



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

## BScAgric *Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management* (02133420)

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

**Minimum duration of study** 4 years

**Total credits** 502

**NQF level** 08

### Admission requirements

#### Important information for all prospective students for 2025

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here](#) for this Faculty Brochure.

#### Minimum requirements

##### Achievement level

English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Physical Sciences	APS
NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	
5	5	5	<b>32</b>

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.

Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.

Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.

Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.

Unsuccessful candidates will be notified after 30 June.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

**Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to the Brochure:

Undergraduate Programme Information 2025: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).

**International students:** [Click here](#).

#### Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

**Closing dates:** Same as above.

#### Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

**Note:**

- Students who have been excluded/dismitted from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

**Closing date for applications from returning students**

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

Candidates who do not comply with the minimum admission requirements for BScAgric (Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management), may be considered for admission to the BSc – Extended programme – Biological and Agricultural Sciences, which requires an additional year of study. Students who are placed in the BSc – Extended programme – Biological and Agricultural Sciences will take a minimum of five years to complete the BScAgric (Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management) programme.

**BSc - Extended Programme - Biological and Agricultural Sciences**

**Minimum requirements**

**Achievement level**

English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Physical Sciences	APS
NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	
4	4	4	<b>26</b>

**Note:**

- \*The BSc – Extended programmes are not available for students who meet all the requirements for the corresponding mainstream programme.
- \*Please note that only students who apply in their final NSC or equivalent qualification year will be considered for admission into any of the BSc – Extended programmes. Students who are upgrading or taking a gap year will not be considered.
- \* *BSc Extended programmes are selection programmes. Additional selection criteria apply.\* BSc Extended programmes are selection programmes. Additional selection criteria apply.*

**Other programme-specific information**

**Compilation of curriculum**

Students must register for elective modules in consultation with the head of department who must ensure that the modules do not clash on the set timetable.

The Dean may, in exceptional cases and on recommendation of the relevant head of department, approve deviations from the prescribed curriculum.

**1.1 Requirements for specific modules**

A candidate who:

- does not qualify for STK 110, must enrol for STK 113 and STK 123;



b. registers for Mathematical Statistics (WST) and Statistics (STK) modules must take note that WST and STK modules, except for STK 281, may not be taken simultaneously in a programme; a student must take one and only one of the following options:

- WST 111, WST 121, WST 212, WST 211, WST 221, WST 311, WST 312, WST 322, WST 321, and STK 353

or

- WST 111, WST 121, WST 212, WST 211, WST 221, WST 311, WST 312, WST 322, STK 320, STK 353.

or

- STK 110, STC 122, STK 210, STK 220, WST 212, STK 310, STK 320, STK 353.

c. registers for a module presented by another faculty must take note of the timetable clashes, prerequisites for that module, subminimum required in examination papers, supplementary examinations, etc.

## 1.2 Fundamental modules

- a. It is compulsory for all new first-year students to satisfactorily complete the Academic orientation (UPO 102) and to take Academic information management modules (AIM 111 and AIM 121) and Language and study skills (LST 110). Please see curricula for details.
- b. Students who intend to apply for admission to MBChB or BChD in the second semester, when places become available in those programmes, may be permitted to register for up to 80 module credits and 4 core modules in the first semester during the first year provided that they obtained a final mark of no less than 70% for Grade 12 Mathematics and achieved an APS of 34 or more in the NSC.

## Transitional measures

Due to a revision to the curriculum, students who were in their first year in 2021 are advised to consult the 2022 yearbook for the second, third and final years' curriculum they will follow. The first year curriculum had already been revised in the 2021 publication.

## Promotion to next study year

A student will be promoted to the following year of study if he or she passed 100 credits of the prescribed credits for a year of study, unless the Dean on the recommendation of the relevant head of department decides otherwise. A student who does not comply with the requirements for promotion to the following year of study, retains the credit for the modules already passed and may be admitted by the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, to modules of the following year of study to a maximum of 48 credits, provided that it will fit in with both the lecture and examination timetable.

