



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BScAgric Animal Science (02133411)

Duration of study 4 years

Total credits 561

Admission requirements

- In order to register NSC/IEB/Cambridge candidates must comply with the minimum requirements for degree studies as well as the minimum requirements for the relevant programme.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the Admission Point Score (APS).
- Grade 11 results are used for the provisional admission of prospective students. Final admission is based on the Grade 12 results.

Minimum requirements												
Achievement level												
Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Science				APS
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	30

Candidates who do not comply with the minimum admission requirements may be considered for admission to the BSc (Extended Programme) based on the results of the NBT. Please note that students who are placed in the BSc (Extended Programme) will take a minimum of five years to complete the BSc Agric programme.

BSc - Extended programme for the Biological and Agricultural Sciences:

Minimum requirements													
Achievement level													
	Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Science				APS
	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
BSc - Extended programme for the Biological and Agricultural Sciences	4	3	D	D	4	3	D	D	4	3	D	D	24



Other programme-specific information

Compilation of curriculum

Students must register for elective modules in consultation with the head of department who must ensure that the modules do not clash on the set timetable.

The Dean may, in exceptional cases and on recommendation of the head of department, approve deviations from the prescribed curriculum.

Promotion to next study year

A student will be promoted to the following year of study if he or she passed 100 credits of the prescribed credits for a year of study, unless the Dean on the recommendation of the head of department decides otherwise. A student who does not comply with the requirements for promotion to the following year of study, retains the credit for the modules already passed and may be admitted by the Dean, on recommendation of the head of department, to modules of the following year of study to a maximum of 48 credits, provided that it will fit in with both the lecture and examination timetable.

Pass with distinction

The BScAgric degree is conferred with distinction if a student obtains a weighted average of at least 75% in the modules of the major subjects in the third and the fourth year of study, with a weighted average of at least 65% in the other modules of the third and the fourth year of study.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 140

Minimum credits:

Fundamental = 12

Core = 128

Additional information:

Students who do not qualify for AIM 102 must register for AIM 111 and AIM 121.

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time MAMELODI, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.



Contact time 2 lectures per week, MAMELODI

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Informatics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Language and study skills 110 (LST 110)

Module credits 6.00

Service modules Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Unit for Academic Literacy

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

The module aims to equip students with the ability to cope with the reading and writing demands of scientific disciplines.

Academic orientation 102 (UPO 102)

Module credits 0.00

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Natural + Agric Sciences Dean

Period of presentation Year

Academic information management 102 (AIM 102)

Module credits 6.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English



Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology. Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Core modules

Biometry 120 (BME 120)

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites At least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination, or at least 50% in both Statistics 113, 123

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Statistics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Simple statistical analysis: Data collection and analysis: Samples, tabulation, graphical representation, describing location, spread and skewness. Introductory probability and distribution theory. Sampling distributions and the central limit theorem. Statistical inference: Basic principles, estimation and testing in the one- and two-sample cases (parametric and non-parametric). Introduction to experimental design. One- and two-way designs, randomised blocks. Multiple statistical analysis: Bivariate data sets: Curve fitting (linear and non-linear), growth curves. Statistical inference in the simple regression case. Categorical analysis: Testing goodness of fit and contingency tables. Multiple regression and correlation: Fitting and testing of models. Residual analysis. Computer literacy: Use of computer packages in data analysis and report writing.

Plant biology 161 (BOT 161)

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites MLB 111 GS

Contact time fortnightly practicals, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences



Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Basic plant structure and function; introductory plant taxonomy and plant systematics; principles of plant molecular biology and biotechnology; adaptation of plants to stress; medicinal compounds from plants; basic principles of plant ecology and their application in natural resource management.

General chemistry 117 (CMY 117)

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites Final Grade 12 marks of at least 60% for Mathematics and 60% for Physical Sciences.

