

PhD Rural Development

Programme code

02260901

In addition to further theoretical studies as prescribed by the Director and head(s) of the relevant department(s), the study will involve a doctoral research thesis under guidance of a supervisor selected by the Director and head of department. The supervisor will be a member of the Faculty staff.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

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Faculty notes

The Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences is home to more than 6 500 undergraduate and postgraduate students. The Faculty presents degrees in fields ranging from the proverbial A to Z – from actuaries to zoologists, and consists of 13 departments.

All degree programmes are designed to develop problem-solving individuals who can easily adapt to changing circumstances and take the lead in their chosen fields of specialisation. The qualifications awarded are of world-class and provide access to a multitude of career opportunities for dynamic and creative people. According to the latest Times Higher Education World University Rankings the University has achieved new world rankings in Physical Sciences, a discipline which features strongly in NAS and also maintains excellent positions on the ISI Web of Science (WOS) field rankings in Plant and Animal Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, and Environment and Ecology Sciences.

In the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, we strive to continuously improve our high impact research and significantly address the national shortage of PhD graduates that respond to global and local challenges.



Minimum duration

2 years, full-time

Admission requirements

- 1. MScAgric degree or relevant master's degree
- 2. At least 65% for the research component at master's level
- 3. A CV with contactable references may be required
- 4. A copy of final masters dissertation may be required
- 5. An admission interview may be required