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## Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

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### BScAgric (Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management)

The BScAgric (Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management) programme provides students with an overview of the global food and agricultural sector and teaches them vital skills in business and science. These skills enable them to build careers in food and agricultural value chains, from seed to plate, and everything in between.



#### Who is the ideal candidate?

The BScAgric (Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management) programme is ideal for students who have competencies in science and business subjects and are passionate about these fields.

#### What makes this programme unique?

The programme develops problem solvers with unique skill sets who contribute to feeding and clothing the world.

#### Which companies employ our graduates?

Companies, where our alumni are employed, include; commercial banks (Standard Bank and ABSA), insurance companies (Santam), agricultural input providers (Syngenta, Omnia, and John Deere), agricultural service providers (Afgri and NWK), agricultural producers organisations (GrainSA and Potato SA), agricultural associations (Agbiz), grain trading companies (Majesty Oil, Louis Dreyfus Company and Grainvest), investment groups (Russell Stone Group), food manufacturers (Tiger Brands), government departments (Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries), research institutes (Agricultural Research Council and Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy), and international bodies (Food and Agriculture Organization and World Bank) to name a few.



'If you want to do more than study the theory and instead learn how to make money, Agricultural Economics is the degree for you. With the real-life economic skills learnt in this programme, you can be an asset to any company; and help solve their problems.'

This degree also teaches you how to trade on SAFEX, which allows you to become a registered broker on the JSE. Having this skill is valuable to any agribusiness and if your future is on the farm, it allows you to sell your produce at the highest prices.'

– Oliver Eggers (final-year student)



'My postgraduate studies take a multidimensional approach to policy economics and aims to determine how we can maintain and assure the global supply and flow of food, especially in the difficult times we are facing. We balance science and numbers and use the results to inform policy changes to establish sustainable and resilient agricultural supply chains to feed nations.'

– Dipuo Boshomane (postgraduate student)



'People will always be hungry; therefore there will always be a need for agriculture. Agriculture is the foundation of economics, trade, capital and finances. If you want to know what the whole world revolves around, study Agricultural Economics. You won't regret it!'

– Adelene van Zyl (final-year student)



'As a foodie, my degree has made me more appreciative of food and where it comes from. We have a wide variety of food on this continent, and thanks to global food supply chains, we all have unlimited opportunities for experiencing the world of food. It gives me joy and a sense of fulfilment to know that through my studies, I am part of solving the problem of feeding the world.'

– Chikomborero Chiobvu (postgraduate student)

### Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for 2022 for NSC and IEB			
	Achievement level			APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Physical Sciences	
BScAgric (Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September, Non-SA – 31 August	5	5	5	32



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### What career opportunities exist for graduates?

Employment opportunities for agricultural economists exist in, for example, the government, commercial banks, multinational agribusiness companies, former cooperatives, commodity trading houses, food processors and manufacturers, and research councils. The work done by our agricultural economists includes:

Training of smallholder farmers by providing extension services

Advising the government on how to ensure that there will be enough food for all South Africans

Trading of financial instruments and agricultural commodities on global and local stock markets

Conducting research in environmental economics to assist the efforts of governments and businesses to ensure the sustainable use of scarce resources such as water

Managing various aspects of agribusinesses, food companies and food supply chains

Analysing and understanding consumer behaviour in terms of people's wants, needs and willingness to pay for food and clothing

Advising clients in the agricultural sector on how to manage their finances and risks

Conducting research to ensure the sustainable and profitable supply of food and clothing across the various supply chains