unless it is decided otherwise by the Faculty Board or its delegates in which case the examiner will receive notification from the executive dean.) or
 - not be accepted at all, in which case the candidate fails. (This option entails specifically that the research has failed in its totality, that it cannot be reworked or resubmitted and that the student must start all over.)

ENG.1.2.12 Intellectual property in and publication of research products

a) In accordance with General Academic Rules 4.12.1. & 5.12.1., the university (and faculty) is the owner of all intellectual property that may be created in the course of a master's degree study, which includes, but is not limited to intellectual property referred to in the Intellectual Property Rights from Publicly Financed Research and Development Act 51 of 2008 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

b) In accordance with General Academic Rules 4.12.2. & 5.12.2., the university (and faculty) is entitled to physically or electronically multiply and distribute or make available any research product submitted in its final form by a master's degree candidate.

ENG.1.2.13 Master's degrees

ENG.1.2.13.1 Requirements for a master's degree

In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.3.4, where coursework modules are required in a master's degree programme, those modules must be completed before the research component may be submitted for examination.

ENG.1.2.13.2 Supervision

- a) In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.8.2., a student admitted to a master's degree programme works under the supervision of a supervisor appointed, subject to the approval of the faculty board, by the academic director concerned.
- b) With reference to General Academic Rule 4.8.5., if a co-supervisor is appointed on the grounds of relevant technical expertise despite such a person not being in possession of a master's degree, such applications will be motivated by the applicable research director, applicable research committee and recommended for approval by the executive dean.

ENG.1.2.13.3 Appointment of examiners for the research component of a master's degree

- a) In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.11.1.1, the executive dean will appoint, with the approval of the relevant faculty higher degrees committee concerned, at least two examiners, of which at least one must be an external examiner, for the examination of the research product of every master's degree study.
- b) Additional faculty requirements:
 - Two (2) uninvolved persons as examiners, at least one (1) of which must be an external examiner:
 - Conflict of interest must be considered;
 - Examiners who functioned as co-workers in the same project or article will not be appointed as examiners;
 - External examiners (if more than one is appointed) may not be affiliated to the same institution/department;
 - Examiners must have as minimum requirement a master's degree or equivalent qualification.
 - Recurrent usage of the same examiners should be avoided:

- Persons who served as postgraduate students of a supervisor during the past 36 months will not be appointed as examiner for students of the same supervisor:
- Extraordinary staff members are appointed as internal examiners;
- Academics who were affiliated to the NWU and have since moved to another institution, may after a period of 36 months be appointed as external examiners.

ENG.1.2.14 Doctoral degrees

ENG.1.2.14.1 Requirement for completion of a doctoral degree

In accordance with General Academic Rule 5.3.2., a doctoral candidate is required to have at least one full-length research paper on aspects of the thesis accepted for review in an accredited journal before results are finalised.

ENG.1.2.14.2 Requirements for the research component of a doctoral degree

In accordance with General Academic Rule 5.4.2., it may be required by the specific research entity in terms of quality specifications that full or partial compliance with the research component of a doctoral degree may take the form of one or more publishable or published research articles in a specified field, taking into account the requirements of General Academic Rules 5.10 and 5.12 and specifying the minimum number of research articles required in lieu of a thesis or the research component of a doctoral degree.

ENG.1.2.14.3 Supervision

In accordance with General Academic Rule 5.8.2., a candidate admitted to a doctoral degree programme works under the supervision of a promoter and copromoter where applicable, appointed, subject to the approval of the faculty board, by the academic director concerned.

ENG.1.2.14.4 Appointment of examiners for the research component of a doctoral degree

- a) In accordance with General Academic Rule 5.11.1.1, the executive dean will appoint, with the approval of the relevant faculty higher degrees committee concerned, at least three examiners, of which at least two must be external examiners, for the examination of the research product of every doctoral degree study.
- b) Additional faculty requirements are as follows:
 - One (1) uninvolved examiner, affiliated with the university will be appointed
 as internal examiner and two (2) external examiners, of which one must
 preferably be situated abroad or must be internationally accredited:
 - Conflict of interest must be considered;
 - Examiners who functioned as co-workers in the same project or article will not be appointed as examiners;
 - External examiners who are appointed may not be affiliated with the same institution/department;

- Examiners will have as minimum requirement a doctoral degree or equivalent qualification, and at least one examiner must have delivered students at the same qualification level before successfully:
- At least one examiner should have publications in the field within which the research has been completed;
- Recurrent usage of the same examiners will be avoided;
- Persons who served as postgraduate students of a supervisor during the past 36 months will not be appointed as examiner for students of the same promoter;
- Extraordinary staff members are appointed as internal examiners;
- Academics who were affiliated to the NWU and have since moved to another institution, may after a period of 36 months be appointed as external examiners.

