

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN POVERTY, LAND AND AGRARIAN STUDIES (Thesis – 1843)

D.299 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet one of the following criteria to be enrolled for the degree/programme: **MPhil in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies – MPhil (Land and Agrarian Studies)**

D.299.1 For admission to the MPhil (Full Thesis) in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, candidates must have at least an Honours Degree (or equivalent) in an appropriate subject (Sociology, History, Economics, Political Science, Agriculture, Public Admin, Geography, and /or Environmental Studies) with an average of 65%. Students must demonstrate a good understanding of their chosen research topic and have research experience in one or more of the following themes – poverty, land and agrarian reform, rural development, and natural resources.

D.300 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise the duration of the programme shall extend over 3 years full time and part-time subject to Rule A.4.

D.301 CURRICULUM

Suitably qualified candidates may apply to take the MPhil (Full Thesis), involving a full length Master's thesis on an appropriate topic in poverty, land and agrarian reform and natural resources.

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Thesis 801 (1st Enrolment)	LAS801	180
Thesis 802 (2nd Enrolment)	LAS802	
	TOTAL	180

D.302 ASSESSMENT

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

D.303 PROGRESS RULES

Registration for the following year of study will be recommended by the supervisor if in his/her opinion adequate progress has been made during the current year.

D.304 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.305 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

A thesis on an approved topic must be selected in conjunction with the department or relevant person concerned.

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN POVERTY, LAND AND AGRARIAN STUDIES (Structured – 1843)

D.306 ADMISSION

Unless Senate decides otherwise, candidates will be required to meet one of the following criteria to be enrolled for the degree/programme: **MPhil in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies – MPhil (Land and Agrarian Studies)**

D.306.1 For admission to the MPhil (Structured) in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, candidates must have obtained an average of 65% in the PG Diploma, and a proposal accepted by the PLAAS Research Committee.

OR

D.306.2 An Honours degree with an average of at least 65% in the final assessment of the exit-modules in Sociology, History, Economics, Political Science, Agriculture, Public Admin, Geography and / or Environmental Studies, with at least three years of relevant working experience in poverty, land reform or sustainable natural resource management.

D.307 DURATION

Unless Senate decides otherwise the duration of the programme shall extend over 3 years full time and part-time subject to Rule A.4.

D.308 CURRICULUM

The MPhil (Structured) will require completion of a two core modules and one elective module and a mini-thesis on an appropriate topic in poverty, land and agrarian reform, natural resources to be agreed upon by the PLAAS Research Committee.

Module Name	Alpha Code	Cred
Core Modules		
Introduction to Qualitative Research Design and Methods 805	LAS805	40
Critical Approaches to Poverty and Marginal Livelihoods 811	LAS811	40
Mini-Thesis 803 (1st Enrolment)	LAS803	
Mini-Thesis 804 (2nd Enrolment)	LAS804	60
Electives (Choose 1)		
Theories of Land and Agrarian Reform 812	LAS812	40
Critical Approaches to Farming Systems 813	LAS813	40
Social and Ecological Theories in Ecosystem Management 814	LAS814	40
	TOTAL	180

D.309 ASSESSMENT

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

D.310 PROMOTION RULES

Full time study: A student should pass a minimum of 80 credits to proceed to year 2.

D.311 PROGRESS RULES

Registration for the following year of study will be recommended by the supervisor if in his/her opinion adequate progress has been made during the current year.

D.312 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.313 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMME

A thesis on an approved topic must be selected in conjunction with the department or relevant person concerned.