University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BAgricHons Extension (03240001)

Duration of study	1 year
Total credits	180

Programme information

The aim of this degree programme is to produce graduates qualified to operate as professional extension or development agents. On completion of the degree the candidate will be able to design, develop and execute or manage scientifically sound situation-specific and community adapted extension or development programmes, conforming to the principles of participatory development with maximum community involvement and impact.

To enable them to do this they should:

- be aware and knowledgeable of the philosophies and the different concepts and approaches of development and extension as well as its organisation and management;
- have an understanding of the principles of human behaviour with specific reference to decision making and behaviour change and the theories involved in understanding and facilitating change;
- be knowledgeable of the theory and practical implementation of community development, group dynamics and leadership for the formulation and execution of development plans;
- have an understanding of the principles of communication and be skilful in the identification and use of the most appropriate communication methods and combinations thereof;
- be knowledgeable and skilled in the development, execution and evaluation of situation-specific extension programmes;
- have the ability to conduct and report a research study under supervision, in a manner that is appropriate to the discipline of the field of study.

Admission requirements

In order to be accepted for the BAgricHons studies, a candidate must be in possession of an acceptable bachelor?s degree. An average of 60% is required for admission. An entrance examination is necessary, although exemption may be granted under certain circumstances, as determined by the Director of the School. Specified ancillary modules, in addition to the honours modules, may be required,as determined by the Director of the School in consultation with the head of department(s) in the candidate's proposed field of specialisation

Other programme-specific information

A module in Agricultural economics or any other field of specialisation may be included as an elective module, in consultation with the Director of the School and the head(s) of department(s).
Elective coursework that may be required will be decided upon by the Director of the School and head(s) of the particular department(s).
Additional required modules as prescribed for the specific fields of specialisation will be jointly determined by the Director of the School and the head(s) of the particular department(s) in question.

Examinations and pass requirements

In order to obtain the degree, the candidate must achieve a minimum of 50% in each of the prescribed modules.

Pass with distinction

An average of 75% in all the prescribed modules must be obtained in order to pass the degree with distinction.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 135

Core modules

Leadership and group dynamics 712 (AGV 712) - Credits: 20.00
Communication for sustainable rural development 713 (AGV 713) - Credits: 20.00
Principles and approaches of rural development and extension 715 (AGV 715) - Credits: 20.00
Extension programme planning and management 726 (AGV 726) - Credits: 20.00
Extension programme evaluation and research 728 (AGV 728) - Credits: 30.00
Human and organisational behaviour change and management 729 (AGV 729) - Credits: 20.00
Rural development studies 780 (ARD 780) - Credits: 30.00

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