Short Learning Programme in Environmental Management Enforcement and Prosecution offered by the Department of Environmental Sciences in collaboration with the College of Law and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT)

- ADVANCED SHORT COURSE 1: THE LEGAL CONTEXT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT (Advanced Short Course Code: LCEM015)
- ADVANCED SHORT COURSE 2: BECOMING AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT INSPECTOR (Advanced Short Course Code: BEMI014)
- ADVANCED SHORT COURSE 3: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION – INDUSTRY (Advanced Short Course Code: EMCI01P)
- ADVANCED SHORT COURSE 4: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE INSPECTION AND INVESTIGATION – BIODIVERSITY (Advanced Short Course Code: EMCB01X)
- ADVANCED SHORT COURSE 5: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION – PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS (Advanced Short Course Code: EMEP01P)
Regulations promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA) requires any person who wishes to become an Environmental Management Inspector (EMI) to complete a relevant training course approved by the Director – General: Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT). In order to give effect to this requirement, DEAT contracted the services of specialists to develop and present an EMI Basic Training Course. To build the sustainability and accessibility of the course, DEAT then approached other tertiary educational institutions with a view to establishing a collaborative project to have the modules of the EMI Basic Training Course presented as part of their own curricula.

1 PURPOSE OF THE SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMME

The primary purpose of these Advanced Short Courses is to provide students with systematic knowledge, specialized skills and theoretical competence to become an Environmental Management Inspector (EMI).

A second purpose of these Advanced Short Courses is to provide South Africa with professional EMIs with appropriate skills, and managerial and leadership acumen that will enable them to reach sound and responsible decisions – in keeping with the precautionary principle and sustainable development principles. Such EMIs can serve the country in a variety of important ways, in both the public and private sector.

The third purpose is to equip EMIs with innovativeness, problem-solving competencies, and the ability to operate in multi-disciplinary teams designed to enforce environmental legislation.

The Advanced Short Courses offered are NOT for degree purposes. However, students will get recognition for short courses successfully completed should they wish to enroll for any of the Honours environmental programmes presented by the Department of Environmental Sciences on condition that all other requirements have been fulfilled.

2 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Entrance requirements to the Advanced Short Courses are a Bachelors degree (NQF level 6) or equivalent qualification (e.g. relevant diploma). Each application will be considered on its individual merit. Recognition of Prior Learning will be taken into account. All registrations are subject to approval and conditions as stipulated by the Programme Managers in the Department of Environmental Sciences.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMME

Applications for the first semester open on 1 November of the previous year and close on 30 November of the previous year. Payment must reach the University on or before 15 January of the following year to confirm a student’s registration. First semester courses will be offered from February to June.

Applications for the second semester open on 1 April of that year and close on 30 April of that year. Payment must reach the University on or before 15 June of that year to confirm a student’s registration. Second semester courses will be offered from July to November.

Registrations for the second semester of 2008 open on 1 April 2008 and close on 23 May 2008. The second semester courses for 2008 will be offered from 1 July 2008 to 30 November 2008.

The following documents must accompany a student’s application for admission:

- A completed application form;
- Copy of ID document;
- Copies of all degrees, certificates and diplomas; and
- Copies of all subjects passed.
4 SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Short Learning Programme in Environmental Management Enforcement and Prosecution consists of five (5) Advanced Short Courses (ASCs) of which students have to complete **four** (ASC 1, 2, 5 and either 3 or 4) in order to be designated an Environmental Management Inspector. The courses are all on NQF level 7.

Advanced Short Courses 1-4 will focus on theory. Advanced Short Course 5 is a practical course with a duration of approximately 2 weeks. Admission to practical attendance is contingent on enrolment and/or successful completion of the mandatory three theory advanced short courses.

**NOTE:** Students do not have to register for all four Advanced Short Courses during the same semester but may enroll for the amount of courses they feel comfortable with in terms of the time and capacity available for their studies.

Each Advanced Short Course has separate modes of tuition and assessment. Theory short courses (ASC 1, 2, 3 & 4) will be offered through Open Distance Learning Mode and assessed through assignments and portfolios. The practical short course (ASC 5) will be offered through Contact Mode and assessed continuously throughout the practical session, culminating in a 3 hour written examination.

**ASC 1: Legal context for Environmental Management compliance and enforcement (ASC Code: LCEM015)**
- Unit 1: Introduction to Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
- Unit 2: Constitutional and Administrative Law for EMI
- Unit 3: Environmental Law for EMI
- Unit 4: Criminal Law and Law of Evidence for EMI
- Unit 5: Introduction to Business Entities for EMI

**ASC 2: Becoming an Environmental Management Inspector (ASC Code: BEMI014)**
- Unit 1: Mandate, Functions and Powers of an EMI
- Unit 2: Enforcement Ethics for EMI
- Unit 3: Networks and Resources for EMI
- Unit 4: Operational Conflict Management for EMI

**ASC 3: Environmental Management Compliance Inspection and Investigation – industry (ASC Code: EMCI01P)**
- Unit 1: Health and Safety
- Unit 2: Conducting Compliance Inspections and Investigation of Non-Compliance
- Unit 3: Enforcement of Environmental Quality and Protection Legislation

**ASC 4: Environmental Management Compliance Inspection and Investigation – biodiversity (ASC Code: EMCB01X)**
- Unit 1: Health and Safety
- Unit 2: Conducting Compliance Inspections and Investigation of Non-Compliance
- Unit 3: Enforcement of Biodiversity, Marine and Conservation Legislation

**ASC 5: Environmental Management Enforcement and Prosecution – Practical applications (ASC Code: EMEP01P)**

The principles of Environmental compliance and enforcement.
- Environmental compliance and enforcement legislation.
- The mandate, function and ethics of EMI.
- Networks and resources available to an EMI.
- Operational conflict management.
- Health and Safety for EMI.
- The principles for conducting compliance inspections and investigating suspected non-compliance.
- Enforcement in cases of non-compliance with environmental legislation.

**IMPORTANT:** The codes, comprising seven symbols, which appear in brackets after the names of the papers, must be indicated on the registration form.
5 STUDY PACKAGE, ASSIGNMENTS AND PORTFOLIOS

The study package for each Advanced Short Course will be sent to you via the internet. It comprises one or more of the following:

- a study guide
- tutorial letters
- assignments
- portfolio

The assignments consist of questions requiring written answers. The portfolios may be of a theoretical and/or practical nature and consist of questions requiring written answers. The details of the practical sessions will be communicated to students during the academic year.

6 COSTS

The cost of each Advanced Short Course is R3 500. Therefore, to complete all the requirements for designation as an Environmental Management Inspector will cost a student a total of R14 000 (4 x R3 500.00 = R14 000.00).

NOTE: A minimum number of 20 students is required for an Advanced Short Course to be offered.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING STAFF

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