ENG.1.2.14.5 Examination and moderation

With reference to General Academic Rule 5.11.2.3., only the examination materials, and not any additional summative assessment components, will be submitted for external moderation.

ENG.1.3 WARNING AGAINST PLAGIARISM

Assignments are individual tasks and not group activities (unless explicitly indicated as group activities). For further details see:

http://www.nwu.ac.za/content/policy_rules

ENG.1.3.1 Academic misconduct

Academic misconduct includes plagiarism and academic dishonesty (copying from others during examinations). Dishonest academic conduct is a serious transgression, regardless of whether it takes place orally, by conduct or in writing, during examinations or in the context of other forms of evaluation such as assignments, theses, reports and publications. It is the policy of the University that no form of academic dishonesty will be tolerated and should any such action be reported or observed and the transgressor be found guilty, s/he will be punished in terms of the University's disciplinary policies, rules and procedures. Hence there are two overarching types of academic misconduct, namely:

ENG.1.3.1.1 Plagiarism¹ and academic dishonesty

¹ The author acknowledges with gratitude the work of the UK Centre for legal education, Pauline Ridley, University of Brighton, and the University of Pretoria's Plagiarism Prevention Policy on the topic of academic plagiarism.

Plagiarism is the word attributed to a specific type of academic dishonesty – the repeating of somebody else's words, or even the offering of somebody else's train of thought as if it were one's own. Traditionally plagiarism is defined as the taking of the words, images, ideas, etc. of an author and presenting them as if

they were one's own. This may manifest itself in a variety of ways and is not limited to students' writings of published articles or books. The cutting and pasting of web pages in itself is regarded in higher education as plagiarism if the web pages are not properly acknowledged and quoted. Whatever the source of the material or the intended outcome, plagiarism is cheating and is therefore unacceptable.

What then if one copies large portions of work **AND** uses quotation marks with accurate references, and one also links one's own opinion to them? Can one regard it as one's "own" work? On the level of higher education, it is expected of you to develop your **own** voice and opinions and to build on other people's work, rather than to hide behind it. It would therefore be regarded as bad academic practice but not as plagiarism.

Make sure that you fully understand plagiarism and that you are familiar with the policies and regulations that relate to plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious academic transgression, but you are on the right track if you are clear, careful and honest. Do not let a fear of plagiarism prevent you from fully utilising the rich resources that are available. Turnitin.com and Research Resources provide a checklist for preventing plagiarism.

Learn how to write in the style of your discipline. Your writing must be **YOUR** writing.

Learn to think critically and independently. Readers are interested in **your** understanding of an idea. Writing is a valuable exercise that tests your ability to explain a subject. It is an important part of learning.

Always give the necessary acknowledgement for every reference you use in your writing. Any ethically responsible writer **always** acknowledges the contributions of others and the source of his/her ideas.

Any verbatim text of another author that is used must be placed in quotation marks and quoted accurately.

When you paraphrase and/or summarise the work of others, reflect the exact meaning of the other author's ideas or facts in your own words and sentence structure.

Responsible authors have an ethical responsibility towards readers and the authors from whom they borrow to respect the ideas and words of others and to acknowledge those from whom they borrow – and where possible to use their own words when they paraphrase.

It is **NOT** an excuse that you had not **MEANT** to commit plagiarism or had not **KNOWN** that you were doing it.

ENG.1.3.1.1.1 Punishment for transgressions, which is not limited to the two instances discussed in the previous section, may include one or a combination of the following:

- Expulsion from the University, with or without notice to all or specific other higher education institutions and appropriate occupational or professional bodies:
- Suspension from the University for a period of time, subject to conditions
 which are justifiable on educational grounds and acceptable within the
 institutional culture of the University:

- Permanent expulsion from a residence, or refusal of access to all or some of the buildings, land or services of the University or admission only subject to specific conditions;
- Suspension from attending classes for a specific period, either totally or only in respect of specific course units;
- Refusal of admission to any examination or test occasion, which includes forfeiture of any marks already obtained and the cancellation of any subject or course unit:
- Imposition of a fine, which may not exceed an amount equal to the fees payable by the student for the particular year;
- Refusal of readmission to the University for a specific period or permanently, with or without notice to all or specific higher education institutions;
- Disallowing of specific privileges as a student, with or without conditions that are justifiable on educational grounds and acceptable within the institutional culture of the University;
- Imposition of any other penalty, combination of penalties or suspended penalty that, from the educational point of view and in accordance with the institutional culture of the University, is reasonable and fair in the circumstances; or
- A severe admonition and caution.

ENG.1.4 CAPACITY STIPULATION

Please take cognizance of the fact that, owing to specific capacity constraints, the University reserves the right to select candidates for admission to certain fields of study. This means that prospective students who comply with the minimum requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the relevant courses.

