

ADVANCING ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP

SUNONLINE SHORT COURSE

“Join a community of cutting edge thinkers who choose to contribute meaningfully to real- world challenges.”

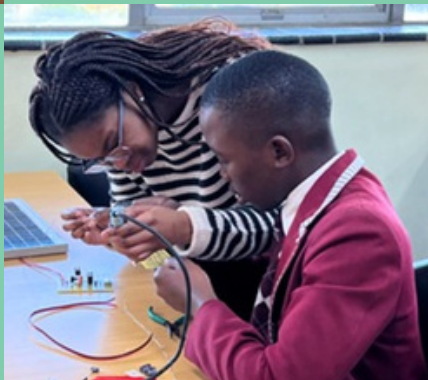


ABOUT US

This Training and Placement Centre within the Centre for the Advancement of Social Impact and Transformation was established to enable students to gain civic engagement experience

OUR FACILITIES

As an African university, SU plays a significant role in preparing, training, and equipping students to become global citizens. We are confronted by increasingly complex issues such as food security, energy security, global economic challenges, the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.



THE SHORT COURSE COMPRISES OF THE FOLLOWING MODULES:-

- ACCESSING AND ANALYSING INFORMATION
- CURIOSITY AND IMAGINATION
- AGILITY AND ADAPTABILITY
- COLLABORATION ACROSS NETWORKS AND LEADING BY INFLUENCE
- CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING
- EFFECTIVE WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION
- INITIATIVE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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This rapidly changing landscape requires universities to be more agile in responding to critical challenges while preparing students to make a positive impact on society.

SU, according to its Vision 2040, wants to be Africa's "leading research university, globally recognised as excellent, inclusive, and innovative," and "where knowledge is advanced in the service of society".

Inspired by this Vision, the Centre for the Advancement of Social Impact and Transformation is reshaping initiatives within the university to:

1

Respond to real-life challenges and encourage active citizenship

2

Develop the critical skills needed to understand social challenges within a variety of contexts

3

Enable students to share cutting-edge academic knowledge within a variety of organizations/ community partners

The short course comprises of the following modules:



ACCESSING AND ANALYSING INFORMATION

This module will guide you in deconstructing information and analysing its legitimacy through a process of understanding how dominant constructs of knowledge shape our thinking and effects of individual bias. Through this process you will, by means of ongoing self-reflection, develop a deeper understanding of why there is a need to decolonise knowledge and the value of diverse narratives.



CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

This module facilitates engaging the world in a critical way, through questioning the dominant narrative and evaluating personal assumptions and bias. Participants are provided with different lenses to evaluate whether information is factual when formulating a personal opinion.



CURIOSITY AND IMAGINATION

Curiosity plays an important role in awakening our imagination. Through this module, you will be encouraged to explore and reimagine a more just world for all who live in it.



EFFECTIVE ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

This module seeks to cultivate your oral and written skills to ensure successful and effective communication. You will be equipped with techniques to improve your delivery of content to achieve maximum impact.



AGILITY AND ADAPTABILITY

In a rapidly changing world, skills such as flexibility and adaptability are invaluable, especially as we find ourselves faced with growing societal issues and uncertainty across the globe. Through this module, you will be challenged to become cognisant of rigid thinking and the benefits of journeying beyond your comfort zones.



INITIATIVE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This module explores the concept of entrepreneurial competence and the associated knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to develop the ability to view problems as opportunities for innovation and value creation.



COLLABORATION ACROSS NETWORKS AND LEADING BY INFLUENCE

This module discusses the concepts of collaboration and leadership. You'll be encouraged to lead by influence and to identify potential opportunities for collaboration.

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