



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

MSc Veterinary Science Production Animal Studies (08251017)

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Programme information

This programme is offered by the Department of Production Animal Studies.

Also consult the UP General Regulations.

The MSc degree in Veterinary Science is a research degree. The degree is conferred by virtue of the successful completion of a dissertation.

Admission requirements

- Subject to the stipulations of the applicable General Regulations, a BScHons, a four-year BScAgric, BVSc or equivalent degree or a relevant postgraduate diploma (on NQF level 8) is required.
- Students will be required to submit a project concept note as part of the application, for consideration for admission.

Additional Requirements

- In certain cases, it remains the prerogative of the head of department to require, in addition to the entrance requirements, the successful completion of an admissions test before registration.
- In cases where web-based/online modules are offered, basic computer skills are required in order to successfully participate in the degree programme.
- All international applicants whose first language is not English, may be required to pass a proficiency test in English (TOEFL). Application and more information: www.ets.org/toefl/
- Postgraduate applicants who have completed any foreign qualifications must have all their previous post-school qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) before applying for postgraduate studies at the University of Pretoria: www.saqa.org.za

Research information

The research topic is determined in consultation with the relevant head of department, and the research project(s)/ dissertation that follow, must be approved according to Faculty guidelines.

Before or on submission of the final copy of the dissertation, a student must submit a draft article for publication to the supervisor (General Regulation G.12(a) and (b)). The draft article should be based on the research that the



student has conducted for the dissertation and be approved by the supervisor concerned. The supervisor should then have the opportunity to take the paper through all the processes of revision and resubmission as may be necessary and/or appropriate in order to achieve publication.

Pass with distinction

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who has obtained an average of at least 75% for the dissertation.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 180

Fundamental modules

Research methodology 813 (VRM 813)

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| Module credits | 0.00 |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Veterinary Tropical Diseases |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 and Semester 2 |

Module content

A web-based introductory module in research methodology that includes planning and undertaking a research project or clinical trial, collecting and analysing data, scientific writing, and enabling preparation and presenting of a research protocol.

Core modules

Dissertation: Production animal studies 805 (VWE 805)

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| Module credits | 180.00 |
| Prerequisites | VRM 813 |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Production Animal Studies |
| Period of presentation | Year |

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