QUALIFICATIONS, PROGRAMMES AND CURRICULA ENG.1.5

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA					
Qualification	Qualification Code	Mode of delivery	Campus	NQF level	
Postgraduate Diploma in Nuclear Science and Technology	7AB D01	Contact	PC	8	
Postgraduate Diploma in Nuclear Science and Technology with Nuclear Technology Management	7AB D02	Contact	PC	8	

MASTER'S DEGREES (Structured) – Phased out 2020					
Qualification	Specialisation	Qualification Code	Mode of delivery	Campus	NQF level
Master of Engineering in Nuclear Engineering		7DA P01	Contact	PC	9
(MEng) ***		** 702 104			
Master of Sciences in Engineering Sciences (MSc) *	Nuclear Engineering	203 200	Contact	PC	9

^{***} No new admissions from 2021

MASTER'S DEGREES (Research)					
Qualification	Specialisation	Qualification Code	Mode of delivery	Campus	NQF level
Master of Engineering in Chemical Engineering		7CE N01 ** 702 110	Contact	PC	9
Master of Engineering in Computer and Electronic Engineering		7CD N01 ** 702 109	Contact	PC	9
Master of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Engineering		7CC N01 ** 702 108	Contact	PC	9

^{*} No new admissions from 2020

** Old qualification code – refer to older calendars for more information

Master of Engineering in Industrial Engineering		7CP N01	Contact	PC	9
Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering		7CB N01 ** 702 107	Contact	PC	9
Master of Engineering	Development and Management Engineering	7CF N01 ** 702 111	Contact	PC	9
	Chemical Engineering	7CM N02 ** 203 152	Contact	PC	9
Master of	Computer and Electronic Engineering	7CM N04 ** 203 154	Contact	PC	9
Science in Engineering Sciences with	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	7CM N03 ** 203 153	Contact	PC	9
(MSc) Engineering Sciences	Mechanical Engineering	7CM N01 ** 203 151	Contact	PC	9
	Nuclear Engineering	7CM N05 ** 203 200	Contact	PC	9
	Nuclear Engineering and Nuclear Technology Management	7CM N06	Contact	PC	9

^{**} Old qualification code – refer to older calendars for more information

DOCTORAL DEGREES					
Qualification	Specialisation	Qualification Code	Mode of delivery	Campus	NQF level
Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering	Chemical Engineering	7CA R01 ** 703 104	Contact	PC	10
	Computer Engineering	7CA R03 ** 703 113	Contact	PC	10
	Computer and Electronic Engineering	7CA R02 ** 703 109	Contact	PC	10
	Electrical Engineering	7CA R06 ** 703 105	Contact	PC	10

Electronic Engineering	7CA R07 ** 703 106	Contact	PC	10
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	7CA R05 ** 703 108	Contact	PC	10
Industrial Engineering	7CA R11 ** 703 110	Contact	PC	10
Development and Management Engineering	7CA R04 ** 703 111	Contact	PC	10
Mechanical Engineering	7CA R09 ** 703 107	Contact	PC	10
Nuclear Engineering	7CA R10 ** 703 112	Contact	PC	10

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ENG.1.6 PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

	The programme outcomes have been achieved if the student has made an original contribution to knowledge in the chosen field as evidenced by a thesis with proper structure, style, and language that includes:			
	 Identification and formulation of an original engineering research problem; 			
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)	 Critical engagement with existing knowledge to compile a comprehensive and relevant exposition thereof, which also reveals the originality of the envisaged contribution; 			
(1.112)	 Development and execution of appropriate and advanced research procedures to solve research problem and verify solution; 			
	 Assessment, validation and conclusion of research results and solutions; and 			
	 Communication and defence of the research problem, research process, research results and the originality of the contribution. 			
	The programme outcomes have been achieved if the student			
MASTER OF	demonstrates competence in applying research methodology as evidenced by a dissertation with proper structure, style, and			
(MEng) ENGINEERING language that includes:				
	 Identification and formulation of an engineering research problem; 			

Critical engagement with existing knowledge to compile a relevant literature survey;

- Development and execution of appropriate research procedures to solve research problem and verify solution;
- Assessment, validation and conclusion of research results and solutions; and
- Communication of the research problem, research process and research results.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING SCIENCES (MSc)

The programme outcomes have been achieved if the student demonstrates competence in applying research methodology as evidenced by a dissertation with proper structure, style, and language that includes:

- Identification and formulation of a research problem within the context of engineering science;
- Critical engagement with existing knowledge to compile a relevant literature survey;
- Development and execution of appropriate research procedures to solve research problem and verify solution;
- Assessment, validation and conclusion of research results and solutions; and
- Communication of the research problem, research process and research results.

