

Dear Students

Please note that the 240-credit MSc 50/50 by Coursework and Research Report (old curriculum code EC000) will be discontinued as from 31 December 2021.

Any candidate who has not completed all the requirements of the EC000 programme by 31 December 2021 will be excluded from the historic unaligned programme.

Candidates who wish to continue studying toward their Master's degree must apply for a place in the new ECA00 programme. Applications must be made via the Student Enrolment Centre.

<https://self-service.wits.ac.za/>

The new ECA00 curriculum structure is as follows:

1. Any 4 courses each with 20 credits (selected from courses available on the Postgraduate Timetable published on the School's website in each academic year).
2. The compulsory 10-credit MINN7094A (Research Methodology for Mining Engineering) which is a pre-requisite for MINN7044A.
3. The compulsory 90-credit MINN7044A (Research Proposal and Report) which should ideally be taken as soon as coursework is completed.

Candidate may apply for credit exemption for courses previously completed under the old EC000, provided that the following conditions are met:

- a. To comply with provisions of University General Rule G7.9 on shelf-life of courses, only coursework completed from the old curriculum (EC000) between 2017 and 2021 may be carried over to the new curriculum (ECA00) up to a maximum of 80 credits and any coursework completed in or before 2017 will be withdrawn.
- b. All students registered for ECA00 will be required to do the compulsory MINN7094A (Research Methodology for Mining Engineering) course.

The N+2 requirement will be enforced in all cases and overrides all of the foregoing conditions. Please be aware of the N+2 requirement, which will be strictly enforced in the future. Therefore, if you are unable to register in any particular year, you must submit an application to place your studies in abeyance before 31 May of that year.

Regards,

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