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Chemistry

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

General introduction to inorganic, analytical and physical chemistry. Atomic structure and periodicity. Molecular structure and chemical bonding using the VSEOR model. Nomenclature of inorganic ions and compounds. Classification of reactions: precipitation, acid-base, redox reactions and gas-forming reactions. Mole concept and stoichiometric calculations concerning chemical formulas and chemical reactions. Principles of reactivity: energy and chemical reactions. Physical behaviour gases, liquids, solids and solutions and the role of intermolecular forces. Rate of reactions: Introduction to chemical kinetics.

General chemistry 127 (CMY 127)

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites Natural and Agricultural Sciences students: CMY 117 GS or CMY 154 GS
Health Sciences students: none

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Chemistry

Period of presentation Semester 2



Module content

Theory: General physical-analytical chemistry: Chemical equilibrium, acids and bases, buffers, solubility equilibrium, entropy and free energy, electrochemistry. Organic chemistry: Structure (bonding), nomenclature, isomerism, introductory stereochemistry, introduction to chemical reactions and chemical properties of organic compounds and biological compounds, i.e. carbohydrates and aminoacids. Practical: Molecular structure (model building), synthesis and properties of simple organic compounds.

Introductory genetics 161 (GTS 161)

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites MLB 111 GS

Contact time fortnightly practicals, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Genetics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Chromosomes and cell division. Principles of Mendelian inheritance: locus and alleles, dominance interactions and epistasis. Probability studies. Sex determination and sex linked traits. Pedigree analysis. Extranuclear inheritance. Genetic linkage and chromosome mapping. Chromosome variation.

Introduction to microbiology 161 (MBY 161)

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites MLB 111 GS

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Microbiology and Plant Path

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

The module will introduce the student to the field of Microbiology. Basic Microbiological aspects that will be covered include introduction into the diversity of the microbial world (bacteria, archaea, eukaryotic microorganisms and viruses), basic principles of cell structure and function, microbial nutrition and microbial growth and growth control. Applications in Microbiology will be illustrated by specific examples i.e. bioremediation, animal-microbial symbiosis, plant-microbial symbiosis and the use of microorganisms in industrial microbiology. Wastewater treatment, microbial diseases and food will be introduced using specific examples.



Molecular and cell biology 111 (MLB 111)

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate who has passed Mathematics with at least 50% in the Grade 12 examination

Contact time 4 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Genetics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Introductory study of the ultra structure, function and composition of representative cells and cell components. General principles of cell metabolism, molecular genetics, cell growth, cell division and differentiation.

Physics for biology students 131 (PHY 131)

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 50% in the Grade 12 examination

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Physics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Units, vectors, one dimensional kinematics, dynamics, work, equilibrium, sound, liquids, heat, thermodynamic processes, electric potential and capacitance, direct current and alternating current, optics, modern physics, radio activity.

Mathematics 134 (WTW 134)

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites Refer to Regulation 1.2: At least 50% for Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination .



Contact time 4 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Mathematics and Applied Maths

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

**Students will not be credited for more than one of the following modules for their degree: WTW 134, WTW 165, WTW 114, WTW 158. WTW 134 does not lead to admission to Mathematics at 200 level and is intended for students who require Mathematics at 100 level only. WTW 134 is offered as WTW 165 in the second semester only to students who have applied in the first semester of the current year for the approximately 65 MBChB, or the 5-6 BChD places becoming available in the second semester and who were therefore enrolled for MGW 112 in the first semester of the current year.*

Functions, derivatives, interpretation of the derivative, rules of differentiation, applications of differentiation, integration, interpretation of the definite integral, applications of integration. Matrices, solutions of systems of equations. All topics are studied in the context of applications.

Animal diversity 161 (ZEN 161)

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites MLB 111 GS or TDH

Contact time 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Zoology and Entomology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Animal classification, phylogeny, organization and terminology. Evolution of the various animal phyla, morphological characteristics and life cycles of parasitic and non-parasitic animals. Structure and function of reproductive, respiratory, excretory, circulatory and digestive systems.