ENG.1.7 PROGRAMME ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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Question existing knowledge boundaries and practices in the field related to research problem. Formulate complex, unfamiliar problems in the field of Engineering. Deal with complexity, lacunae and contradictions in the knowledge base of the field of Engineering to identify and formulate an original research problem.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (*PhD*)

Demonstrate in-depth and critical knowledge and high levels of theoretical understanding in a complex and specialised area within the field of Engineering and/or across specialised or applied areas and expand or redefine existing knowledge in the field of Engineering. Show mastery of the literature and state of research in area related to the research problem.

Use intellectual independence and advanced research skills through the ability to apply sophisticated knowledge and research methodologies towards solving the research problem and to verify the solution.

Execute autonomous independent judgements about information and concepts at highly abstract levels and make evaluations of research results on the basis of independently generated criteria and confirm that the proposed solution solves the research problem.

Compile an appropriately structured and coherent written thesis to communicate and defend the research problem, research process, research results and originality of the contribution and to demonstrate

	accomplishments of all other outcomes. This may be presented in traditional monograph format, or as a thesis based on a series of journal articles authored by the candidate. Disseminate some research results by means of academic journals and/or conferences.
	Identify knowledge boundaries and practices in the field related to research problem. Within this context, formulate a research problem in the field of Engineering.
MASTER OF	Demonstrate knowledge and theoretical understanding in a specialised area within the field of Engineering. Synthesise existing knowledge in the field of Engineering. Show mastery of the literature and state of research area related to the research problem.
ENGINEERING (MEng)	Use appropriate research skills to apply appropriate knowledge and research methodologies towards solving the research problem and to verify solution.
	Execute judgements and make evaluations to confirm that the proposed solution solves the research problem. Apply theoretical insights and research findings beyond the context of research process.
	Compile an appropriately structured and coherent written dissertation to communicate the research problem, research process and research results and to demonstrate accomplishment of all the other outcomes.
	Identify knowledge boundaries and practices in the field related to research problem. Within this context, formulate a research problem in the field of Engineering science.
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN	Demonstrate knowledge and theoretical understanding in a specialised area within the field of Engineering and/or across specialised or applied areas and expand or redefine existing knowledge in the field of Engineering. Show mastery of the literature and state of research in area related to the research problem.
ENGINEERING SCIENCES (MSc)	Use appropriate research skills to apply appropriate knowledge and research methodologies towards solving the research problem and to verify solution.
	Execute judgements and make evaluations to confirm that the proposed solution solves the research problem. Apply theoretical insights and research findings beyond the context of research process.
	Compile an appropriately structured and coherent written dissertation to communicate the research problem, research process and research results and to demonstrate accomplishment of all the other outcomes.

ENG.2 THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

ENG.2.1 RULES FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

ENG.2.1.1 Duration

Refer to General Academic Rule 1.14.

The minimum term of study is **one (1) year** and the maximum term of study is **two (2) years**.

ENG.2.1.2 Minimum Admission requirements for the qualification

- Three-year BSc degree (with Mathematics or Physics, at least at second year level); or
- BTech (Engineering).

ENG.2.1.3 Method of presentation

The modules are presented by means of a distance-contact method. The elearning platform e-Fundi, with an interactive site for each module, enables students to participate in well-structured self-study learning activities prior to attending the contact lecture session.

Six to eight weeks, of which one week is a contact session, are scheduled for each module.

All lectures of a specific module are normally presented in one block-week of contact lectures. The other weeks are used for self-study, assignments, assessment and guidance via online learning. During this period students have access to a facilitator who will provide support as required.

ENG.2.2 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ENG.2.2.1 Curriculum: I503P

Qualification code: 7AB D01 Delivery mode: Contact

This programme supplies students all the theoretical knowledge required by the NWU's research Masters of Science in Engineering Sciences with Nuclear Engineering.

The field of Nuclear Engineering comprises the technical aspects, such as nuclear reactor design, and the nuclear technology management aspects, such as nuclear Project Management, nuclear policy and financial management.

The present programme focuses on the theoretical knowledge underlying the said technical aspects, especially nuclear reactor design, while another programme will focus on the technology management aspects.

This programme provides learners with:

- a broader and more in-depth knowledge of Nuclear Engineering sciences;
- advanced education in the field of Nuclear Engineering;
- problem-solving ability;
- integration of knowledge across fields;
- the ability to execute a project in the field of Nuclear Engineering and to communicate the results orally and in writing.

