

## **Centre for Arts and Culture**

B.A. in Arts (3 year degree) with various modules within the Arts and Culture field.

### **Entrance requirements:**

Matriculation exemption or equivalent – 23 years, auditions / assignment / special classes on literacy. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) will be considered on its own merits.

### **Outcomes of the programme**

The programme is designed to equip the student for the exciting world of arts (Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Theatre, etc.). It is to train students as practitioners and researchers in the field of arts. On completion a student will also be an eligible employee in the arts industry or be prepared to become an entrepreneur for the arts.

These courses unearth the educative potential that the arts have, in development and change while remaining entertaining. In these courses, strong emphasis is placed on performance skills. Throughout the training, skills are harnessed and intensified to equip the student with expertise to work in multicultural environments and develop communities.

Employment opportunities, e.g. teaching profession, research, performer, director, choreographer, composer, conductor, arts manager, producer, adjudicator, TV, film, radio, Department of Arts, Culture and Heritage, museums, recording studios, arts critic, journalism, librarian, sound and lighting engineering, NGO's and CBO's.

## **Departmental Policy**

### **Attendance**

All students are expected to attend all practical classes for the respective modules in order to qualify for examinations.

Students are required to attend any extra practical classes or rehearsals scheduled by lecturer, even though it falls outside the normal time table.

If the attendance register, in any of the above, does not show attendance for at least 80%, the students will not be allowed to present work to the examiners.

Students are required to be punctual at all practicals, rehearsals and performances. A grace period of five minutes will be tolerated. Any student who arrives late will be excluded from the class, and marked absent, and will therefore be subjected to disciplinary action.

Only learners who produce medical certificates are excused from attending practical classes. In case of a death in the family, the student must present proof.

The staff will record a schedule of students' tasks, thus allowing the staff to monitor the learner's development.

### **Productions and rehearsals**

All students are required to participate in concerts and productions. This includes choir, lunch hour concerts projects. This is in addition to the year-group production for examination purposes. Students who fail to comply will not meet the requirements for promotion to the next academic level.

Attendance at all rehearsals is compulsory. Failure to attend will mean expulsion from the production. This will have a negative effect on the mark average.

Students are under no circumstances allowed to miss any performance, whether they are performing or involved in a backstage capacity. Students who are not present at a performance will be subjected to disciplinary action which might result in exclusion from the course.

Students who receive monies for their productions are accountable for that money. Students failing to prove how they spent the departmental grant entrusted on them will have that amount debited from their accounts.

### **Dress**

Students are required to be appropriately dressed for practical classes and rehearsals. The preferred clothing is T-shirts and tracksuits or leotards and tights. Students should be able to move freely in their clothes. The student should also wear clothes that may get dirty. A lot of the practical work takes place on the floor. Dresses, skirts, jeans and slacks are not acceptable apparel. All students are to dress for action not for fashion. Students who are not correctly dressed will be excluded from the class and marked absent. Failing to comply will render the student to be disciplined.

### **Assignments**

All assignments must be submitted on the due date. Late assignments will lose five (5%) per day that they are late.

Application for extension should be completed in writing at least a day before the due date.

In the case of sickness a medical certificate must be produced. In the case of a death in the family the student must present proof.

NB: Electives can be chosen in any programme as long as they dovetail with the main programme.