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 156

Minimum credits:

Core = 156

Core modules

Introduction to proteins and enzymes 251 (BCM 251)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites [CMY117 GS] and [CMY127 GS] and [MLB111 GS]

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 90 minute practical per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Biochemistry

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Structural and ionic properties of amino acids. Peptides, the peptide bond, primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structure of proteins. Interactions that stabilise protein structure, denaturation and renaturation of proteins. Introduction to methods for the purification of proteins, amino acid composition, and sequence determinations. Introduction to enzyme kinetics and enzyme inhibition. Allosteric enzymes, regulation of enzyme activity, active centres and mechanisms of enzyme catalysis. Examples of industrial applications of enzymes. Practical training in laboratory techniques and Good Laboratory Practice. Techniques for the quantitative and qualitative analysis of biological molecules. Processing and presentation of scientific data.

Carbohydrate metabolism 252 (BCM 252)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Education
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites [CMY117 GS] and [CMY127 GS] and [MLB111 GS]

Contact time 90 minute practical per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Biochemistry

Period of presentation Semester 1



Module content

Biochemistry of carbohydrates. Thermodynamics and bioenergetics. Glycolysis, citric acid cycle and electron transport. Glycogen metabolism, pentose-phosphate pathway, gluconeogenesis and photosynthesis. Practical training in study and analysis of metabolic pathways and enzymes. Scientific method and design: Hypothesis design and testing, method design and scientific controls.

Lipid and nitrogen metabolism 261 (BCM 261)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites [CMY117 GS] and [CMY127 GS] and [MLB111 GS]

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 90 minute practical per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Biochemistry

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Biochemistry of lipids, membrane structure, anabolism and catabolism of lipids. Nitrogen metabolism, amino acid biosynthesis and catabolism. Biosynthesis of neurotransmitters, pigments, hormones and nucleotides from amino acids. Catabolism of purines and pyrimidines. Therapeutic agents directed against nucleotide metabolism. Examples of inborn errors of metabolism of nitrogen containing compounds. The urea cycle, nitrogen excretion. Practical training in scientific writing skills: evaluation of a scientific report. Techniques for separation and analysis of biological molecules

Biochemical principles of nutrition and toxicology 262 (BCM 262)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites [CMY117 GS] and [CMY127 GS] and [MLB111 GS]

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 90 minute practical per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Biochemistry

Period of presentation Semester 2



Module content

Biochemistry of nutrition and toxicology. Proximate analysis of nutrients. Review of energy requirements and expenditure. Respiratory quotient. Requirements and function of water, vitamins and minerals. Interpretation and modification of RDA values for specific diets, eg growth, exercise, pregnancy and lactation, aging and starvation. Interactions between nutrients. Comparison of monogastric and ruminant metabolism. Cholesterol, polyunsaturated, essential fatty acids and dietary anti-oxidants. Oxidation of fats. Biochemical mechanisms of water- and fat-soluble vitamins and assessment of vitamin status. Mineral requirements, biochemical mechanisms, imbalances and diarrhoea. Biochemistry of xenobiotics: absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME); detoxification reactions: oxidation/reduction (Phase I), conjugations (Phase II), export from cells (Phase III); factors affecting metabolism and disposition. Toxic responses: tissue damage and physiological effects, teratogenesis, immunotoxicity, mutagenesis and carcinogenesis. Examples of toxins: biochemical mechanisms of common toxins and their antidotes. Antibiotics and resistance. Natural toxins from fungi, plants and animals: goitrogens, cyanogens, cholinesterase inhibitors, ergotoxin, aflatoxins Practical training in analyses of nutrients, fatty acids separations, antioxidant determination, and enzyme activity measurements, PO ratio of mitochondria, electrophoresis, extraction, solubility and gel permeation techniques.

Animal anatomy and physiology 200 (DAF 200)

Module credits	32.00
Prerequisites	CMY 127 or TDH
Contact time	1 practical every 2nd week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The body cavities, the origin of trunk wall and the principle arrangement of other anatomical structures as explained by the basic embryological development of mammals. Introduction to anatomy and anatomical terminology. Introduction to basic histology of cells, epithelial tissue and connective tissue. Basic anatomy of tissues, organs, systems and joints. Anatomy of the musculo-skeletal system integrated, the histology of connective tissue and muscles. The anatomy and histology of the integument and skin structures, the cardiovascular, respiratory, immune, endocrine, urogenital and digestive systems all of which serves as basis for the physiology component of the module. General species differences of the anatomy and histology where applicable.

