



Policy

Language

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1. POLICY

English is the medium of instruction and administration at MANCOSA. English is an international language of communication in science and business, but it is not the primary language for many of MANCOSA's students and staff.

It is expected that MANCOSA students have adequate English language literacy skills, by which we understand the ability to communicate through the spoken and written word in a variety of contexts: academic, social and in their future careers.

2. TEACHING AND EXAMINATIONS

English is the medium of instruction, communication and of assessment. This applies to all programmes and includes postgraduate dissertations.

3. ADMISSIONS

All applicants, whether at undergraduate or postgraduate level, are expected to be proficient in English and may be required to submit evidence of this as part of their application to study, as outlined below.

MANCOSA language policy in respect of South African undergraduate applicants:

- Such applicants must be in possession of National Senior Certificate or the National Certificate Vocational with appropriate subject combinations and levels of achievement as defined in the Minister's policies: Minimum Admission Requirements for Higher Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor's Degree Programmes Requiring a National Senior Certificate, Government Gazette, Vol 751, No 32131 of 11 July 2008 and Minimum Admission Requirements for Higher Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor's Degree Programmes requiring a National Certificate (Vocational), published in the Government Gazette, Vol. 533, No. 32743, November 2009

Non-South African Students

The language policy in respect of undergraduate or postgraduate applicants, whose primary language is not English, or applicants whose primary language is English, but it appears that they may not cope with study in the English language:

- such applicants may require to submit one of the following: a recent score (obtained within 3 - 5 years before application for admission) of at least 570 (paper-based test) or 230 (computer-based test) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); a recent overall band score of 6.0 (with no individual element of the test scoring below 6.0) on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or, be subject to an internal MANCOSA assessment test of English language capability.

Failing to meet the above requirements, and where necessary, may be required to complete an academic literacy module or an external mainstream English language course with an academic literacy component.

4. ADMINISTRATION

English is the language of internal governance and of administration. All English communication must be clear and concise and gender-sensitive.