



UNIVERSITY of the
WESTERN CAPE



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN POVERTY, LAND AND AGRARIAN STUDIES APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Dear Prospective Student

Thank you for your interest in studying at the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), at the University of the Western Cape as your choice for pursuing your further studies.

PLAAS offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies programme which is designed for passionate and committed working professionals in government, NGOs, the private sector in land and agrarian reform, rural development, natural resources and gender, who seek to progress in their careers and to improve their knowledge and skills in these sectors.

Applications must have obtained an undergraduate degree, with an average of 60% in the final assessment of the exit-modules in Sociology, History, Economics, Political Science, Agriculture, Public Admin, Geography and Environmental Studies, with at least three years' relevant experience in poverty, land reform and sustainable natural resource management.

The Course Structure

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, PLAAS will be offering the Postgraduate Diploma course via online learning. Students are required to complete 4 taught modules, taking place over 8 weeks block session. The first session will be in April/May (4 weeks); and August/September (4 weeks). Students are to be in full attendance as this is the only contact time they have with coordinators. If a student does not attend the block session, he/she will forfeit the module. Various means of assessment, such as written tests, group debates, pre-contact assignments and post-contact assignments, together with structured teaching, ensure that the teaching and learning outcomes of the programme are achieved.

Application Procedures

Please read the following guidelines carefully to assist you in the application process. We will consider applications on a monthly-basis.

1. Apply online to the University of the Western Cape.
2. Submit all required supporting documentation via the upload functionality and via email.
3. Submit SAQA certificate for foreign qualifications.

1. UWC Online Application

Please follow these instructions to apply online to the University of the Western Cape:

- a) Visit the University of the Western Cape website:
<https://www.uwc.ac.za/Students/Admin/Pages/Online-Applications.aspx>
- b) Follow the instructions provided. Please ensure that you apply for the correct programme stated below in the frequently asked questions.
- c) You are also required to upload your supporting documentation as indicated on the website.
- d) In addition to uploading your documents, please email the Postgraduate Administrator at postgraduates@plaas.org.za.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q1: What is the application type?	Postgraduate
Q2: What study type?	Full-time studies
Q3: What semester does it fall under?	Whole Year
Q4: What faculty do I select?	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Q5: What programme do I select?	PG Diploma in Land and Agrarian Studies
Q6: What department do I select?	PLAAS

2. Supporting Documentation

Prospective applicants must submit the below documentation for consideration.

- a) An updated, detailed curriculum vitae.
- b) A motivation letter stating why you want to pursue postgraduate studies. It should include your relevant work experience, community work and career objectives.
- c) Certified copies of academic qualifications and transcripts.
- d) Certified copies of identity document/passport.
- e) SAQA evaluation certificate (international qualifications only).

Please email all supporting documents to postgraduates@plaas.org.za for timeous processing.

3. Certificate of Evaluation of Foreign Qualifications

Prospective students who obtained qualifications from non-South African universities are required to submit a Certificate of Foreign Qualifications Evaluation from the South African Qualifications Assessment (SAQA) offices. The purpose of the evaluation is to compare foreign qualifications with South African qualifications and to advise on the recognition of the foreign qualification in South Africa in terms of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). Please note that this is the candidate's responsibility, including all costs related to this. The process can take up to three months to finalise, and could delay the selection process. Kindly visit the SAQA website on <http://www.saqa.org.za> or contact the call centre on +27 12 431 5070 for more information.

Tuition Fees

The estimated cost of tuition fees is approximately R 35 000. Applicants may generate online quotations and pro-forma invoices via the University's website <https://quote.uwc.ac.za/default>. Kindly indicate the modules LAS711, LAS712, LAS713 and LAS714 when requesting a quotation.

Accommodation and Travel

Accommodation and travel costs would be the candidate's responsibility. PLAAS would provide a list of possible accommodation to the successful candidates.

Applications Closing Date

Applications will close on **30 November 2020**. Applicants are encouraged to submit at their earliest convenience. You will be notified by email whether your application has been successful or not. Information regarding the registration procedures will be provided to successful candidates.

Wishing you everything of the best with your application.

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