



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

BAgricHons *Rural Development* (02241002)

Department Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development

Minimum duration of study 1 year

Total credits 120

NQF level 08

Programme information

This programme is coordinated in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development. The aim of this programme is to enable graduates to participate in and lead rural development processes and policy initiatives. It provides a broad-based understanding of rural development, including project planning and analysis and strategic management.

Admission requirements

1. Relevant bachelor's degree (or equivalent)
2. A weighted average of at least 60% at final-year level
3. An admission examination may be required
4. A CV with contactable references may be required

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

Examinations and pass requirements

In order to obtain the degree, the candidate must achieve a minimum of 50% in each of the prescribed modules.

Pass with distinction

An average of 75% in all the prescribed modules must be obtained in order to pass the degree with distinction.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Communication for sustainable rural development 713 (AGV 713) - Credits: 15.00

Principles and approaches of rural development and extension 715 (AGV 715) - Credits: 15.00

Research project 784 (ARD 784) - Credits: 30.00

Advanced agricultural and rural development applications 785 (ARD 785) - Credits: 15.00

Agribusiness management 720 (LEK 720) - Credits: 15.00

Agricultural project planning and appraisal 785 (LEK 785) - Credits: 15.00

Elective modules

Leadership and group dynamics 712 (AGV 712) - Credits: 15.00

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.