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List of Subjects:

Languages:

- Afrikaans Home Language
- Afrikaans First Additional Language
- English Home Language
- English First Additional Language
- isiZulu Home Language
- Setswana

Other:

- Business Studies
- Geography
- History
- Life Sciences
- Mathematical Literacy
- Mathematics
- Physical Science



Adult Education Academy

Overview:

Unlock new possibilities with an Amended Senior Certificate. Designed for adults, this programme offers a second chance to obtain your Grade 12 certificate and pave the way for future educational and career opportunities.

By earning your Amended Senior Certificate (ASC), you can boost your employability and broaden your horizons.

If you are 21 years or older and have either a GETC or a Grade 9 (Standard 7) report stating you've passed the year, or a recognised equivalent at NQF level 1 with two official languages, you qualify for entry. Don't miss out on this chance to rewrite your future with an Amended Senior Certificate at Optimi College.

Why complete Matric as an adult?

The Amended Senior Certificate is a programme that is specifically designed for adults who did not complete or pass their Grade 12. Almost two-thirds of South African adults have not completed or passed their Grade 12. This means that many of our young adults will struggle to find employment as a matric qualification is often a minimum requirement for even entry-level positions.

To minimise the number of unemployed adults in South Africa, the Department of Higher Education and Training introduced the Amended Senior Certificate programme. This programme is specifically aimed at adults and out-of-school learners that want to obtain their matric equivalent.

The Amended Senior Certificate is recognised by employers and various tertiary education institutions, which means not only can students qualify for entry-level jobs, but they can also further their education and take control of their future.

AMENDED SENIOR CERTIFICATE (ASC)

All Subjects

Academic Detail	Admission Requirements	Assessment Criteria	Certification	Study Duration	Mode of Delivery
<p>Course type: Short course</p> <p>SAQA ID: N/A</p> <p>Minimum credits: N/A</p> <p>Quality council: Umalusi"</p>	<p>Adult learners who are 21 years and older who have:</p> <p>A General Education and Training Certificate (GETC);</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A Grade 9 school report (or the old standard seven), stating that they have passed Grade 9 or Standard 7;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>A recognised equivalent qualification obtained at NQF Level 1 which requires two official languages;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Adult learners who are 21 years and older with an incomplete Senior Certificate qualification.</p>	<p>The Amended Senior Certificate Examinations take place in June/July every year. If you meet the qualifying criteria and wish to take the examinations and obtain your certificate, you must register for the examinations no later than January, to take the examinations in June/July.</p> <p>Learners wishing to write these exams can register at any provincial education office, which includes the provincial head office, district offices and circuit offices.</p> <p>To achieve an Amended Senior Certificate, you must meet the following requirements in the exams:</p> <p>Pass three subjects at 40%, one of which must be an official language at Home Language level. Pass two subjects at 30%, one of which must be an official language at First Additional or Home Language level.</p> <p>Get a subminimum of 20% on the sixth subject. Students who have previously passed their Senior Certificate subjects at Higher and Standard Grade levels, can receive credits for those subjects.</p> <p>A Higher Grade pass is set at 40% A Standard Grade pass is set at 33.3%</p>	<p>Certificate confirming course completion issued by Optimi College.</p>	<p>12 mths</p>	<p>Distance Learning</p>

All Language Subjects (for the list of language subjects we offer, refer to page 2)

Languages form the basis of all learning, not only in everyday life but also in the workplace. This means that by improving your language skills, you will also improve your job opportunities

What will I learn?

The language subjects focus on equipping students with listening, speaking, reading and writing skills that are used in everyday social conditions. You will also be equipped with literary, aesthetic and imaginative skills that will give you the capability to recreate, imagine and empower your understanding of the world you live in.

Business Studies

Business Studies concentrates on the knowledge, skills and values required for informed, ethical, productive and responsible participation in the economic sectors. The Business Studies subject focuses on equipping students with leadership, risk-taking, problem-solving and management skills. These are skills that are required to be successful in a business environment.

What will I learn?

This subject covers business principles and the theory and practice that support the development of entrepreneurial ideas, growing businesses and economic growth. You will learn about various business characteristics required for ethical participation in the formal and informal business sector.

Life Sciences

This Life Sciences subject concentrates on equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed in everyday situations and life. It will introduce you to the world of biological studies (concepts, processes, systems and theories) and promote your interest in and create awareness of possible specialisations in this field.

What will I learn?

Life Sciences is the scientific study of living things; from the molecular level to their interactions with one another and their environments. It comprises a variety of sub-disciplines, such as Biochemistry; Biotechnology; Microbiology; Genetics; Zoology; Botany; Entomology; Physiology (plant and animal); Anatomy (plant and animal); Morphology (plant and animal); Taxonomy (plant and animal); Environmental Studies; and Socio-Biology.