### Progression to the final year of study

Only students who have completed all modules prescribed for the first, second and third year of study will be admitted to the final year of study.

### Special examination

1. A student requiring no more than the equivalent of 36 credits in total across the first, second and third year of their BScAgric degree programme, may be admitted to a special examination.
2. If, subject to faculty regulations, there is an indication at the end of an academic year that a student qualifies for a special examination in no more than the equivalent of 36 credits, and that such student can complete his or her third study year if he or she is successful, the faculty may require such student to write a special examination or examinations. If the student declines the offer, this may be taken into consideration with



regard to further residence accommodation and financial support by the University.

3. A student only qualifies for a special examination if he or she sat for the prescribed examination in the preceding year of study.
4. In the case of a student who passes the module on the basis of the special examination, the result of the special examination does not replace the failed mark of such a module on a student's academic record and it is recorded as an additional mark.
5. In order to continue with the next (final) year of study, the results of the special examination must be submitted to the relevant faculty's head of student administration. It must be noted that a special examination is a once-off opportunity.



## Curriculum: Year 1

### Minimum credits: 131

Fundamental = 14

Core = 117

**Additional information:** Students who do not qualify for STK 110 or who may be at risk of not achieving 60% for STK 110 in their second year, must register for STK 113 and STK 123 in their first year.

## Fundamental modules

### Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

**Module credits** 4.00

**NQF Level** 05

#### Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences  
Faculty of Humanities  
Faculty of Law  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences  
Faculty of Theology and Religion

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Information Science

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

#### Module content

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

### Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

**Module credits** 4.00

**NQF Level** 05

#### Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences  
Faculty of Humanities  
Faculty of Law  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences  
Faculty of Theology and Religion  
Faculty of Veterinary Science



<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Informatics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

## Language and study skills 110 (LST 110)

<b>Module credits</b>	6.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	05
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Unit for Academic Literacy
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

The module aims to equip students with the ability to cope with the reading and writing demands of scientific disciplines.

## Academic orientation 102 (UPO 102)

<b>Module credits</b>	0.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	00
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Natural and Agricultural Sciences Deans Office
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Year

## Core modules

### Biometry 120 (BME 120)

<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	05



**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences  
Faculty of Veterinary Science

**Prerequisites** At least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination, or at least 50% in both Statistics 113, 123

**Contact time** 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Statistics

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

Simple statistical analysis: Data collection and analysis: Samples, tabulation, graphical representation, describing location, spread and skewness. Introductory probability and distribution theory. Sampling distributions and the central limit theorem. Statistical inference: Basic principles, estimation and testing in the one- and two-sample cases (parametric and non-parametric). Introduction to experimental design. One- and two-way designs, randomised blocks. Multiple statistical analysis: Bivariate data sets: Curve fitting (linear and non-linear), growth curves. Statistical inference in the simple regression case. Categorical analysis: Testing goodness of fit and contingency tables. Multiple regression and correlation: Fitting and testing of models. Residual analysis. Computer literacy: Use of computer packages in data analysis and report writing.

## Plants and society 161 (BOT 161)

**Module credits** 8.00

**NQF Level** 05

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Education

**Prerequisites** MLB 111 GS

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

Botanical principles of structure and function; diversity of plants; introductory plant systematics and evolution; role of plants in agriculture and food security; principles and applications of plant biotechnology; economical and valuable medicinal products derived from plants; basic principles of plant ecology and their application in conservation and biodiversity management.

This content aligns with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals of No Poverty, Good Health and Well-being, Climate Action, Responsible Consumption and Production, and Life on Land.

## General chemistry 117 (CMY 117)

**Module credits** 16.00



<b>NQF Level</b>	05
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	A candidate must have Mathematics for at least 60% and 60% for Physical Sciences.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Chemistry
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

General introduction to inorganic, analytical and physical chemistry. Atomic structure and periodicity. Molecular structure and chemical bonding using the VSEPR-model. Nomenclature of inorganic ions and compounds. Classification of reactions: precipitation, acid-base, redox reactions and gas-forming reactions. Mole concept and stoichiometric calculations concerning chemical formulas and chemical reactions. Principles of reactivity: energy and chemical reactions. Physical behaviour gases, liquids, solids and solutions and the role of intermolecular forces. Rate of reactions: Introduction to chemical kinetics.