ENG.2.2.1.1 List of modules

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
NUCL 511	Nuclear Engineering I	16
NUCL 512	Radiation and the Environment	16
NUCI 521	Introduction to Thermal-Fluid Sciences	16
NUCI 578	Nuclear Engineering II	16
NUCL 525	Nuclear Project Management	16
NUCL 526	Nuclear Reactor Safety	16
NUCI 574	Nuclear Engineering Project	16
NUCI 577	Reactor Analysis	16

ENG.2.2.2 Curriculum outcomes

On completion of the qualification, the student should be able to demonstrate:

- A comprehensive and systematic knowledge base in nuclear engineering, as well as a depth of knowledge in nuclear physics and thermal fluid sciences.
- A coherent and critical understanding of the principles and theories of nuclear engineering; an ability to critique current research and advanced scholarship in an area of nuclear engineering; an ability to make sound theoretical judgements based on evidence and an ability to think epistemologically (i.e. from a sound knowledge framework).

- An ability to identify, analyse and deal with complex and/or real world problems and issues using evidence-based solutions and theory-driven arguments in the field of nuclear engineering.
- Efficient and effective information-retrieval and processing skills; the identification, critical analysis, synthesis and independent evaluation of quantitative and/or qualitative data; an ability to conduct research.
- An ability to present and communicate academic professional work effectively.

ENG.2.2.3 Compilation of curriculum

In accordance with General Academic Rule 3.1.1., the postgraduate diploma consists of a number of modules with a total credit value of 128 at NQF level 8.

One credit represents 10 notional study hours, which suggests that a student should expect to spend at least 1280 study hours on the programme.

The curriculum comprises of 8 core modules.

Components	Composition	Credits
8 x Modules	Core (Compulsory)	16 each
Total credits for the curriculum		128

ENG.2.3 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ENG.2.3.1 Curriculum: I501P

Qualification code: 7AB D02
Delivery mode: Contact-Distance

This programme supplies students all the theoretical knowledge required by the NWU's new research Masters of Science in Engineering Sciences with Nuclear Engineering and **Nuclear Technology Management**, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) assisted the NWU in developing and recently endorsed.

The field of Nuclear Engineering comprises the technical aspects, such as nuclear reactor design, and the nuclear technology management aspects, such as Nuclear Project Management, nuclear policy and financial management.

The most of the modules of the present programme overlap with those of the postgraduate diploma in nuclear science and technology and, therefore, it supplies similar technical Nuclear Engineering knowledge. However, it focusses more on Nuclear Technology Management, namely: nuclear policy, nuclear technology management and nuclear economics and financial management aspects

This programme provides learners with:

- a broader and more in-depth knowledge of Nuclear Engineering sciences;
- advanced education in the field of Nuclear Engineering;
- problem-solving ability;
- integration of knowledge across fields;
- the ability to execute a project in the field of Nuclear Engineering and to communicate the results orally and in writing.
- advanced education in the field of Nuclear Technology management, including Nuclear Project Management, nuclear policy and financial management of nuclear projects;

ENG.2.3.1.1 List of modules

Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
NUCL 511	Nuclear Engineering I	16
NUCL 512	Radiation and the Environment	16
NUCL 513	Nuclear Reactor Technology	16
NUCL 514	PWR Technology	16
NUCL 525	Nuclear Project Management	16
NUCL 526	Nuclear Reactor Safety	16
NUCL 527	Nuclear Energy Policy and Business	16
NUCL 528	Research methodology	16

ENG.2.3.2 Curriculum outcomes

On completion of the qualification, the student should be able to demonstrate:

- A comprehensive and systematic knowledge base in nuclear engineering, as well as a depth of knowledge in nuclear physics and thermal fluid sciences.
- A coherent and critical understanding of the principles and theories of nuclear engineering; an ability to critique current research and advanced scholarship in an area of nuclear engineering; an ability to make sound theoretical judgements based on evidence and an ability to think epistemologically (i.e. from a sound knowledge framework).
- An ability to identify, analyse and deal with complex and/or real world problems and issues using evidence-based solutions and theory-driven arguments in the field of nuclear engineering.
- Efficient and effective information-retrieval and processing skills; the identification, critical analysis, synthesis and independent evaluation of quantitative and/or qualitative data; an ability to conduct research.
- In depth knowledge of Nuclear Technology Management, namely: nuclear policy, nuclear technology management and nuclear economics and financial management aspects and the ability to apply it to practical problems in this field.
- An ability to present and communicate academic professional work effectively.

ENG.2.3.3 Compilation of curriculum

In accordance with General Academic Rule 3.1.1., the postgraduate diploma consists of a number of modules with a total credit value of 128 at NQF level 8. One credit represents 10 notional study hours, which suggests that a student should expect to spend at least 1280 study hours on the programme.

The curriculum comprises of 8 core modules.

