

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

MSc Forest Science (02250532)

Duration of study 2 years

Total credits 180

Programme information

This is an interdepartmental programme.

The curriculum is to be determined by the heads of department in the biological sciences. Please consult with Prof P Chirwa, Tel: 012 420 3213, for further details.

The MSc degree is conferred on the grounds of a dissertation and such additional postgraduate coursework as may be prescribed.

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 that is supported by the head of department and Postgraduate Studies Committee.

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 prior four-year bachelor's qualification in Forestry or Forest Science or an equivalent honours degree in a related field.
- In addition to the General Regulations G.1.3 G.30 and G.62 an appropriate BScHons degree is a prerequisite for admission. An average of 60% is required in the honours year of study for admission to the MSc. Additional requirements and conditions may be prescribed by the Dean on the recommendation of the supervisor head of department and Postgraduate Studies Committee. Admission is approved by the Postgraduate Studies Committee in consultation with the head of department and the supervisor.
- Where admission to the MSc degree study does not follow on a BScHons degree the minimum period of study for the MSc degree is two years.
- Admission is additionally dependent on availability of supervisor/s and/or projects within the department.

Other programme-specific information

Additional modules may be prescribed by the head of department where deemed necessary.

Promotion to next study year

The progress of all master's candidates is monitored biannually by the supervisor and the postgraduate coordinator. A candidate's study may be terminated if the progress is unsatisfactory or if the candidate is unable to finish his/her studies during the prescribed period.

Subject to exceptions approved by the dean, on recommendation of the head of department, and where applicable, a student may not enter for the master's examination in the same module more than twice.

Pass with distinction

The MSc degree is conferred with distinction to candidates who obtain a final average mark of at least 75% and a mark of at least 75% for the dissertation/mini-dissertation from each of the members of the examination panel. Where a member of the examination panel awards a mark of less than 75% for the dissertation/mini-dissertation, that member of the examination panel must offer, in writing, support for his/her decision, or indicate in writing that he/she supports the examination committee's decision to confer the degree with distinction.

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Dissertation: Forest science 890 (FOR 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

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