Introductory soil science 250 (GKD 250)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	CMY 117 GS or TDH
Contact time	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Plant and Soil Sciences



Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Origin and development of soil, weathering and soil formation processes. Profile differentiation and morphology. Physical characteristics: texture, structure, soil water, atmosphere and temperature. Chemical characteristics: clay minerals, ion exchange, pH, buffer action, soil acidification and salinisation of soil. Soil fertility and fertilisation. Soil classification. Practical work: Laboratory evaluation of simple soil characteristics. Field practicals on soil formation in the Pretoria area.

Molecular genetics 251 (GTS 251)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites GTS 161 GS

Contact time fortnightly practicals, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Genetics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Chemical nature of DNA. Replication transcription, RNA processing and translation. Control of gene expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Recombinant DNA technology and its applications in gene analysis and manipulation.

Genetic diversity and evolution 261 (GTS 261)

Module credits 12.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites GTS 251 GS

Contact time 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Genetics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Chromosome structure and transposable elements. Mutation and DNA repair. Genomics and proteomics. Organelle genomes. Introduction to genetic analysis of populations: allele and genotypic frequencies, Hardy Weinberg Law, its extensions and implications for different mating systems. Introduction to quantitative and evolutionary genetics.

Sustainable crop production and agroclimatology 251 (PPK 251)

Module credits 15.00



Prerequisites	BOT 161
Contact time	3 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Plant and Soil Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Influence of climate on cropping systems in South Africa. The surface energy balance. Hydrological cycles and the soil water balance. Sustainable crop production. Simple radiation and water limited models. Potential yield, target yield and maximum economic yield. Crop nutrition and fertiliser management. Principles of soil cultivation and conservation. Climate change and crop production – mitigation and adaptation.

Animal science 250 (VKU 250)

Module credits	8.00
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

A brief perspective on the South African livestock industry. South African biomes in which animal production is practised. Animal ecological factors that influence regional classification. Introduction to adaptation physiology with reference to origin and domestication of farm and companion animals. Livestock species, breed development and breed characterisation. Basic principles of animal breeding and genetics, animal nutrition. Practical work includes identification and classification of different breeds of livestock.

Animal Science 260 (VKU 260)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	VKU 250 GS or TDH
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to the concepts of animal production systems in South African production environments. Principles and requirements for extensive, semi-intensive and intensive livestock production with reference to large- and small stock, poultry and pigs. Principles of communal farming systems in Southern Africa. Game management systems with reference to conservation and game farming. The role of the human in livestock production systems and sustainable production.



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 154

Minimum credits:

Core = 154

Core modules

Biometry 210 (BME 210)

Module credits	24.00
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	BME 120
Contact time	4 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Statistics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Analysis of variance: Multi-way classification. Testing of model assumptions, graphics. Multiple comparisons. Fixed, stochastic and mixed effect models. Block experiments. Estimation of effects. Experimental design: Principles of experimental design. Factorial experiments: Confounding, single degree of freedom approach, hierarchical classification. Balanced and unbalanced designs. Split-plot designs. Analysis of covariance. Computer literacy: Writing and interpretation of computer programmes. Report writing.

Animal physiology 311 (DFS 311)

Module credits	10.00
Prerequisites	DAF 200
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Homeostasis and Homeorhesis in animals: Thermoregulation. Adaptation of glucose, lipid and protein metabolism in response to short and long-term changes in the supply and balance of nutrients and to changes in tissue demand for nutrients during different physiological states. Deviations from normal homeostasis, metabolic diseases and the prevention thereof. Pathogenesis of inflammation and infections; immunity.

