



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Animal production systems and principles of breeding 200 (VAP 200)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Veterinary Science
Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	Bachelor of Veterinary Sciences [BVSc]
Prerequisites	Second year academic level and admission to relevant programme.
Contact time	3 lectures per week over 22 weeks, 6 hours of practicals per year
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Production Animal Studies
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Introduction to the role and concepts of animal production systems in the South African food production economy. Evolution, domestication and breed development. Animal recording, trait classification and the concept of functional efficiency. Qualitative and quantitative breeding principles with specific reference to selection of farm animal species. Principles of communal farming systems in Southern Africa. Principles requirements and production indices for extensive, semi-intensive and intensive animal production systems with reference to dairy, beef, mutton, wool, mohair, poultry meat, egg, pork, venison and fish production. Game management systems with reference to conservation and game farming. The role of the human in livestock production systems and sustainable production. The module contains practical sessions in farm animal management on a rotational basis including after-hours, weekends, public holidays and university recess. Concepts covered in class are applied in practice through community-based learning by visiting relevant farms and/or facilities and engaging with farmers and stakeholders.

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