

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

PhD specialising in Rural Development (02260901)

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

Programme information

1. The relevant head of department may set specific residential requirements for students who are required to live on campus.
2. Students must attend the Department's Research Methods module and a research proposal must be presented to the Department within 18 months of first registration.
3. If a PhD proposal has been presented successfully to and approved by the Department's postgraduate committee, the student may proceed to the research phase and the thesis.

Admission requirements

1. Master of Agriculture degree
or
Relevant master's degree
2. At least 65% for the research component at master's level

Note:

1. A CV with contactable references may be required
2. A copy of final master's dissertation may be required
3. An admission interview may be required



Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Thesis: Rural development 990 (ARD 990) - Credits: 360.00

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Thesis: Rural development 990 (ARD 990) - Credits: 360.00

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

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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.