

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

PhD Rural Development (02260901)

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

Programme information

In addition to further theoretical studies as prescribed by the head(s) of the relevant department(s), the study will involve a doctoral research thesis under guidance of a supervisor selected by the head of the department. The supervisor will be a member of the Faculty staff.

Duration of studies

The doctorate is conferred on a student only if one of the following periods has expired:

- At least four years after complying with all the requirements for a three-year bachelor's degree.
- At least three years after complying with all the requirements for a four-year bachelor's degree.
- At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a bachelor's degree of five years or more.
- At least two years after complying with all the requirements for a master's degree.
- 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:

- Theoretical knowledge of the major subject/s and such additional modules as may be prescribed.
- 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

Core modules

Thesis: Rural development 990 (ARD 990)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: Rural development 990 (ARD 990)

Module credits	360.00
NQF Level	10
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
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