

PhD in Plant Biotechnology

Programme Code

53287 – 978 (360)

Programme Description

A publication-quality dissertation and an oral examination is required from you.

Section 2.3 on **PhD degrees at the Faculty of Science** stipulates the following:

2.3.1 The PhD degree can be awarded to you if you –

2.3.1.1 have obtained a Master's degree approved by Senate for this purpose, or have achieved a level of competence in a particular field of study that Senate considers suitable for this purpose, and upon written application been accepted by Senate to the PhD programme; and

2.3.1.2 have followed an approved programme of research and possible supplementary study, which may include a period of research at another place approved by Senate, for at least two years after obtaining the above-mentioned Master's degree or after gaining the above-mentioned level of competence; and

2.3.1.3 have submitted a satisfactory dissertation; and

2.3.1.4 have completed an oral examination.

2.3.2 After four years of full-time PhD studies, you must reapply for continuation of studies.

Please note: For the regulations regarding attendance, examiners, dissertation requirements, submission and binding of dissertations, etcetera, consult the Section "Postgraduate Qualifications" in Part 1 (General) of the University's Calendar.

Section 2.4 on **PhD degrees at the Faculty of AgriSciences** stipulates the following:

a) The degree PhD or PhD (Agric) can be awarded to you if you –

- have the degree MSc, MSc (Agric), MScAgric, MScConsEcol, MScFor, MSc Food Sc, MAgric (Agri-business Management) or MPhil of this University, or another university's degree approved by Senate for this purpose;
- after Senate's approval of your proposed research project, have carried out and completed, to the satisfaction of the University, original research under supervision of a supervisor for at least two years after obtaining the said master's degree at Stellenbosch University or at another place approved by the University;
- have completed any supplementary study as may be required by Senate to the satisfaction of the University;
- have submitted a complete and well-written dissertation which shows that you have made a particular contribution to the enrichment of knowledge in the chosen field, with proof of independent critical judgement and accompanied by a declaration that the dissertation has not been submitted to another university in order to obtain a degree and that it is your own work; and
- have taken an oral examination to the satisfaction of the University, provided that, subject to approval by Senate, exemption from this examination may be granted in special cases.
- In addition, examiners may require a written examination.

b) As a candidate for the PhD or PhD (Agric) degree you must be enrolled for at least two

academic years before the degree can be awarded to you.

- c) Your application for admission must include particulars of qualifications (accompanied by certified copies of certificates if the qualifications were not awarded by Stellenbosch University), the location and extent of the research, and the subject of the dissertation.
- d) The supervisor will be appointed once your application has been approved.

Please note: As to the date of submission of the dissertation, the number of copies to be submitted, as well as other requirements which need to be satisfied before the degree can be awarded, the general rules and regulations as given in the section Higher Degrees in Part 1 (General) of the University's Calendar apply.