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Geography

After completing the Geography subject, you will be able to apply map reading skills to maps and photos, compare information from different types of maps and collect and record environmental data using a variety of techniques. You will also learn about climate change and weather, the issues and opportunities around rural and urban developments and different types of minerals and land formations.

What will I learn?

Geography involves the study of the planet; its atmosphere and the effect human activity has on the earth and its physical features. This subject covers population distribution, natural resources, political and economic activities. This means you will learn about people, landscapes, places and the environment. There are two components in Geography: Human Geography and Physical Geography. Human Geography covers the activities and impact of humans on the planet and Physical Geography covers natural processes and features such as the atmosphere, ecosystem and landforms.

History

History focuses on past events and aims to equip you with a better understanding of what led to these past events. You will learn to gather facts and evidence about historical events and how to analyse and interpret your findings. This will help you realise that there are often two sides to a story and that investigating both perspectives could change your own mindset about certain historical events.

What will I learn?

History is the study of change and development in civilisation. In this subject, you will learn about the values of the South African constitution, human rights and equality and various social and environmental issues. You will learn about the long-term and short-term effects of past events as well as how to interpret stories people have told to establish your own opinion.

Mathematical Literacy

Mathematical Literacy concentrates on equipping students with the skills to identify and apply appropriate mathematical and non-mathematical techniques to solve problems in familiar and unfamiliar contexts. By completing the Mathematical Literacy subject, you will learn to perform multi-step calculations involving numerous formulas.

What will I learn?

Our world is characterised by numbers, numerically based arguments, and data that can be represented and misrepresented in various ways. The Mathematical Literacy subject will provide opportunities to analyse problems and formulate ways to use mathematics to resolve such problems. You will be equipped with the knowledge and skill to reason, interpret information, make decisions based on data, solve problems and manage resources.

Mathematics

This Mathematics subject concentrates on equipping students with computation skills so that they do not have to rely on a calculator, whilst developing problem-solving and cognitive skills. You will learn to use mathematical processes to identify, investigate and solve problems creatively and critically.

What will I learn?

Mathematics makes use of symbols and notations to describe numerical, geometric and graphical relationships. You will learn to observe, represent and investigate patterns and qualitative relationships in physical and social phenomena and mathematical objects themselves. Mathematics help expands mental activities and develops logical thinking, accuracy and problem-solving. Mathematical problem-solving helps you to understand the physical, social and economic aspects of the world around us and, most importantly, teaches you to think outside the box.

Physical Science

Physical Science focuses on the scientific inquiry and problem solving of the construction and application of scientific and technological knowledge. By studying this subject, you will gain a better understanding of the nature of science and its relationship to technology, society and the environment..

What will I learn?

Physical Science explores physical and chemical phenomena. You will learn to use scientific inquiry application of scientific models and theories and laws to explain and calculate certain events in the physical environment. You will also learn about the importance of society's need to understand how the physical environment works in order to benefit from it and responsibly care for it.

There are six knowledge areas that will be covered:

Matter and Materials, Chemical Systems, Chemical Change, Mechanics, Waves, Sound and Light and Electricity and Magnetism.

Assessment Criteria

The Amended Senior Certificate Examinations take place in **June/July** every year.

If you meet the qualifying criteria and wish to take the examinations and obtain your certificate, you must register for the examinations no later than **January**, to take the examinations in June/July.

Learners wishing to write these exams can register at any provincial education office, which includes the provincial head office, district offices and circuit offices.

To achieve an Amended Senior Certificate, you must meet the following requirements in the exams:

Pass three subjects at **40%**, one of which must be an official language at Home Language level.

Pass two subjects at **30%**, one of which must be an official language at First Additional or Home Language level.

Get a subminimum of **20%** on the sixth subject.

Students who have previously passed their Senior Certificate subjects at Higher and Standard Grade levels, can receive credits for those subjects.

A Higher Grade pass is set at **40%** • A Standard Grade pass is set at **33.3%**



Exam Information

Exam registration dates:

The Amended Senior Certificate Examinations take place in June/July every year. Please visit the Department of Basic Education's website to view a list of district offices in your area.

Exam registration **opens in October.**

Exam registrations **close in January.**

Additional information:

- As a student, **you are responsible to register** for the Amended Senior Certificate examination. We will offer assistance and guidance if you require additional help to complete the process.
- Exam registration is done online via the Department of Basic Education's website or at the Department of Education Examination Centres (Community Centres/Schools)
- Exam registration **fees are NOT included** in the course price.
- You may register for any number of subjects per exam sitting.
- You can complete all your subjects in a single sitting or over a period.
- The exams are set by the Department of Basic Education.
- Exams are written only **once a year.**



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