

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

MScAgric in Agricultural Economics (Coursework) (02255101)

Department	Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development
Minimum duration of study	2 years
Total credits	180
NQF level	09

Programme information

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

- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree (or equivalent NQF-level 8 degree) with a major in agricultural economics
or
Bachelor of Science Honours degree (or equivalent NQF-level degree) with a major in agricultural economics
or
Relevant bachelor's degree (NQF- level 8)
or
relevant honours degree (NQF-level 8)
- A weighted average of at least 60% at final-year level

Note:

1. An admission examination may be required
2. Additional modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency

Other programme-specific information

Students should complete a module in research methodology as preparation for the dissertation module.

Curriculum: Year 1

Core: 60 credits

Elective: 30 credits

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Additional to the four compulsory core modules, students must select TWO elective modules to the value of 30 credits (15 credits each) according to the area of specialisation as stipulated below.

Please note that not all electives are presented each year. The presentation of an elective module is dependent on the number of students interested in enrolling for the module.

Areas of specialisation with relevant electives:

- **Agricultural and rural development:** LEK 885 is compulsory. Please select one additional module from LEK 812, LEK 833 and LEK 884.
- **Agricultural and rural finance:** Select LEK 822 and 884.
- **Food and agribusiness management:** Select two from LEK 811, LEK 813, LEK 823 and LEK 883.
- **Food and agricultural policy:** Select two from LEK 811, LEK 812, LEK 827, LEK 833 and LEK 834 (LEK 834 must be taken simultaneously with LEK 833).
- **Resource and environmental economics:** Select two from LEK 811, LEK 826, LEK 886 and LEK 887.

Core modules

Applied econometrics 810 (LEK 810) - Credits: 15.00

Applied micro-economics 815 (LEK 815) - Credits: 15.00

Institutional economics 882 (LEK 882) - Credits: 15.00

Research methodology 888 (LEK 888) - Credits: 15.00

Elective modules

Production economics 811 (LEK 811) - Credits: 15.00

Agricultural policy analysis 812 (LEK 812) - Credits: 15.00

Agribusiness marketing management 813 (LEK 813) - Credits: 15.00

Quantitative methods for agricultural and environmental policy 814 (LEK 814) - Credits: 15.00

Advanced agricultural finance and risk management 822 (LEK 822) - Credits: 15.00

Advanced agribusiness management 823 (LEK 823) - Credits: 15.00

Environmental valuation and policy 826 (LEK 826) - Credits: 15.00

Food policy 833 (LEK 833) - Credits: 15.00

Measuring and monitoring food security 834 (LEK 834) - Credits: 15.00

Agricultural supply chain management 883 (LEK 883) - Credits: 15.00

Advanced rural finance 884 (LEK 884) - Credits: 15.00

Agricultural and rural development 885 (LEK 885) - Credits: 15.00

The economics of natural resources 886 (LEK 886) - Credits: 15.00

Selected topics in environmental economics 887 (LEK 887) - Credits: 15.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core: 90 credits

Core modules

Mini-dissertation: [Agricultural economics 892](#) (LEK 892) - Credits: 90.00

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.