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PhD Agricultural Economics (07267091)

Duration of study 2 years

Total credits 360

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Programme information

The PhD programme in Agricultural Economics consists of a thesis and an oral examination.

Admission requirements

- Relevant Master's degree with an average of at least 65%.

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 (e.g. Micro-economics or Macro-economics)
- One module in quantitative methods (Econometrics, Applied econometrics, Quantitative methods, or Partial equilibrium modeling)
- One module in the field of specialization (institutional economics, science and technology policy, food policy, etc)

If these modules or their equivalents are successfully completed and a PhD proposal been successfully presented 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 programme if equivalent course are completed at other universities and students could provide evidence that these prerequisites have been met.

The Dean has the right of authorisation regarding matters not provided for in the General Regulations or the Faculty regulations. Due to capacity constraints, there are not an intake of new students every year. It remains the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the degree they wish to apply for, will indeed be offered.

Admission is additionally dependent on availability of supervisor/s and/or projects within the department.

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Examinations and pass requirements

The thesis should be passed in accordance with the stipulations of Regulations G.52 and G.60.2.2, as well as a compulsory module in Research Methodology.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

Thesis: Agricultural economics 990 (LEK 990)

Module credits 360.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Language of tuition Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Agric Econ, Ext + Rural Dev

Period of presentation Year



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 360

Core modules

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Module credits	360.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Academic organisation	Agric Econ, Ext + Rural Dev
Period of presentation	Year

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