



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

PhD Agricultural Economics (02261030)

Department	Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development
Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	360
NQF level	10

Programme information

This programme consists of a thesis and an oral examination.

All students need to follow a preparatory programme for the thesis which is not part of the degree programme. This preparatory programme should at least cover the following modules or their equivalents:

- Any two modules in economic or applied economic theory (eg Microeconomics or Macroeconomics)
- One module in quantitative methods (Econometrics, Applied econometrics, Quantitative methods, or Partial equilibrium modelling)
- One module in the field of specialisation (institutional economics, science and technology policy, food policy, etc)

If these modules or their equivalents have been completed successfully and a PhD proposal has been presented successfully to and approved by the Department's postgraduate committee, the student may proceed to the research phase and the thesis. Students can be exempted from this preparatory programme if equivalent modules are completed at other universities and students could provide evidence that these prerequisites have been met.

For students with an MInstAgrar or similar qualification, additional modules might be recommended in order to ensure that the candidates' quantitative abilities are at the same level as someone entering the programme with an MScAgric.

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

1. MScAgric degree **or** relevant master's degree
2. At least 65% for the research component at master's level
3. A CV with contactable references may be required
4. A copy of final masters dissertation may be required
5. An admission interview may be required

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: [Agricultural economics 991](#) (LEK 991) - Credits: 360.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Thesis: [Agricultural economics 991](#) (LEK 991) - Credits: 360.00

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