

## University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

## Agriculture and rural development studies 480 (ARD 480)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	40.00
Programmes	BScAgric Agricultural Economics: Agribusiness Management
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Agric Econ, Ext + Rural Dev
Period of presentation	Year

## **Module content**

Overview of the concepts and theories of rural development; the role of agriculture in rural development. Rural livelihood systems: household farming systems; decisions and the operation of farming systems; non-farm enterprises and SMMEs in the rural economy; household food security. Rural institutions: definitions and role of institutions; land tenure; rural financial markets; local institutional development; human capital, knowledge systems. Methodologies for rural development: the farming systems approach; participatory techniques; assessment of land use patterns (zoning techniques); typology techniques; technology transfer and decision-making support; communication for rural development; planning rural development at local level.

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