# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

# MSc Soil Science (02250502)

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| **Duration of study** | 1 year |
| **Total credits** | 180 |

## Programme information

The MSc degree is conferred on the grounds of a dissertation and such additional postgraduate coursework as may be prescribed.

**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 that is supported by the head of department and Postgraduate Studies Committee.

**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

- A three-year basic Soil Science degree with a BScHons (Soil Science) or equivalent qualification with a minimum average of 60% is required for admission.
- In addition, a motivation letter reflecting research interest should accompany the application form. Selection of students will be based on academic performance, the motivation letter, available supervisory capacity and research project funding.

**Note:**

- Depending on the academic background of the student and the chosen area of study, it may be required of the student to do additional coursework.
- Admission is additionally dependent on availability of supervisor/s and/or projects within the department.

## Promotion to next study year

The progress of all master's candidates is monitored biannually by the supervisor and the postgraduate coordinator. A candidate's study may be terminated if the progress is unsatisfactory or if the candidate is unable to finish his/her studies during the prescribed period.

Subject to exceptions approved by the dean, on recommendation of the head of department, and where applicable, a student may not enter for the master's examination in the same module more than twice.

# Pass with distinction

The MSc degree is conferred with distinction to 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: Final year

**Minimum credits: 180**

## Core modules

Dissertation: Soil science 890 (GDK 890) - Credits: 180.00

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