## Economics 110 (EKN 110)

<b>Module credits</b>	10.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	05
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Economics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

This module deals with the core principles of economics. A distinction between macroeconomics and microeconomics is made. A discussion of the market system and circular flow of goods, services and money is followed by a section dealing with microeconomic principles, including demand and supply analysis, consumer behaviour and utility maximisation, production and the costs thereof, and the different market models and firm behaviour. Labour market institutions and issues, wage determination, as well as income inequality and poverty are also addressed. A section of money, banking, interest rates and monetary policy concludes the course.





## Economics 120 (EKN 120)

<b>Module credits</b>	10.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	05
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	EKN 110 GS or EKN 113 GS and at least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination or 60% in STK 113 and concurrently registered for STK 123
<b>Contact time</b>	1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Economics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

This module deals with the core principles of economics, especially macroeconomic measurement the private and public sectors of the South African economy receive attention, while basic macroeconomic relationships and the measurement of domestic output and national income are discussed. Aggregate demand and supply analysis stands core to this course which is also used to introduce students to the analysis of economic growth, unemployment and inflation. The microeconomics of government is addressed in a separate section, followed by a section on international economics, focusing on international trade, exchange rates and the balance of payments. The economics of developing countries and South Africa in the global economy conclude the course.

## Financial accounting 111 (FRK 111)

<b>Module credits</b>	10.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	05
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Law Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Accounting
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1



## Module content

The nature and function of accounting; the development of accounting; financial position; financial result; the recording process; processing of accounting data; treatment of VAT; elementary income statement and balance sheet; flow of documents; accounting systems; introduction to internal control and internal control measures; bank reconciliations; control accounts; adjustments; financial statements of a sole proprietorship; the accounting framework.

## Financial accounting 122 (FRK 122)

**Module credits** 12.00

**NQF Level** 05

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Law  
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

**Prerequisites** FRK 111 GS or FRK 133, FRK 143

**Contact time** 4 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Accounting

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

Budgeting, payroll accounting, taxation – income tax and an introduction to other types of taxes, credit and the new Credit Act, insurance, accounting for inventories (focus on inventory and the accounting entries, not calculations), interpretation of financial statements.

## Informatics 183 (INF 183)

**Module credits** 3.00

**NQF Level** 05

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 1 practical per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Informatics

**Period of presentation** Year

## Module content

Computer processing of accounting information.

## Molecular and cell biology 111 (MLB 111)

**Module credits** 16.00

**NQF Level** 05



<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	A candidate who has passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical/tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

Introduction to the molecular structure and function of the cell. Basic chemistry of the cell. Structure and composition of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. Ultrastructure and function of cellular organelles, membranes and the cytoskeleton. General principles of energy, enzymes and cell metabolism. Selected processes, e.g. glycolysis, respiration and/or photosynthesis. Introduction to molecular genetics: DNA structure and replication, transcription, translation. Cell growth and cell division.

## Mathematics 134 (WTW 134)

<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	05
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Veterinary Science
<b>Prerequisites</b>	50% for Mathematics in Grade 12
<b>Contact time</b>	1 tutorial per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

*\*Students will not be credited for more than one of the following modules for their degree: WTW 134, WTW 165, WTW 114, WTW 158. WTW 134 does not lead to admission to Mathematics at 200 level and is intended for students who require Mathematics at 100 level only. WTW 134 is offered as WTW 165 in the second semester only to students who have applied in the first semester of the current year for the approximately 65 MBChB, or the 5-6 BChD places becoming available in the second semester and who were therefore enrolled for MGW 112 in the first semester of the current year.*

Functions, derivatives, interpretation of the derivative, rules of differentiation, applications of differentiation, integration, interpretation of the definite integral, applications of integration. Matrices, solutions of systems of equations. All topics are studied in the context of applications.



