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Agriculture and rural development studies 480 (ARD 480)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	40.00
Programmes	BScAgric Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Agric Econ, Ext + Rural Dev
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Overview of the concepts and theories of rural development; the role of agriculture in rural development. Rural livelihood systems: household farming systems; decisions and the operation of farming systems; non-farm enterprises and SMMEs in the rural economy; household food security. Rural institutions: definitions and role of institutions; land tenure; rural financial markets; local institutional development; human capital, knowledge systems. Methodologies for rural development: the farming systems approach; participatory techniques; assessment of land use patterns (zoning techniques); typology techniques; technology transfer and decision-making support; communication for rural development; planning rural development at local level.

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