

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN POVERTY, LAND AND AGRARIAN STUDIES (1616)

D.144 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Unless Senate decide otherwise candidates will be required to meet the following criteria to be enrolled for the **Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies – PGDip (Land and Agrarian Studies)**

For admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, applicants should have obtained an undergraduate degree with an average of 60% in the final assessment of the exit-modules in Sociology, History, Economics, Political Science, Agriculture, Public Admin, Geographical and/or Environmental Studies, with at least three years relevant experience in poverty, land and agrarian reform and sustainable natural resource management. For those applicants without first degrees, recognition of prior learning (RPL) procedures will apply to candidates with extensive work experience (at least ten years) in land and agrarian reform, rural development, natural resources and gender issues, and with good writing abilities. The most likely candidates for RPL applications are experienced practitioners who may not have had the opportunity to engage in higher education, or who may only have a diploma or certificate qualification.

D.145 SELECTION

As only a limited number of students can be admitted to the programme, applicants will be subject to a selection procedure.

D.146 DURATION

The duration of the Postgraduate Diploma is one year full-time subject to Rule A.4.1.

D.147 CURRICULUM

Students will be required to complete the four taught modules. Teaching and learning will take place of two teaching blocks consisting of three weeks each. All modules and attendance are compulsory.

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Structural Poverty and Marginalised Livelihoods in Southern African Agro- Food Systems 711	LAS711	30
The Political Economy of Land and Agrarian Reform in Southern Africa 712	LAS712	30
Economics of Farming and Food Systems 713	LAS713	30
Social and Ecological Dimensions of Ecosystem Management 714	LAS714	30
	TOTAL	120

D.148 ASSESSMENT RULES

Assessment is governed by Rule A.5 as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

D.149 PROGRESS RULES

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a full-time student shall complete the programme in one year. A student who passed at least 60 credits may proceed with his/her studies to complete the programme the following year.

D.150 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

The renewal of registration will be governed by the Rule A.4, as stipulated in the University Calendar: General Information Part 1.

D.151 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

There are no special requirements for this programme.