Components	Composition	Credits
8 x Modules	Core (Compulsory)	16 each
Total credits for the curriculum		128

ENG.3 THE DEGREE MASTER OF ENGINEERING

ENG.3.1 RULES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF ENGINEERING

ENG.3.1.1 Duration

Refer to General Academic Rule 1.14.

The minimum term of study is one (1) year.

ENG.3.1.2 Minimum admission requirements for the qualification

a) An applicable four (4) year bachelor's degree (ECSA-accredited) in engineering or an equivalent qualification.

ENG.3.1.3 Faculty-specific completion requirements for a master's degree

In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.3.1., a master's student is required to participate in at least one formal colloquia and/or technical conference where aspects of their work are presented to an audience of peers.

ENG.3.1.4 Composition of the programme

In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.2.2., the master's degree consists of a total number of 180 credits.. Each credit represents 10 hours of notional study

In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.2.3., the faculty of Engineering offers a general master's degree in the form of a research master's degree by dissertation with a minimum of 180 credits for research;

UNIT FOR ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS			
Programme	Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
Chemical Engineering	CEMI 871	Dissertation	180
Computer, Electrical & Electronic Engineering	EERI 871	Dissertation	180
Industrial Engineering	INGB 871	Dissertation	180
Mechanical Engineering	MEGI 871	Dissertation	180
Development and Management Engineering	IIOB 871	Dissertation	180
Nuclear Engineering	NUCE 871	Dissertation	180

ENG.4 THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING SCIENCES

ENG.4.1 RULES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING SCIENCES

ENG.4.1.1 Duration

Refer to General Academic Rule 1.14.

The minimum term of study is one (1) year.

ENG.4.1.2 Minimum admission requirements for the qualification

- 1) Chemical, Computer, Electrical, Electronic, Industrial, Mechanical and Development and Management Engineering:
 - a) Applicable BSc (Hons) degree; or
 - Applicable four (4) year bachelor's degree (ECSA-accredited) in engineering; or
 - Another recognised qualification that allows the student to attain equivalent status and which has been approved by the Higher Degrees Committee; or

2) Nuclear Engineering:

- a) Postgraduate Diploma in Nuclear Science and Technology; or
- Postgraduate Diploma in Nuclear Science and Technology with Nuclear Technology Management; or
- Another recognised qualification that allows the student to attain equivalent status and which has been approved by the Higher Degrees Committee.
- 3) Nuclear Engineering and Nuclear Technology Management.
 - a) NWU's Postgraduate Diploma in Nuclear Science and Technology with Nuclear Technology Management; or
 - b) Another recognised qualification that allows the student to attain equivalent status and which has been approved by the Higher Degrees Committee. However it should be noted that the endorsement of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAE) can only be obtained if students has the NWU's Postgraduate Diploma in Nuclear Science and Technology with Nuclear Technology Management, or another similar qualification which is endorsed by the IAEA.

ENG.4.1.3 Faculty-specific completion requirements

In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.3.1., a master's student is required to participate in at least one formal colloquia and/or technical conference where aspects of their work are presented to an audience of peers.

ENG.4.1.4 Composition of the programme

In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.2.2., the master's degree consists of a total number of 180 credits. Each credit represents 10 hours of notional study.

In accordance with General Academic Rule 4.2.3., the faculty of Engineering offers a general master's degree in the form of a research master's degree by dissertation with a minimum of 180 credits for research:

UNIT FOR ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS			
Programme	Module code	Descriptive name	Credits
Chemical Engineering	CEMI 871	Dissertation	180
Computer, Electrical & Electronic Engineering	EERI 871	Dissertation	180
Industrial Engineering	INGB 871	Dissertation	180
Mechanical Engineering	MEGI 871	Dissertation	180
Development and Management Engineering	IIOB 871	Dissertation	180
Nuclear Engineering	NUCE 871	Dissertation	180
Nuclear Engineering and Nuclear Technology Management	NUCE 871	Dissertation	180

ENG.5 THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENGINEERING

ENG.5.1 RULES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENGINEERING

ENG.5.1.1 Duration

Refer to General Academic Rule 1.14.

The minimum term of study is two (2) year.

ENG.5.1.2 Minimum admission requirements for the qualification

- MEng; or
- Applicable MSc in Engineering/Natural Sciences; or
- Another recognised qualification that allows the student to attain equivalent status which is approved by the Faculty Board.

ENG.5.1.3 Faculty-specific completion requirements

In accordance with General Academic Rule 5.3.1., a doctoral candidate is required to

- Take part in at least two formal colloquia and/or technical conferences where aspects of their work are presented to an audience of established researchers and peers; and
- Have at least one full-length research paper on aspects of the thesis accepted for publication in a DHET accredited journal. The list of DHET accredited journals is available at:

http://collections.nwu.ac.za/dbtw-wpd/textbases/accredited-journals/accred.html

ENG.5.1.4 Composition of programme

In accordance with General Academic Rule 5.2.2, a doctoral degree consist of a total number of 360 credits. Each credit represents 10 hours of notional study

The faculty of Engineering offers a doctoral degree in the form of a research thesis of 360 credits.

