

### **3.1.4. MMil in Strategic Studies**

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.

#### **3.1.4.1. MMil in Strategic Studies (Option A)**

##### **Admission Requirements**

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

- a BMilHons degree in Strategic Studies with a final mark of at least 60% in each subject; or
- another honours degree in an approved related field of study with a final mark of at least 60% in each subject.

##### **Duration of Programme**

If you possess a BMilHons degree, you may obtain the MMil degree 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 should have a definite focus on strategic or security-related matters and, if possible, on Africa.

##### **Programme Contents**

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

The thesis must comply with the guidelines of the University.

An oral examination.

Your 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.

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.

### 3.1.4.2. MMil in Strategic Studies (Option B)

#### Admission Requirements

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

- an honours degree in Strategic Studies with a final mark of at least 60% in each subject; or
- another honours degree in an approved related field of study with a final mark of at least 60% in each subject.

#### Duration of Programme

If you possess a BMilHons degree, you may obtain the MMil degree 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

If you possess an honours degree, you must complete a capita selecta of three study themes and submit a thesis on the security milieu of Africa.

#### Please Note:

Depending on your academic background, the Programme Coordinator may allow you to follow postgraduate modules in related fields of study instead of the capita selecta listed below. If you follow these modules at another faculty or institution, you must meet their stipulated requirements.

#### Programme Contents

##### Compulsory for all candidates:

- Thesis: a theme that focuses on the African security milieu (90)

##### Capita selecta of study themes (for 90 credits):

- Strategy in the Contemporary World (30)
- Contemporary Irregular War (30)
- Contemporary Land, Sea, Aerospace, or Cyber Power (30)
- Contemporary Operational Theory (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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