

Master's Programme in Applied Risk Management – 2025 Intake

Thank you for your interest in the UARM Master's degree in Applied Risk Management.

Information on the master's degree is available on our website <https://commerce.nwu.ac.za/uarm>. The specific admission requirements for the degree in the yearbook are as follows:

EMS.13.11 MASTER OF COMMERCE IN APPLIED RISK MANAGEMENT

EMS.13.11.1 Admission requirements

Prospective students should adhere to the following admission requirements:

- a) *Be in possession of a suitable honours degree or equivalent qualification at NQF level 8 for which the student has achieved a final average mark of at least 65%.*
- b) *This programme is intended for mature students with significant experience in risk-related fields. The student must have a minimum of two years' work experience in a risk related field.*
- c) *Prospective students have to pass a selection process as set out by UARM the Centre for Applied Risk Management.*
- d) *BTech degrees will not be considered for admission to the master's degree.*

Applications to enrol for the degree open annually on 1 July and close strictly on 31 October (Note that we allow only a week for processing applications, so please ensure that you submit your complete application timeously). Applicants will be screened based on the completeness of their application, academic qualifications, work experience, and age. Short-listed applicants have to do a TALPS (Test for Academic Literacy of Postgraduate Students) as well as a written assignment that will be used to select the next year's intake. The exact submission date for the assignment will be communicated to the short-listed students by UARM staff members. The selection outcome will be communicated during November by UARM staff, which will be followed by official communication from the Higher Degree Office. Registration and study commence late in January / early in February of the following year.

Note that the application process described below is a subset of the NWU application process which can be found at <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/postgraduate-studies/higher-degree-admissions>. The main difference is that UARM has additional requirements regarding its screening process.

Formally apply by strictly 31 October with all application and UARM specific documentation. Please follow the online process at <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/apply> - specific instructions for this process are provided at the end of this document. Feel free to contact the Higher Degree Office at VTC-HigherDegrees@nwu.ac.za / Petro.VanRhyn@nwu.ac.za if you have any queries regarding admission requirements. **Do not send any original documents but do upload your certified documentation to the online application system.**

In parallel, please email scanned copies of your ID, CV, signed Letter of Understanding and the academic record of your **completed** NQF Level 8 qualification on the basis of which you are applying, to uarm@nwu.ac.za and NeelsErasmus@outlook.com in order to facilitate the internal UARM screening process. (This is very important, as we use it as an independent control to ensure that your application has been processed by the university administrative systems)

Study costs: Please note that the study costs for 2025 will only be finalised towards the end of 2024. You can use the fees for 2024 (available on our website) with an inflationary increase for budget purposes or email VaalAccounts@nwu.ac.za for a cost estimate.

Documents required **for South African citizens**

- For the official NWU online application:

1.1	The properly completed and submitted online application, which can be found at http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/apply , by following the instructions at the end of this document. Please certify and scan your documentation
1.2	No application fee is payable by South African citizens
1.3	A certified copy of your ID
1.4	Certified copies of all academic certificates and academic records of all qualifications, including your completed NQF Level 8 qualification. Alternatively, a certified copy of SAQA evaluation certificate – if qualifications were obtained outside the borders of South Africa (http://www.saqa.org.za/). This communication is strictly between the applicant and SAQA
1.5	A certified copy of your marriage certificate if the degree(s) were issued in your maiden name

- UARM-specific documents to be sent under separate cover to uarm@nwu.ac.za and NeelsErasmus@outlook.com. **Please do not send the full set of documents required for the formal NWU application.**

1.6	A copy of your ID
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1.7	A copy of your signed selection process agreement that you will have to undergo assessments, which can be found at https://commerce.nwu.ac.za/uarm/applications
1.8	Your curriculum vitae of maximum three pages, containing the following information: Surname & Initials; Title; Preferred name; Birth date; Gender; Nationality; Population group; Preferred e-mail; Preferred contact number; Current employer and employment position; Academic qualifications; Employment history
1.9	A copy of the academic record of the NQF Level 8 on the basis of which you are applying, showing the final marks that you obtained for the different modules . Note that you must already have completed this qualification.

