University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

PhD Agronomy (02260803)

Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	360
NQF level	10

Programme information

This programme is coordinated in the Department of Plant and Soil Science.

In addition to further theoretical studies as prescribed by the head(s) of the relevant department(s), the study will involve a doctoral research thesis under guidance of a supervisor selected by the head of department. The supervisor will be a member of the Faculty staff.

Duration of studies

The doctorate is conferred on a student only if one of the following periods has expired:

i. At least four years after complying with all the requirements for a three-year bachelor's degree.
ii. At least three years after complying with all the requirements for a four-year bachelor's degree.
iii. At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a bachelor's degree of five years or more.
iv. At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a master's degree.
v. With the exception of a shorter period that may be approved by the Dean, at least 12 months since registration for the doctorate at this University has expired.

The relevant head of department may set specific residential requirements for students who are required to live on campus.

Renewal of registration

Subject to other faculty regulations, a student for a doctorate must complete his or her studies within three years after first registering for the degree. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the relevant head of department or the Postgraduate Committee, may give approval for a limited fixed extension of this period.

Curriculum

The curriculum for the PhD degree consists of the following:

i. Theoretical knowledge of the major subject/s and such additional modules as may be prescribed.
ii. A thesis.

General

Candidates are required to familiarise themselves with the General Regulations regarding the maximum duration of study and the requirements to submit an article/s for publication.

Admission requirements

- MScAgric (Agronomy) or applicable research master's qualification
- At least 60% for the dissertation component in the preceding degree
- A research proposal
- Prospective students depending on their academic background and the chosen area of study, may be required to do additional coursework

Additional requirements

In addition to meeting the admission requirements, a research proposal should accompany the application form. Selection of students will be based on academic performance, the written research proposal, 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. Consult the General Regulations that apply to the calculation of marks.
ii. In order to obtain the PhD degree the candidate must:

- pass the examinations and the prescribed modules, as determined in the study programme;
- pass the thesis; and
- pass the final examination on the thesis and general subject knowledge.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Thesis: Agronomy 990 (AGR 990)

Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Department of 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 presenting of the research results. In addition to the thesis, the student is also expected to publish at least one research paper in a peer-reviewed, UP accredited scientific journal. An oral examination covering Pasture Science and other fields related to the thesis will be conducted after the thesis has been accepted by examiners. A candidate needs to pass both the written thesis and oral examination to qualify for the degree.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Thesis: Agronomy 990 (AGR 990)

Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Department of 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 presenting of the research results. In addition to the thesis, the student is also expected to publish at least one research paper in a peer-reviewed, UP accredited scientific journal. An oral examination covering Pasture Science and other fields related to the thesis will be conducted after the thesis has been accepted by examiners. A candidate needs to pass both the written thesis and oral examination to qualify for the degree.

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.