

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

# Structured Masters Programme in Community Development

**The structured MA programme in community development is a two year programme, which entails a combination of theory classes, internship and research. This programme is ideal for students who are interested in working in a social developmental context and interested in developing skills and competence in community development.**

The programme comprises theory modules, an internship and conducting a minor research project. The structured masters programme is ideal for students who:

- Are interested primarily in developing skills and competence in macro, community development practice.
- Enjoy the opportunity to participate in robust debates with other students and lecturers.
- Thrive in a structured and directed learning environment, where you have a number of smaller assignments due on prescribed dates.

The Department of Social Work has positioned the programme in response to national, regional and global developmental challenges such as poverty and inequality for social services and development. We are committed to developing postgraduates who are innovators, critical thinkers, project managers and change agents engaged in relevant practice within the context of their own agencies as well as more broadly, on the African context. Besides preparing social workers for the challenges facing the African context, the programme also aims at preparing competent social workers who can compete in the global arena. Some of our students are currently in challenging positions in the USA and UK. This is evidence that our field of specialization is in line with meeting global developmental economic challenges.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the MA coursework masters programme in community development, you need to have a four-year Baccalaureate degree in social work or a three-year degree in social work together with an Honours degree in social work considered to be appropriate by the HOD of the department. Applications from non-social workers are also considered if their prior degree and/or work experience is oriented towards community development (e.g. development studies, public health and education). The Masters degree does not, however, qualify one as a social worker.

**Applications open on 1 April each year and close on 30 September.**

While you are encouraged to apply early, to ensure that your application is received and complete, we operate on an academic merit system, not on a first-come-first-served system. The entrance requirements are that you must have an average mark of at least 65% in your BSW/Honours degree, and registered with the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) if you are a social worker.

## ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in above programme and need information kindly request a brochure from our secretary, Ms Nicci Teixeira at [socialwork@uj.ac.za](mailto:socialwork@uj.ac.za); or speak to prof. Hanna Nel, coordinator of the programme, at [hannan@uj.ac.za](mailto:hannan@uj.ac.za).