

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN AGROFORESTRY (MSc. AGROFORESTRY)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 These regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Academic Regulations for Post Graduate Diplomas and Masters Degree by Course work of Bindura University of Science Education, hereafter referred to as the General Regulations.

2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

2.1 The minimum entry requirement is a BSc. (Honours) Degree in Agriculture, Forestry, Environmental Science, Geography, Biology, Natural Resources Management or any other relevant degree with a 2.1 grade or better.

3. STRUCTURE OF THE DEGREE PROGRAMME

3.1 The Master of Science Degree in Agroforestry shall extend over a period of eighteen months of full time study. The coursework shall be covered during the first year while the first semester of the second year shall be for the Dissertation.

3.2 The Degree Programme shall be arranged as follows:

Part I	Semester 1	Semester 2
Part II	Research Project	

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 The Departmental Board in which the programme is offered shall sanction the combination of courses a student may take.

5. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

5.1 Taught Courses

- 5.1.1 There shall be a set of formal examinations at the end of each semester.
- 5.1.2 Course work shall account for 30 % and the formal examination shall account for 70 % of the overall assessment.
- 5.1.3 Each course shall be assessed through a three hour written examination and continuous assessment unless otherwise stated.
- 5.1.4 The examiners may, at their discretion, require candidates to present themselves for an oral examination.
- 5.1.5 To be admitted to MAF560 Dissertation, the student must have passed MAF511 Biometrics.

5.2 Research Project

- 5.2.1 Normally a student shall spend the first semester of the final academic year of the programme working on the Dissertation. The relevant department shall approve at least two academic members of staff to supervise the student's project.
- 5.2.2 There shall be a minimum of 60 hours contact time between the student and the supervisor during the period of the research project.
- 5.2.3 The student must submit three loose bound copies of the dissertation to the department for marking.
- 5.2.4 The assessment of the Research Project shall be based on a dissertation submitted on the 30th of May, and an oral defence of the dissertation before a selected departmental panel of examiners.
- 5.2.5 The written dissertation shall account for 70 % and the oral defence 30 % of the final mark for the Research Project.
- 5.2.6 Normally, the dissertation shall be assessed by an external examiner and two internal examiners, excluding the supervisors.
- 5.2.7 The Departmental Board of Examiners shall consider the three examiners' assessments and decide on the final mark for the dissertation.

6. DETERMINATION OF RESULTS

6.1 For each course, the Departmental Panel of Examiners shall determine, for each student a continuous assessment mark, a formal examination mark and a final mark to determine whether the student has passed.

6.2 Each Departmental Panel shall submit, for each course and Research Project under its control and for each student enrolled, the final mark and the result to the Faculty Board of Examiners.

7. AWARDING AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE DEGREE

7.1 To be eligible for the award of a Master of Science Degree in Agroforestry, a candidate must have;

7.1.1 submitted four bound copies of the dissertation, which incorporate all amendments recommended by the Departmental Board of Examiners,

7.1.2 passed all core courses in the programme,

7.1.3 passed the Research Project, and

7.1.4 accumulated a minimum of 60 credits,

7.2 In classifying the degree, marks for the ten taught courses in which the student has obtained the highest score, including marks for all the core courses and the mark for the Research Project shall be used.

7.3 The weightings and classification of the degree shall be as follows:

Weighting:

Part I	60 %
Part II	40 %

Classification:

Distinction	80 % and above
Merit	70 - 79 %
Credit	60 - 69 %
Pass	50 – 59 %
Fail	49 % and below

8. COURSES

Part I

Code	Description	Core/Elective Credits	
MAF501	Agroforestry Systems and Technologies	Y	4
MAF502	Agroforestry Extension	Y	4
MAF503	Community Forestry		4
MAF504	Project Design and Management	Y	4
MAF 505	Crop Production and Ecophysiology	Y	4
MAF506	Natural Resource Economics and Policy		4
MAF507	Germplasm Management	Y	4
MAF508	GIS and Remote Sensing	Y	4
MAF509	Non TimberForest Products		4
MAF510	Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Marketing		4
MAF511	Biometrics		4
MAF512	Land Use Planning and Watershed Management		4

Part II

MAF560	Dissertation	Y	MAF511	24
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