UNIT FOR ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS			
Programme	Module Code	Descriptive Name	Credits
Chemical Engineering	CEMI 972	Thesis	360
Computer Engineering	EREI 972	Thesis	360
Computer and Electronic Engineering	REEI 972	Thesis	360
Development and Management Engineering	IIOB 972	Thesis	360
Electrical Engineering	EERI 972	Thesis	360
Electronic Engineering	EEEI 972	Thesis	360
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	ELEI 972	Thesis	360
Industrial Engineering	INGB 972	Thesis	360
Mechanical Engineering	MEGI 972	Thesis	360
Nuclear Engineering	NUCI 972	Thesis	360

ENG.6 MODULE OUTCOMES

NUCL 511 NQF level: 8

Title: Nuclear Engineering I

Module outcomes:

Students are provided with a broad overview of nuclear power systems to provide them with the basic knowledge they need to function in the nuclear reactor industry. The student should be able to demonstrate an understanding of and the ability to apply and evaluate key terms, concepts, facts, principles, rule and theories of the nuclear field. The student should also have detailed knowledge of the specialization area and how that knowledge relates to other fields. The student's problem-solving skills should include the ability to identify, analyse, evaluate, critically reflect on and address complex problems. Therefore, the following topics in nuclear engineering are covered:

- The history of nuclear engineering;
- Basics of atomic and nuclear physics for engineers;
- Interaction of neutrons and nuclear radiation with matter;
- Basic types of nuclear power plants;
- Neutron diffusion and moderation;
- Nuclear reactor theory;
- Time dependent behaviour.

NUCI 521 NQF level: 8

Title: Introduction to Thermal-Fluid Sciences

Module outcomes:

To provide students with the technical and theoretical knowledge regarding thermal fluid sciences which he/she will need to solve the thermal-flow problems in the modules that will follow.

- Thermodynamics: Properties of pure substances, work and heat, First Law of Thermodynamics, Second Law of Thermodynamics, power cycles;
- Fluid mechanics: Fluid statics, flow analysis, conservation laws for control volumes, differential forms of basic laws, dimensional analysis, incompressible viscous flow through pipes, one-dimensional compressible flow;
- Turbo machinery: Basic laws, compressors, turbines; and
- Heat transfer. Conduction, convection and radiation heat transfer, heat exchangers.

NUCL 526 NQF level: 8

Title: Nuclear Reactor Safety

Module outcomes:

On completion of the module, the student should be able to demonstrate:

- integrated knowledge of and engagement in aspects related to nuclear reactor safety and critical understanding and application of techniques and practices relevant to nuclear reactor safety.
- The ability to critically interrogate multiple sources of knowledge within the field of nuclear reactor safety and critically evaluate and review that knowledge with a view to apply relevant knowledge.

NUCI 574 NQF level: 8

Title: Nuclear Engineering Project

Module outcomes:

On completion of the module, the student should be able to demonstrate:

- the ability to execute a research project in the field of nuclear engineering independently
- and to write a concise scientific report on it.

NUCL 512 NQF level: 8

Title: Radiation and the Environment

Module outcomes:

Learners should develop a sound understanding of the characteristics of ionizing radiation and radionuclides, interactions of radiation with matter, biological effects, protection of persons and the environments against harmful effects of radiation and detection and measurement of radiation. The module provides the student with baseline knowledge of the use of radiation and radionuclides in various branches of science, technology and medicine, with special emphasis on the monitoring of environmental pollution on nuclear techniques.

The content includes:

- Characteristics of ionizing radiation;
- Properties of radionuclides and other sources of radiation;
- Basic processes involved in interactions of radiation with matter;
- Main radiation quantities and units:
- Physical, chemical and biological effects of radiation;
- Protection of people and the environment against harmful effects of radiation;
- Radiation detection, measurement and spectrometry;
- Monitoring of environmental radioactivity;
- Applications of radiation and radionuclides in science, industry and medicine; and
- The use of nuclear techniques in assessing various pollutants in the environment.

NUCI 577 NQF level: 8

Title: Reactor Analysis

Module outcomes:

After completion of this module, the student should demonstrate:

- Integrated knowledge of nuclear reactor neutronics analysis, which includes the following topics:
 - Physics of neutron-nuclear interactions and fission chain reaction;
 - Neutron transport model and diffusion theory;
 - Neutron energy distribution, including slowing down, resonance absorption and group energy method;
 - Nuclear reactor dynamics; and
 - Fuel burn-up.
- Critical understanding of these underlying physical principles and the ability to apply computational methods to reactor design and analysis, such as using simplified neutron diffusion and slowing down theories to calculate neutron flux

distributions in space and energy for simple homogenous geometrics and heterogeneous lattices.

