

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Master of Agriculture in Rural Development Planning (02256004)

**Department** Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development

**Minimum duration of study** 2 years

**Total credits** 180

**NQF level** 09

### Programme information

#### 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 which is supported by the relevant head of department and Postgraduate Studies Committee.

#### Curriculum

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

- a. A dissertation;
- b. Attendance of the Department's Research Methods module and
- c. Presentation of a research proposal during the first year of registration
- d. 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.

### Admission requirements

1. Bachelor of Agriculture Honours degree (or equivalent NQF-level 8 degree)  
or  
BInstAgrar Honours degree (or equivalent)  
or  
Relevant honours degree
2. A weighted average of at least 60% at final-year level
3. A weighted average of at least 60% for a minimum of a 30 credit research project on honours level

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



## Curriculum: Year 1

Core credits: 90

### Core modules

Food policy 833 (LEK 833) - Credits: 15.00

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

Institutional economics 882 (LEK 882) - Credits: 15.00

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

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

Research methodology 888 (LEK 888) - Credits: 15.00

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## Curriculum: Final year

Core credits: 90

### Core modules

Mini-dissertation: Rural development 894 (LEK 894) - Credits: 90.00

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#### 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.