

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

MScAgric Agricultural Economics (Coursework) (02255001)

Department	Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development
Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	180
NQF level	09

Programme information

Residence

On the recommendation of the relevant head of department, the Dean may set specific residential requirements for the MScAgric degree.

Renewal of registration

As long as progress is satisfactory, renewal of the registration of a master's student will be accepted for the second year of the study. Registration for a third and subsequent years will only take place when the Student Administration of the Faculty receives a written motivation which is supported by the relevant head of department and Postgraduate Studies Committee.

Curriculum

Subject to programme-specific requirements, the curriculum for the MScAgric degree consists of the following:

- A dissertation; and
- Further study in the major subject/s, augmented by ancillary modules prescribed by the Postgraduate Studies Committee, on the recommendation of the head of department. Such ancillary modules may be taken simultaneously with the major subject/s. Candidates in possession of the BScAgricHons degree may be exempted from additional ancillary modules.
- Please note that not all modules will be offered in any one year.

General

Candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the General Regulations regarding the maximum period of registration and the requirements on the submission of a draft article for publication.

Admission requirements

- BScAgric degree (or equivalent) with a major in agricultural economics **or** relevant bachelor's degree **or** relevant honours degree
- A weighted average of at least 60% at final-year level

3. An admission examination may be required

Note: Additional modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Other programme-specific information

Students should complete a module in research methodology as preparation for the dissertation module.

Examinations and pass requirements

- i. The examinations in the ancillary modules should be successfully completed prior to, or simultaneously with, the examinations in the major subject/s, unless the Faculty Board decides otherwise.
- ii. General Regulation G.12.2 applies to the calculation of marks.
- iii. In order to obtain the MScAgric degree, the candidate must pass all prescribed modules, including the examination in the major subject/s, as well as the dissertation.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 90

Core: 60 credits

Elective: 30 credits

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Additional to the four compulsory core modules, students must select TWO elective modules to the value of 30 credits (15 credits each) according to the area of specialisation as stipulated below.

Please note that not all electives are presented each year. The presentation of an elective module is dependent on the number of students interested in enrolling for the module.

Areas of specialisation with relevant electives:

- **Agricultural and rural development:** LEK 885 is compulsory. Please select one additional module from LEK 812, LEK 833 and LEK 884.
- **Agricultural and rural finance:** Select LEK 822 and 884.
- **Food and agribusiness management:** Select two from LEK 811, LEK 813, LEK 823 and LEK 883.
- **Food and agricultural policy:** Select two from LEK 811, LEK 812, LEK 827, LEK 833 and LEK 834 (LEK 834 must be taken simultaneously with LEK 833).
- **Resource and environmental economics:** Select two from LEK 811, LEK 826, LEK 886 and LEK 887.

Core modules

Applied econometrics 810 (LEK 810) - Credits: 15.00

Applied micro-economics 815 (LEK 815) - Credits: 15.00

Institutional economics 882 (LEK 882) - Credits: 15.00

Research methodology 888 (LEK 888) - Credits: 15.00

Elective modules

Production economics 811 (LEK 811) - Credits: 15.00

Agricultural policy analysis 812 (LEK 812) - Credits: 15.00

Agribusiness marketing management 813 (LEK 813) - Credits: 15.00

Advanced agricultural finance and risk management 822 (LEK 822) - Credits: 15.00

Advanced agribusiness management 823 (LEK 823) - Credits: 15.00

Environmental valuation and policy 826 (LEK 826) - Credits: 15.00

Food policy 833 (LEK 833) - Credits: 15.00

Measuring and monitoring food security 834 (LEK 834) - Credits: 15.00

Agricultural supply chain management 883 (LEK 883) - Credits: 15.00

Advanced rural finance 884 (LEK 884) - Credits: 15.00

Agricultural and rural development 885 (LEK 885) - Credits: 15.00

The economics of natural resources 886 (LEK 886) - Credits: 15.00

Selected topics in environmental economics 887 (LEK 887) - Credits: 15.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 90

Core: 90 credits

Core modules

Mini-dissertation: [Agricultural economics 892](#) (LEK 892) - Credits: 90.00

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.