NUCI 578 NQF level: 8

Title: Nuclear Engineering II

Module outcomes:

After completion of this module, the student should demonstrate:

- Applied knowledge and integrated understanding regarding the design and operation of nuclear power plants;
- The ability to solve basic thermal-hydraulic problems related to nuclear reactor engineering;
- The ability to communicate with the engineering community regarding these issues; and
- Integrated knowledge regarding thermal-hydraulic analysis of nuclear reactors, nuclear fuel and reactor operations in order to enable him/her to work in the nuclear industry.

NUCL 525 NQF level: 8

Title: Nuclear Project Management

Module outcomes:

To provide students with a broad overview of nuclear project management in order to provide them with the basic knowledge they need to function in the nuclear reactor industry.

The following topics in nuclear engineering are covered:

- System Engineering Process;
- Scheduling project execution;
- Nuclear safety;
- Cost estimation and cost-value analysis;
- Planning project execution;
- Project functional management; and
- The ability to apply this knowledge to a typical nuclear industry project.

After completion of this module, the student should demonstrate:

- integrated knowledge of and the ability to apply and evaluate key terms, concepts, facts, principles, rule and theories of the Nuclear Project Management field.
- critical understanding of the specialization area and how that knowledge relates to other fields.
- problem-solving skills that encompass the ability to identify, analyse, evaluate, critically reflect on and address complex problems, related to Nuclear Project Management.

NUCI 811 NQF level: 9

Title: Nuclear Engineering I

Module outcomes:

The module provides students with a broad overview of nuclear engineering to provide them with the basic knowledge they need to function in the nuclear reactor industry. The student should be able to demonstrate specialist knowledge to enable engagement with criticism of current nuclear research and nuclear practices. The student's problem-solving skill should be developed to demonstrate the ability to use a wide range of specialist skills in identifying, conceptualizing, designing and implementing methods to address complex practical and theoretical nuclear problems. The student should also demonstrate an understanding of the consequences of any nuclear solution.

Therefore, the following topics in nuclear engineering are covered:

- The history of nuclear engineering;
- Basics of anatomic and nuclear physics for engineers;
- Interaction of neutrons and nuclear radiation with matter;
- Basic types of nuclear power plants, neutron diffusion and moderation;
- Nuclear reactor theory;
- Time dependent behaviour and effects;
- Heat generation in nuclear cores;
- Radiation protection;
- Radiation shielding; and
- Reactor safety and licencing.

NUCI 879 NQF level: 9

Title: Nuclear Project Management

Module outcomes:

After successful completion of the Nuclear Project Management (NPM) module the student should demonstrate mastery of basic knowledge and skills pertaining to the theory, concepts, processes, tools and techniques of project management. He/she will have applied it to a typical nuclear industry project.

NUCI 883 NQF level: 9

Title: Nuclear Engineering II

Module outcomes:

On completion of this module, the student will have obtained the basic knowledge and understanding of how nuclear power plants are designed and operated.

With the knowledge the student has obtained from the module, he/she should be able to solve basic thermal-hydraulic problems related to nuclear reactor engineering and communicate with the engineering community about these problems.

The student's knowledge in the thermal-hydraulic analysis of nuclear reactors, as well as knowledge of nuclear fuel and reactor operations, will enable him/her to work in the nuclear industry.

NUCI 887 NQF level: 9

Title: Reactor Analysis

Module outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the module, the student should have acquired basic knowledge of nuclear reactor analysis, which includes the following topics:

- Physics of neutron-nuclear interactions and fission chain reaction;
- Neutron transport model and diffusion theory;
- Neutron energy distribution, including slowing down, resonance absorption and group energy method;
- Nuclear reactor dynamics; and
- Fuel burn-up.

This level of knowledge would enable the student to understand physical principles and apply computational methods for reactor design and analysis such as the calculation of neutron flux distribution in space and energy for simple homogenous geometrics and heterogeneous lattices.

NUCI 888 NQF level: 9

Title: Reactor Safety

Module outcomes:

On completion of this module the student should have developed a basic knowledge of the field of reactor safety. With this knowledge he/she should be able to:

- Understand accident situations and the student should have learned the necessary methods to evaluate them;
- Communicate with the engineering community about these problems;
- Carry out estimations for important accidents in nuclear plants;
- Use the basic knowledge to go deeper and to use complex programmes for safety analysis; and
- Use the knowledge to work in the nuclear industry or in safety organizations for supervision of nuclear power plants.

The methods used in nuclear safety analysis are helpful in other fields of technology.