

3.1.3. MMil in Military History

The programme allows for one of two modes of study, both under the guidance of a supervisor.

- Option A:
 - a thesis with prescribed reading in preparation of a research proposal; and
 - an oral examination and submission of an article for publication in an accredited journal; or
 - the presentation of a paper at a subject conference or a graduate seminar.
- Option B:
 - a structured self-study programme rounded off by a thesis.

3.1.3.1. MMil in Military History (Option A)

Admission Requirements

Subject to consultation with the lecturers at the Department of Military History, one of the following degrees is required:

- a BMilHons degree in Military History with a final mark of at least 60% in each module; or
- another applicable honours degree in which you have duly performed.

Duration of Programme

If you have already obtained a BMilHons degree, you may complete the programme after one year of full-time or two years of part-time study. If, however, you have another applicable honours degree, you may complete the programme only after two years of full-time study.

Programme Structure

You select a research theme in consultation with your supervisor, who also consults with the subject group. The research proposal focuses specifically on the military history of South Africa or Africa and must be based on primary (i.e. archival) work.

Programme Contents

A thesis (180 credits) in which you show an ability to undertake independent, scientifically responsible research.

The thesis must comply with the guidelines of the University. You must also sit for an oral examination.

The thesis must be preceded by a literature study leading to a research proposal, which you have presented at a Faculty of Military Science graduate research colloquium.

You must publish, or submit for publication, an article on the study theme in a DOE-accredited journal or present a paper at a subject conference or graduate seminar.

3.1.3.2. MMil in Military History (Option B)

Admission Requirements

Subject to consultation with the lecturers at the Department of Military History, one of the following degrees is required:

- a BMilHons degree in Military History, with a final mark of at least 60% in each module; or
- another applicable honours degree in which you have performed fittingly.

Duration of Programme

If you have already obtained a BMilHons degree, you may complete the programme after one year of full-time or two years of part-time study. If, however, you have another applicable honours degree, you may complete the programme only after two years of full-time study.

Programme Structure

You must complete a capita selecta of three study themes (for 90 credits) and submit a thesis of 90 credits on a theme from the military history of Africa.

Programme Contents

Study themes:

- A theme from General Military History (30)
- A theme from South African Military History (30)
- A theme from General Military History of Africa (30)
- A theme from War and Society (30)

3. Master's degrees

3.1. Master of Military Science (MMil)

To apply for this degree, you have to possess one of the following:

- a BMilHons degree at Stellenbosch University, or any other honours degree approved by Senate for this purpose;
- upon written request, you have been allowed by Senate (or the Executive Committee acting on Senate's behalf) to register for the MMil programme;
- an approved research curriculum and/or advanced study of at least one year (after having obtained the above-mentioned honours degree) at Stellenbosch University or any other institution approved by Senate; and
- submission of a satisfactory thesis.

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