

Short courses enhance your capabilities, achieve your goals

Why do a short course?

- Build conceptual depth in your study
- Develop sophisticated use of software tools
- Extend your personal capacity
- Enrich your CV

Who should register?

- CPGS courses are open to Rhodes University postgraduate scholars, post-doctoral fellows and staff.
- See each course for specific requirements.

What can you expect?

- Expect to work hard – these courses are pegged at NQF level 7
- Intensive courses requiring extensive commitment
- Some are offered in a block and others over a semester
- Discuss with your supervisor or mentor

Introduction to R

2 July – 6 July

Morning sessions in computer lab, afternoon work independently. Introduction to all the basic functioning of R for statistical analysis of data

Letter of attendance for those who attend all sessions

Session 1: Getting started & Data set-up: Capturing and importing data, data structures, data set-up, univariate summaries, getting results into WORD, How R works: Simple scripting and functions.

Session 2: Bi-variate data summaries and statistics: assessing normality, t-tests & associated non-parametric equivalents, common categorical tests (Goodness-of-Fit, Independence, Homogeneity)

Session 3: Simple and multiple regression

Session 4: Intro to Anova: 1-way, 2 way, 2-way mixed

Session 5: Generalised Linear Models

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Introduction to NVivo

31 July & 1 August, 6 & 7 August and 15 & 16 August

- Plan the research design for your NVivo project
- Use literature (and theory) to determine themes and codes for analysis in NVivo
- Import and analyse different kinds of data using NVivo

- Visualise and query the data
- Utilise NVivo reports to write up the analysed
- Short course certificate on successful completion of assessment
- <https://goo.gl/forms/ZMRdKENZH6caQbGB2>

Introduction to Critical Discourse Analysis

Semester long – 16 July to 15 October

- Entirely online
- Structured programme of practical analysis
- Focus on Southern African research, especially research from Rhodes
- Constant links back to home department and own research
- Interdisciplinary and interactive

- Formative assessment throughout module
- Summative assessment via portfolio, to be assessed by supervisor in home department
- Short course certificate on successful completion of assessment
- <https://goo.gl/forms/fbycle34MNz1Mbip1>

Academic Journal Article Writing

Two offerings

- Wonderful opportunity to develop a journal article in a structured space with a supportive community of scholars. Authors work on their articles, and obtain feedback, providing a supportive mechanism for reflexive development of an academic paper.
- Short course certificate is issued once articles have been submitted to a journal.

- Course 1: Part 1 – 30 & 31 July, Part 2 – 22 August, Part 3 – 27 September
- <https://goo.gl/forms/g7iXcDktv197m3J3>
- Course 2 (Repeat): Part 1: 23 & 24 August, Part 2: 28 September, Part 3: 29 October
- <https://goo.gl/forms/9MXoJBDpCUM6pOwq2>

Strengthening Postgraduate Supervision

Phase 1: 14-16 August, Phase 2: online, Phase 3: 2-4 October

- Nationally accredited short course to develop postgraduate supervision capacity
- Course has been offered over 50 times at 20 universities – www.postgradsupervision.com

- Course themes: Social justice in postgraduate education, the supervisor as scholar, supervision processes, and supervision practices.
- Short course certificate on successful completion of assessment
- <https://goo.gl/forms/a0TwGvdxEsIFxnKm2>

Introduction in isiXhosa

24 July–4 October. Tuesdays & Thursdays

- An introduction to conversational isiXhosa for postgraduate scholars
- Safe space to begin a learning journey – basic conversations and vocabulary

- 12 weeks: one hour tutorial per week plus lots of practice in between
- <https://goo.gl/forms/oRHm1u6G5NQqqBSK2>

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