## Curriculum: Year 2

**Minimum credits: 125**

Core = 109

Elective = at least 20

### Core modules

#### Biometry 210 (BME 210)

<b>Module credits</b>	24.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	BME 120
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Statistics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

#### Module content

Analysis of variance: Multi-way classification. Testing of model assumptions, graphics. Multiple comparisons. Fixed, stochastic and mixed effect models. Block experiments. Estimation of effects. Experimental design: Principles of experimental design. Factorial experiments: Confounding, single degree of freedom approach, hierarchical classification. Balanced and unbalanced designs. Split-plot designs. Analysis of covariance. Computer literacy: Writing and interpretation of computer programmes. Report writing.

#### Economics 224 (EKN 224)

<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	[EKN 110 GS & EKN 120] OR [EKN 113 GS & EKN 123 & BME 120 GS or STK 110 GS or (STK 113 & STK 123 & STK 120/121) or STK120/121# OR WST 111 & WST 121 are prerequisites instead of STK 120/121 or WST 111 and WST 121#.
<b>Contact time</b>	3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Economics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1



## Module content

### Microeconomics

Microeconomic insight is provided into: consumer and producer theory, general microeconomic equilibrium, Pareto-optimality and optimality of the price mechanism, welfare economics, market forms and the production structure of South Africa. Statistic and econometric analysis of microeconomic issues.

## Economics 244 (EKN 244)

**Module credits** 16.00

**NQF Level** 06

**Service modules** Faculty of Humanities  
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

**Prerequisites** EKN 224 and STK 120/121 or WST 121 OR concurrently registered for STK 120/121 or WST 121.

**Contact time** 3 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Economics

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

### Microeconomics

From general equilibrium and economic welfare to uncertainty and asymmetric information. In this module we apply the principles learned in EKN 224 on the world around us by looking at the microeconomic principles of labour and capital markets, as well as reasons why the free market system could fail. We touch on the government's role in market failures. The course includes topics of the mathematical and econometric analysis of microeconomic issues.

## Introductory soil science 250 (GKD 250)

**Module credits** 12.00

**NQF Level** 06

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

**Prerequisites** CMY 117 GS

**Contact time** 1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 1



## Module content

Soil is a finite resource and with the global challenges we are facing, it is more important than ever to understand and sustainably manage soil. Our daily lives are impacted by soil in several ways, including the food we eat, the water we drink, and the environment we live in. In this Introductory Soils module, we will look at how basic and more advanced abiotic and biotic soil properties impact us and the larger environment. We will also examine the fundamental principles behind sustainable soil use management.

## Introduction to agricultural economics 210 (LEK 210)

<b>Module credits</b>	14.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical/tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

## Module content

Introduction to the world of agricultural economics: where to find practising agricultural economics services, overview of South African Agricultural Economy, scope of agricultural economics. Introduction to consumption and demand: utility theory, indifference curves, the budget constraint, consumer equilibrium, the law of demand, consumer surplus, tastes and preferences, and measurement and interpretation of elasticities. Introduction to production and supply: condition for perfect competition, classification of inputs, important production relationships, assessing short-run business costs, economics of short-run decisions. Isoquants, iso-cost line, least cost combination of inputs, long-run expansion of inputs, and economics of business expansion, production possibility frontier, iso-revenue line and profit maximising combination of products. Introduction to market equilibrium and product prices: market equilibrium in a perfectly competitive market, total economic surplus, changes in welfare, adjustments to market equilibrium, market structure characteristics, market equilibrium in an imperfectly competitive market, government regulatory measures. Introduction to financial management in agriculture: Farm management and agricultural finance, farm management information; analysis and interpretation of farm financial statements; risk and farm planning. Budgets: partial, break-even, enterprise, total, cash flow and capital budgets. Elements of business plan, marketing planning and price risk. Financial structuring and sources of finance for farm business. Time value of money.

