

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

MScAgric (Animal Science) (Animal Breeding and Genetics) (02255013)

Department Animal Science

Minimum duration of study 2 years

Total credits 180

NQF level 09

Programme information

The curriculum for the MScAgric degree consists of a dissertation of 180 credits.

An MScAgric degree in Animal breeding and genetics offers students the opportunity to investigate livestock populations on either quantitative or molecular level. It combines population genetics and genetic improvement of livestock to improve the efficiency of production in farm animals. This program focusses mainly on the genetic diversity and evaluation of large and small stock, with an emphasis on welfare traits and sustainable farming. Projects in this program offer opportunities for inter disciplinary research.

Also consult General Academic Regulations G30-G41.

Residence

On the recommendation of the relevant head of department, the Dean may set specific residential requirements for the MScAgric degree.

Curriculum

Subject to programme-specific requirements, the curriculum for the MScAgric degree consists of the following:

- A dissertation; and
- Further study in the major subject/s, augmented by ancillary modules prescribed by the Postgraduate Studies Committee, on the recommendation of the head of department. Such ancillary modules may be taken simultaneously with the major subject/s. Candidates in possession of the BScAgricHons degree may be exempted from additional ancillary modules.
- Please note that not all modules will be offered in any one year.

Admission requirements

- BScAgric (Animal Science) degree **and** a weighted average of at least 60% at final year level
- Relevant honours degree **and** a cumulative weighted average of at least 60% at honours level
- An admission examination may be required

Note: Additional modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Dissertation: Animal science 890 (VKU 890) - Credits: 180.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Dissertation: Animal science 890 (VKU 890) - Credits: 180.00

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