Documents required **for international applicants** (passport holders, permanent residents, asylum seekers, refugee permit holders)

- For the official NWU online application:

2.1	The properly completed and submitted online application, which can be found at http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/apply , by following the instructions at the end of this document. Please certify and scan your documentation
2.2	A copy of proof of payment of the required NWU non-refundable application fee of R575,00, which can be paid via EFT or direct bank deposit into the NWU bank account held at Absa. For this purpose ONLY a direct bank deposit or electronic payment can be made into the North- West University bank account. The account “NW University online registrations” must be used and the account details are ABSA, account number 409-169-1369, and branch code 632-005. Please contact us with enquiries about this bank account at NWU-Bankdeposit@nwu.ac.za. The most important thing is your reference. Foreign students must use the letter A together with the prospective student’s date of birth and surname as reference for our bank account e.g. A8801250012085 or the student number assigned to the application.
2.3	A certified copy of your asylum seeker permit, refugee permit, passport, permanent residency ship (should you make use of an asylum seeker / refugee permit or be a permanent resident please include a certified copy of your passport (even if the passport has reached its expiry date)
2.4	Certified copies of certificates and academic records in regard to all qualifications, including your completed NQF Level 8 qualification.
2.5	A certified copy of your marriage certificate if the degree(s) were issued in your maiden name.
2.6	A certified copy of SAQA evaluation certificate – if qualifications were obtained outside the borders of South Africa (http://www.saqa.org.za/) - This communication is strictly between the applicant and SAQA
2.7	Certified copies of translations of academic records and certificates from original language to English. Translations must be issued by registered official sworn translators only
2.8	If language of tuition was not in English an English proficiency test result is required (not older than 2 years): TOEFL - http://www.ets.org/toefl or IELTS - http://www.ielts.org

- UARM-specific documents to be sent under separate cover to uarm@nwu.ac.za and NeelsErasmus@outlook.com. **Please do not send the full set of documents required for the formal NWU application.**

2.9	A copy of your ID or passport
2.10	A copy of your signed selection process agreement that you will have to undergo assessments, which can be found at https://commerce.nwu.ac.za/uarm/applications
2.11	Your curriculum vitae of maximum three pages, containing the following information: Surname & Initials; Title; Preferred name; Birth date; Gender; Nationality; Population group; Preferred e-mail; Preferred contact number; Current employer and employment position; Academic qualifications; Employment history
2.12	A copy of the academic record of the NQF Level 8 on the basis of which you are applying, showing the final marks that you obtained for the different modules . Note that you must already have completed this qualification.

Looking forward to receiving your application!

<p>For formal application information, please contact:</p> <p>Me Petro van Rhyn E-mail: VTC-HigherDegrees@nwu.ac.za / Petro.VanRhyn@nwu.ac.za Tel: 016 910 3107</p>	<p>For questions pertaining to the programme, please contact:</p> <p>Neels Erasmus E-mail: uarm@nwu.ac.za / NeelsErasmus@outlook.com Mobile: +27 (0)82 571 1197</p>
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ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM:

Visit the NWU website and select “Study at NWU/Postgraduate Studies/Masters and Doctoral studies/Apply (<http://studies.nwu.ac.za/postgraduate-studies/higher-degree-admissions>), and follow the instructions.

Note that the issue of a student number/university number does not imply that the applicant has been accepted for the programme he/she applied for. A student number/university number is issued for administrative purposes only. Incomplete applications will not be processed. The University reserves the right to refuse any application for admission without supplying reasons for such a decision.

Should you experience any problems with this process, please contact Petro van Rhyn on +00 27 (0)16 910 3107, e-mail VTC-HigherDegrees@nwu.ac.za / 24123129@nwu.ac.za