Growth physiology 320 (DFS 320)

Module credits	12.00
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Prerequisites	DFS 311
Contact time	1 practical every 2nd week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Functional anatomy, growth and development of tissues and organ systems. The underlying physiological processes in growth and development. Pre- and postnatal growth and factors which determine growth rate: growth curves, stimulants of growth, age, nutrition, breed, sex. Changes during maturation, reproduction, the post-partum period and lactation. Ageing and tissue changes with erosion diseases. The influence of hormones, production and reproduction on conformation and a critical evaluation of assessment of animals for functional efficiency.

Introduction to agricultural economics 210 (LEK 210)

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Agric Econ, Ext + Rural Dev
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to financial management in agriculture: Farm management and agricultural finance, farm management information; analysis and interpretation of farm financial statements; risk and farm planning. Budgets: partial, break-even, enterprise, total, cash flow and capital budgets. Time value of money. Introduction to production and resource use: the agricultural production function, total physical product curve, marginal physical product curve, average physical product curve, stages of production. Assessing short-term business costs; Economics of short-term decisions. Economics of input substitution: Least-cost use of inputs for a given output, short-term least-cost input use, effects of input price changes. Least-cost input use for a given budget. Economics of product substitution. Product combinations for maximum profit. Economics of crop and animal production.

Reproduction science 310 (RPL 310)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	DAF 200
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences



Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Theriogenology, spermatogenesis, zoogenesis, the female sexual cycle. Species differences. Hormonal control of the sexual functions.

Reproduction science 320 (RPL 320)

Module credits 10.00

Prerequisites RPL 310

Contact time 1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Animal and Wildlife Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Artificial insemination. Semen collection techniques, the evaluation, dilution and conservation of semen. Collection, conservation and transfer of embryos. Collection of ova and in vitro fertilization. Handling of apparatus and practical insemination, oestrus observation and determination of gestation.

Animal breeding 320 (TLR 320)

Module credits 12.00

Prerequisites GTS 261

Contact time fortnightly practicals, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Animal and Wildlife Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Karyotyping of farm animals; breed and specie differences and the influence on classification of breeds. Influence of chromosomal aberrations. Phenotypic expression of genes and gene-interaction in farm animals. Single gene, major genes and polygenes. Variation in traits of economic importance and statistical description. Use of genetic variation. Estimation of breeding values and family indices on traits determined by single genes. Principles of breeding systems.

Nutrition science 301 (VGE 301)

Module credits 28.00

Prerequisites BCM 261 and BCM 262 and DAF 200 and VKU 250 and VKU 260

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Animal and Wildlife Sciences



Period of presentation Year

Module content

Basic principles of chemistry, biochemistry of feed constituents, digestion and metabolism in all livestock species. Evaluation of energy and nutrient content of feedstuffs and assessment of nutritional requirements and ration formulation. Description of the characteristics of commonly used feedstuffs, such as forages, protein and energy concentrates and by-products.

Principles of veld management 310 (WDE 310)

Module credits 12.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time fortnightly practicals, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

The influence of biotic and abiotic factors on the productivity of different strata and components of natural pastures. This will enable the student to advise users, with the necessary motivation, on the appropriate use of these strata and components and will form a basis for further research on this system. The principles of veld management and the influence of management practices on sustainable animal production from natural pastures. This will enable the student to advise users on veld management and veld management principles. It will also form a basis for further research on veld management.

Planted pastures and fodder crops 320 (WDE 320)

Module credits 12.00

Prerequisites WDE 310

Contact time 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

Language of tuition Afrikaans and English is used in one class

Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

The establishment and use of planted pastures species and fodder crops and the conservation of fodder. This will enable students to advise users on establishment and utilization of planted pastures species as well as farmers on the production, conservation and optimum use of fodder. This will also form a basis for further research on planted pastures.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 148

Minimum credits:

Core = 148

Core modules

Large stock nutrition and production 420 (GVK 420)

Module credits	18.00
Prerequisites	RPL 320, VGE 301, VKU 250 and VKU 260
Contact time	1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Production management of large stock. Aspects of business management of the large-stock enterprise. Management programmes, production systems and techniques applicable to beef cattle, dairy cattle and horses. Specialised nutrition of beef and dairy cattle according to production systems. The use of computer systems in feeding management. Design and planning of farm buildings and structures. Storage and handling of fodder. The handling and management of refuse. Hygiene and herd health programmes. Practical work: This will include compiling rations based on requirements and least cost formulations, specialised assignments and on-farm experiential training.