## Agricultural economics 220 (LEK 220)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English



**Department** Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

The agribusiness system; the agricultural value chain, the unique characteristics of agricultural products; marketing functions and costs; historical evolution of agricultural marketing in South Africa. The marketing environment. Consumer behaviour and consumer trends. Introduction to supply and demand analysis. Developing a marketing plan and strategies for agricultural commodities; market analysis; product management; distribution channels for agricultural commodities, the agricultural supply chain. Introduction to the agricultural futures market. Marketing in the 21st century. Online marketing, social media. Market structure.

## Sustainable crop production and agroclimatology 251 (PPK 251)

**Module credits** 15.00

**NQF Level** 06

**Prerequisites** BOT 161

**Contact time** 3 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

Influence of climate on cropping systems in South Africa. The surface energy balance. Hydrological cycles and the soil water balance. Sustainable crop production. Simple radiation and water limited models. Potential yield, target yield and maximum economic yield. Crop nutrition and fertiliser management. Principles of soil cultivation and conservation. Climate change and crop production – mitigation and adaptation.

## Elective modules

### Environmental sciences 201 (ENV 201)

**Module credits** 14.00

**NQF Level** 06

**Prerequisites** ENV 101 or WKD 155 or BOT 161 or ZEN 161.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Geography Geoinformatics and Meteorology

**Period of presentation** Semester 1



## Module content

Introduces basic concepts and interrelationships required to understand our atmosphere, with a strong focus on an introduction to weather and climate. A key component of the course is an introduction to climate change, including the science of climate change, introducing climate change projections, and climate change impacts. A key focus of the second part of the course will be climate change implications for the attainment of SDGs and Aichi targets on the African continent, under a range of plausible scenarios.

## Geographic information systems introduction 221 (GIS 221)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Prohibited combination GGY 283. Max 350 students.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Geography Geoinformatics and Meteorology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

## Module content

Note: Enrolment is limited. Preference will be given based on choice of majors. Students should enquire at the department if they wish to register for the module, but are unable to do so.

\*GIS 221 does not lead to admission to any module at 300 level.

Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), theoretical concepts and applications of GIS. The focus will be on the GIS process of data input, data analysis, data output and associated technologies. This module teaches students to use GIS as a tool. Examples used throughout the course are drawn from South African case studies.

## Informatics 214 (INF 214)

<b>Module credits</b>	14.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 5 (60-69%) in the Grade 12 examination; AIM 101 or AIM 111 and AIM 121.
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week, 2 practicals per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Informatics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1





## Module content

Database design: the relational model, structured query language (SQL), entity relationship modelling, normalisation, database development life cycle; practical introduction to database design. Databases: advanced entity relationship modelling and normalisation, object-oriented databases, database development life cycle, advanced practical database design.

## Animal science 250 (VKU 250)

<b>Module credits</b>	8.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Animal Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

## Module content

A brief perspective on the South African livestock industry with reference to the role of Sustainable development goals (SDGs) in a Southern African context. South African biomes in which animal production is practised. Animal ecological factors that influence regional classification. Introduction to adaptation physiology with reference to origin and domestication of farm and companion animals. Livestock species, breed development and breed characterisation. Basic principles of animal breeding and genetics, animal nutrition. Practical work includes identification and classification of different breeds of livestock.

## Animal science 260 (VKU 260)

<b>Module credits</b>	8.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Prerequisites</b>	VKU 250 GS
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Animal Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

## Module content

Introduction to the concepts of animal production systems in South African production environments. Principles and requirements for extensive, semi-intensive and intensive livestock production with reference to large- and small stock, poultry and pigs. Principles of communal farming systems in Southern Africa. Game management systems with reference to conservation and game farming. The role of the human in livestock production systems and sustainable production.

