Implementation of structured PhD and MMed/MDent degrees

All PhD, MMed and MDent students who first register for their degrees after July 2022 are required to complete the following courses.

**A. Year 1 of Registration**

Two compulsory courses, each of which is assessed with an MCQ quiz, must be completed in the first 12 months of registration. Failure to meet these requirements may result in de-registration from the degree.

(i) Research Methodology: available on Ulwazi (this course may also be offered by your Department/School – please check). If it is completed in the Department/School, you will still need to pass the quiz on Ulwazi.

(ii) Basic Applied Statistical Methods using Stata and Statistica: available on Ulwazi and in-person.

Please complete the booking [forms](https://www.wits.ac.za/health/research/research-office/resources/staff-and-postgraduate-research-and-statistical-support/research-courses-and-workshops-/#d.en.21433) and email them to [courses.health@wits.ac.za](mailto:courses.health@wits.ac.za) to get access to the courses.

**B. MCQ quizzes for both compulsory Courses**

The MCQ can be accessed at any time. Candidates have 30 minutes to complete each quiz. A certificate of completion will be issued after passing the quiz.

Candidates have three attempts to obtain a minimum mark of 64%. If the candidate fails to pass the quiz after three attempts, a fourth attempt is offered in person at the HSRO offices.

**C. Year 2 of registration – PhD students only**

Two compulsory courses each of which is assessed with an MCQ quiz which must be completed in the second year of registration for PhD students:

(i) Scientific Writing Skills: Available on Ulwazi and in-person. Assessed with submission of an abstract.

(ii) Presenting your Research: Available in-person only. Assessed with an MCQ quiz on Ulwazi and submission of a rubric for the practical session.

**D. Availability of additional, non-compulsory courses through the HSRO**

All candidates can access any of the courses offered through the HSRO, which are offered either face to face, or online. For more information, please contact [courses.health@wits.ac.za](mailto:courses.health@wits.ac.za)