



HIGHER DIPLOMA IN PLANNING FOR DEVELOPING AREAS

INTRODUCTION

The Higher Diploma in Planning for Developing Areas is designed for graduates from varying disciplines who are concerned with urban and rural development in under- or semi-developed areas. It is aimed at present and future administrators, public officials and professionals. The emphasis in the course is on an action orientated approach involving judgement and co-ordination. It deals with the role of development and the scope of planning in the developmental process and covers both in theoretical and practical terms.

OBJECTIVES

Planning for developing areas requires an integrated approach involving co-ordination and management of change. It is ultimately concerned with urban and rural spatial development policies which emphasize equity in social welfare and economic opportunity and the rational development of human and natural resources.

The course does not teach solutions. It attempts rather to identify principles to guide students in their search for appropriate solutions. The emphasis is therefore on strategies, processes and techniques which will be of use when operating in various developmental contexts.

The course will involve lectures, seminars and tutorials, as well as practical field projects in order to:

- (1) generate an understanding of the context within which the planner will operate i.e. at the urban, regional and national levels, under conditions of under- or semi-development.
- (2) To develop strategies for action and intervention;
- (3) To develop methods of analysis and problem solving.

CONTENT

The course extends over one academic year of full-time study.

- The following qualifying courses are prescribed:
- (1) Developing Areas Planning Theory and Techniques
 - (2) Developing Areas Planning Practice
 - (3) Administrative and Financial Planning
 - (4) African Cultures and Society
 - (5) Civil Engineering in Relation to Rural Planning
 - (6) Land and Resources

ELIGIBILITY

The course is open to applicants who hold a degree in Town and Regional Planning, Architecture, Building Science, Civil Engineering, Land Surveying, Geography, Economics or Sociology, or a qualification regarded as equivalent by the Senate of the University.

FEES - BURSARIES

The course fee is R530 per annum. Information concerning accommodation for candidates can be obtained from the University's Central Admission Office. Information regarding scholarships and bursaries can be obtained from the University's Bursaries Office.

EMPLOYMENT

Possibilities for employment exist:

- (1) in a national, provincial, regional or local department of government;
- (2) in the private sector as an independent consultant or in a firm of consultants or in a private, national or international agency;
- (3) in some form of research group.

ADMISSION

Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Faculty of Architecture. Applicants are requested to submit their applications by the 15th January. Candidates are, however, advised to submit completed applications as early as possible.

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