## Applications in data science 212 (WST 212)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06



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**Prerequisites** WST 111, WST 121 or STK 110, STC 122

**Contact time** 1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Statistics

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

**Module content**

Introductory machine learning concepts. Data base design and use. Data preparation and extraction. Statistical modelling using data base structures. Statistical concepts are demonstrated and interpreted through practical coding and simulation within a data science framework.



## Curriculum: Year 3

**Minimum credits: 120**

Core = 76

Elective = at least 44

### Core modules

#### Economics 310 (EKN 310)

**Module credits** 20.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Humanities  
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

**Prerequisites** EKN 214, EKN 234 or EKN 224, EKN 244

**Contact time** 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Economics

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

#### Module content

Public finance

Role of government in the economy. Welfare economics and theory of optimality. Ways of correcting market failures. Government expenditure theories, models and programmes. Government revenue. Models on taxation, effects of taxation on the economy. Assessment of taxation from an optimality and efficiency point of view. South African perspective on public finance.

#### Economics 320 (EKN 320)

**Module credits** 20.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Education  
Faculty of Humanities  
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

**Prerequisites** EKN 310 GS

**Contact time** 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Economics

**Period of presentation** Semester 2



## Module content

### Economic analyses

Identification, collection and interpretation process of relevant economic data; the national accounts (i.e. income and production accounts, the national financial account, the balance of payments and input-output tables); economic growth; inflation; employment, unemployment, wages, productivity and income distribution; business cycles; financial indicators; fiscal indicators; social indicators; international comparisons; relationships between economic time series - regression analysis; long-term future studies and scenario analysis; overall assessment of the South African economy from 1994 onwards.

## Agricultural economics 310 (LEK 310)

**Module credits** 16.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Service modules** Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

**Prerequisites** LEK 210 GS and EKN 110 GS

**Contact time** 3 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

Historical evolution of South African agricultural policy. Agriculture and the state (communicating the legislative process in detail); reasons for government intervention (government and stakeholder engagement). Theoretical aspects of agricultural policy. Introduction to agricultural policy analysis. Welfare principles, pareto optimality. Macroeconomic policy and the agricultural sector. International agricultural trade (including inter-governmental communication).

## Agricultural economics 320 (LEK 320)

**Module credits** 20.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Service modules** Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

**Prerequisites** LEK 210 GS and LEK 220 GS.

**Contact time** 2 practicals per week, 4 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo

**Period of presentation** Semester 1



## Module content

The modern food and agribusiness system. Key drivers in the global context. Whole farm planning including business planning, financial analysis and financial modelling, capital acquisition and creditworthiness, time value of money and the investment decision, Decision making in agriculture under risk and uncertain circumstances and risk management. Operational and strategic management. Business plan and scenario planning assignments.

## Elective modules

### Labour relations 320 (ABV 320)

**Module credits** 20.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology  
Faculty of Humanities  
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 3 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Human Resource Management

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## Module content

The theoretical basis of Labour Relations

In this section the basic concepts, historical context and theoretical approaches to the field of labour relations will be discussed. The institutional framework in which labour relations operates, will be addressed with particular emphasis on the structural mechanisms and institutional processes. The service relationship that forms the basis of labour relations practices, will also be analysed.

Labour Relations practice

In this section students are taught the conceptual and practical skills related to practice aspects such as handling of grievances, disciplining, retrenchments, collective bargaining, industrial action and dispute resolution.

### Field crops 361 (AGR 361)

**Module credits** 14.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Prerequisites** PPK 251

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 2



## Module content

Botanical characteristics, classification, growth requirements, production practices and utilization of crops rich in starch, oil, sugar and protein, fibre crops, narcotic and medicinal plants. The use of conservation agriculture (CA) in field crop production is becoming ever increasingly important, especially since it is directly related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 (food), 6 (water), 7 (energy) 13 (climate) and 15 (soil). During the semester applicable AC and SDG examples will be highlighted. Practicals will consist out of a trial on the experimental farm and visits to research institutions and producers.