Small stock nutrition and production 420 (KVK 420)

Module credits	18.00
Prerequisites	RPL 320, VGE 301, VKU 250 and VKU 260
Contact time	4 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2



Module content

Specialised small stock and game nutrition. Principles of creep feeding, drought feeding, winter and supplementary feeding. Feeding pen nutrition and final nutritional preparation of lambs. Influence of nutrition on wool, pelts and mohair. Fodder-flow planning. Small stock management, making arrangements for shearing and preparing sheds and equipment, pens, dipping, drinking and feeding facilities. Preparation and marketing of hides, wool, mohair and karakul. Lambing seasons and herd management. Management programmes for the production of wool, meat, karakul pelt and mohair according to the particular ecological region and for conditions of drought. Herd health programmes. Practical work: Formulation of lowest cost rations and practical work with small ruminants.

Poultry nutrition and production 420 (PVK 420)

Module credits	18.00
Prerequisites	VGE 301 and VKU 250
Contact time	4 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Specialised nutrition of poultry in different physiological stages and production systems. Industrial science and management of production systems and feeding systems in poultry production units. Applied breeding of poultry. Design and utilisation of equipment and housing facilities. Product quality and marketing of poultry products. Hygiene and health programmes. Practical work: The use of computer systems in feeding management of poultry in different production systems. Management of different poultry production systems.

Animal breeding 411 (TLR 411)

Module credits	12.00
Prerequisites	TLR 320 and simultaneously register for GVK 420, PVK420, KVK420
Contact time	2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Components of animal performance. Sources of variation, population parameters and the estimation thereof. Introduction to matrix algebra for application in animal breeding. Selection indices theory. Statistical models in estimation of breeding values. Application of breeding values and prerequisites for accuracy. Breeding and selection for reproduction and growth. Principles of QTLs.

Applied animal breeding 420 (TLR 420)

Module credits	12.00
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Prerequisites	TLR 411
Contact time	fortnightly practicals, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Formulation and application of breeding objectives. Animal recording systems and international guidelines for evaluation. Specie-specific breeding systems. Breeding objectives and selection programmes for beef and dairy cattle, small stock, poultry, pigs and companion animals. Selection of traits of economic importance and the efficiency thereof. Crossbreeding systems in meat producing farm animals. Breed development.

Monogastric nutrition and production 411 (VGE 411)

Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	VGE 301
Contact time	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Specialised nutrition of monogastric animals: poultry, pigs, horses and selected freshwater aquatic organisms. Pig production and management - sow, boar and growing pigs. Feeding and housing systems. Hygiene and herd health programmes, product quality and marketing. Practical work: The use of computer systems in managing the feeding of selected monogastric animals.

Animal science pharmacology 411 (VKF 411)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	DFS 320 and VGE 301
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

The pharmacology, laws, control and use of substances for animal production.

Meat and dairy science 420 (VSX 420)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	DFS 320



Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Meat industry. Meat species. Composition of carcass and meat, slaughtering process, meat quality, and the consumer. Dairy industry. Composition and nutritional value of milk and factors that influence it. Milk production, milk quality and distribution.

Wildlife science 420 (WKE 420)

Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	VGE 301 or TDH
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introductory aspects of wildlife conservation, habitat management, wildlife nutrition and keeping wildlife in zoological gardens.

Research methodology 400 (VKU 400)

Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	Simultaneously register GVK 420, TLR 411
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Animal and Wildlife Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Introduction to research methodology. Principles and terminology related to research in animal science. Scientific writing skills and communication. Popular articles, seminars and preparation of scientific manuscripts. Project proposals: approach to problem solving, methodology and appropriate referencing and reporting. Presentation of seminar. Multidisciplinary case studies in a Southern African context.

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