



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

MAgric Rural Development (02256003)

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

- BAgricHons degree (or equivalent) **or** BInstAgrarHons degree (or equivalent) **or** relevant honours degree

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



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.

Pass with distinction

The MScAgric degree is conferred with distinction on candidates who obtain a final average mark of at least 75% and a mark of at least 75% for the dissertation/mini-dissertation from each of the members of the examination panel. Where a member of the examination panel awards a mark of less than 75% for the dissertation/mini-dissertation, that member of the examination panel must offer, in writing, support for his/her decision, or indicate in writing that he/she supports the examination committee's decision to confer the degree with distinction.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 90

Core credits: 90

Core modules

Food policy 833 (LEK 833) - Credits: 15.00

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

Institutional economics 882 (LEK 882) - Credits: 15.00

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

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

Research methodology 888 (LEK 888) - Credits: 15.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 90

Core credits: 90

Core modules

Mini-dissertation: Rural development 894 (LEK 894) - Credits: 90.00

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