### Principles and practices 351 (HSC 351)

**Module credits** 14.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

## Module content

The organised nursery industry in South Africa. Principles: seed production; seed germination; rooting of cuttings; budding and grafting; propagation using specialised organs; micro propagation (tissue culturing). Practices: Greenhouse construction, lighting in the nursery; cooling and heating; soil-based and soil-less growing media; container types; irrigation and fertilisation; growth manipulation; pest and disease management. Management, economic and marketing aspects of a typical nursery operation. Students will get hands-on experience and will visit nurseries.

### Soil-water relationship and irrigation 350 (PGW 350)

**Module credits** 14.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Prerequisites** GKD 250

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

## Module content

Quantitative description and measurement of soil water content and potential as well as saturated and unsaturated hydraulic conductivity. Modelling water flow in soil (Darcy's law, Richards's equation). Infiltration, redistribution, evaporation, runoff and percolation. Irrigation in South Africa. Modelling and managing the soil water balance. Plant water consumption and the soil-plant-atmosphere continuum. Irrigation scheduling (soil, plant and atmosphere approaches). Managing poor quality water. Irrigation systems. The module includes a field trip to an irrigation scheme.



## Principles of veld management 310 (WDE 310)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	07
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

The influence of biotic and abiotic factors on the productivity of different strata and components of natural pastures. This will enable the student to advise users, with the necessary motivation, on the appropriate use of these strata and components and will form a basis for further research on this system. The principles of veld management and the influence of management practices on sustainable animal production from natural pastures. This will enable the student to advise users on veld management and veld management principles. It will also form a basis for further research on veld management.

## Planted pastures and fodder crops 320 (WDE 320)

<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	07
<b>Prerequisites</b>	WDE 310 GS
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week, fortnightly practicals
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

The establishment and use of planted pastures species and fodder crops and the conservation of fodder. This will enable students to advise users on establishment and utilization of planted pastures species as well as farmers on the production, conservation and optimum use of fodder. This will also form a basis for further research on planted pastures.

## Conservation ecology 364 (ZEN 364)

<b>Module credits</b>	18.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	07
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Education
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	2 practicals per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English



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**Department** Zoology and Entomology

**Period of presentation** Quarter 2

**Module content**

This module is intended to provide students with the skills and knowledge that are essential for the conservation of biodiversity. The module focuses on conservation theory and practice (e.g. endangered species, habitat loss, overexploitation, climate change), and has a practical component. In addition, students will generate a multi-media project designed to inform the general public about a key conservation issue. Over the course of the module, students will be exposed to a number of issues that link directly to sustainable development goals Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life Below Water & Life on Land, and gain valuable theoretical and practical experience in the field of conservation biology.





## Curriculum: Final year

**Minimum credits: 122**

Core = 77

Elective = at least 45

### Core modules

#### Agricultural and rural development principles 485 (ARD 485)

<b>Module credits</b>	15.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

#### Module content

Challenges and objectives of development, including the issues of underdevelopment, hunger, poverty and inequalities. Definitions of development, economic development, growth, rural development and agricultural development. Overview and evolution of concepts and theories of agriculture and rural development. Overview of past and emerging ideas to accelerate development of rural economic sectors, including agricultural innovation, technology innovation, development pathways. The roles of agriculture and structural transformation in development and options for the development of small-scale agriculture. Introduction to institutions and organisations in agriculture and rural development. The importance of agriculture in the rural economy (agro-industries, agribusiness), the rural non-farm economy, rural infrastructure, rural finance, human capital (health and education) and basic services (water, electricity & sanitation) in rural development. Special applications integrated into the content, including: climate change, migration, conflict, food security, gender, land reform and sustainability (SDG, Africa's Agenda 2063, National Development Plans). Case study: Analysis of a practical agribusiness problem related to rural development.

