

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

## MScAgric Agronomy (02255010)

**Duration of study** 2 years

**Total credits** 180

### Programme information

#### Residence

On the recommendation of the 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 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.

#### 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 four-year Applied Plant Sciences degree 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.
- In addition to the set admission requirements, 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.

- Admission is additionally dependent on availability of supervisor/s and/or projects within the department.

## Additional requirements

In addition to the set admission requirements, 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.

## Other programme-specific information

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.

## 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: 180**

### Core modules

#### Dissertation: Agronomy 890 (AGR 890)

**Module credits** 180.00

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Academic organisation** Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Year

#### Module content

This module involves the development, presentation and approval of a research proposal, the execution of the research project, and the writing up and presentation of the research results. In addition to the dissertation, the student is also expected to compile a concept research paper for publication in a peer-reviewed UP accredited scientific journal.

## Curriculum: Final year

**Minimum credits: 180**

### Core modules

#### Dissertation: Agronomy 890 (AGR 890)

**Module credits** 180.00

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Academic organisation** Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Year

#### Module content

This module involves the development, presentation and approval of a research proposal, the execution of the research project, and the writing up and presentation of the research results. In addition to the dissertation, the student is also expected to compile a concept research paper for publication in a peer-reviewed UP accredited scientific journal.

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.