

PhD Agricultural Economics

Programme code

02261030

The PhD programme in Agricultural Economics consists of a thesis and an oral examination:

All students need to follow a preparatory programme for the thesis which is not part of the degree programme. This preparatory programme should at least cover the following modules or their equivalents:

Any two modules in economic or applied economic theory (eg Microeconomics or Macroeconomics) One module in quantitative methods (Econometrics, Applied econometrics, Quantitative methods, or Partial equilibrium modelling) One module in the field of specialisation (institutional economics, science and technology policy, food policy, etc)

If these modules or their equivalents have been completed sucessfully and 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. Students can be exempted from this preparatory programme if equivalent modules are completed at other universities and students could provide evidence that these prerequisites have been met.

For students with an MInstAgrar or similar qualification, additional modules might be recommended in order to ensure that the candidates' quantitative abilities are at the same level as someone entering the programme with an MScAgric.

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