



BAgricHons Extension

Programme code

02241000

The aim of this degree programme is to produce graduates qualified to operate as professional extension or development agents. On completion of the degree the candidate will be able to design, develop and execute or manage scientifically sound situation-specific and community adapted extension or development programmes, conforming to the principles of participatory development with maximum community involvement and impact.

To enable them to do this they should:

be aware and knowledgeable of the philosophies and the different concepts and approaches of development and extension as well as its organisation and management; have an understanding of the principles of human behaviour with specific reference to decision making and behaviour change and the theories involved in understanding and facilitating change; be knowledgeable of the theory and practical implementation of community development, group dynamics and leadership for the formulation and execution of development plans; have an understanding of the principles of communication and be skilful in the identification and use of the most appropriate communication methods and combinations thereof; be knowledgeable and skilled in the development, execution and evaluation of situation-specific extension programmes.

The ability to conduct and report a research study under supervision, in a manner that is appropriate to the discipline of the field of study

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

1 years, full-time

Admission requirements

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

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