#### Agricultural market and price analysis 431 (LEK 431)

<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Prerequisites</b>	LEK 210, LEK 310 GS and BME 120
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1



### Module content

After providing an appropriate background in the theoretical concepts of demand (theory of the consumer) and supply (theory of the firm) these basics will be applied in the generation of optimization techniques such as Lagrange optimization and linear programming. The work will cover the identification of supply and demand shifters as well as the elasticities, flexibilities, and impact multipliers. The theory will underpin the development of econometric simulation models for selected agricultural sectors. Practical experience in the formulation of these models will be attained from practical sessions.

### Agricultural economics 432 (LEK 432)

**Module credits** 16.00

**NQF Level** 08

**Prerequisites** LEK 220, LEK 320 GS

**Contact time** 2 practicals per week, 3 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This course covers data management, data exploration and analytical techniques commonly used for agricultural market analysis within a data science framework. It considers best practices in working with secondary data and covers regression analysis and inference testing as a means to estimate causal relationships between variables. Other analytical techniques will be covered, including cluster analysis. Analytical concepts will be applied and interpreted through practical estimation and simulation.

### Research project: Agricultural economics 433 (LEK 433)

**Module credits** 30.00

**NQF Level** 08

**Prerequisites** LEK 310 GS and LEK 320 GS

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo

**Period of presentation** Year

### Module content

Research project and case study of an issue relevant to agricultural economics. The research project should address an important contemporary agricultural economics problem or challenge and contribute towards the solution thereof.

## Elective modules

### Agricultural economics 415 (LEK 415)

**Module credits** 16.00



<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Prerequisites</b>	LEK 210 GS and any one of the following modules: STK 110 GS, STK 120 GS, BME 120, WTW 134 GS, WTW 165 GS
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

Derivative instruments in agriculture: To prepare students for taking the SAFEX Agricultural Markets Division brokerage exam. Giving an in-depth knowledge on the importance of hedging. Giving an in-depth knowledge on designing and implementation of low/zero risk hedging strategies. Introduction to the mathematics of portfolio management and mathematical modelling of derivatives. Working knowledge of the mathematical relationships in the management of a hedged portfolio. Working knowledge on the applicable software for managing derivative portfolios. Introduction into the management of option portfolios. To expand the thinking on the uses of derivatives, by also dealing with the hedging of diesel cost, interest rates and weather events.

## Introduction to resource economics 424 (LEK 424)

<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Prerequisites</b>	LEK 210 GS or EKN 110 GS
<b>Contact time</b>	1 web-based period per week, 3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

This module reviews the origins and evolution of natural and environmental resource economics and its present-day main paradigms. Sources of externalities and causes of environmental degradation are examined. An introduction to the concepts and methods backing the design and implementation of environmental policies are provided. Economic valuation of natural and environmental resources is introduced.

## Agricultural marketing 464 (LEK 464)

<b>Module credits</b>	15.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Prerequisites</b>	LEK 220, LEK 320
<b>Contact time</b>	3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo



**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

Introduction the food system, food system dynamics, marketing and the food value chain, global food marketing trends, marketing strategies and plans, consumer behaviour and marketing research, collecting information, forecasting demand, conducting market research, marketing of agricultural products, risk in agricultural commodity marketing, connecting with customers, building strong brands, creating value, food franchising. food quality, labelling and food safety, intellectual property and geographical indicators, delivering value, supply chain management, contract growing, conducting marketing responsibility for long-term success, communicating value. Marketing in the 21st century, Food system essay, Market research project.

## International agricultural trade and policy 465 (LEK 465)

**Module credits** 15.00

**NQF Level** 08

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, 2 practicals per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Agricultural Economics Extension and Rural Develo

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

WTO/GATT-1994 and agricultural related Agreements and Understandings. regionalism and trade blocks. International trade and economic development. South Africa's agricultural trade policy. Involvement in bilateral and plurilateral agreements. Application of international market analysis tools. International trade and tariff statistics, trade modelling, theory and familiarity in international and regional databases. The module covers the basic tools to understand what determines the flow of goods across countries, i.e. international trade, and applications to a number of topics of current interest, including the debate on globalisation, free trade agreements, the SA Current account and the medium run prospects for exchange rates. One summative practical assignment.

## 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.