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INTRODUCTION
The Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Science (FAES) was established in 2001 in recognition of the significance of Agriculture to the national economy and the increasing need to manage the environment sustainably. Zimbabwe’s economy is agro-based with over 20% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) coming from Agriculture. Mining, Forestry, Wildlife and Ecotourism also contribute significantly to the GDP. The heavy reliance of the Zimbabwean economy on agriculture and natural resources makes Environmental Science an important discipline for sustainable development.

OUR VISION
We intend to provide our clients with the best research, teaching and learning environment, characterized by innovation and use of modern technology.

MISSION
To contribute to sustainable development through excellence in teaching and learning, research and community engagement in Agriculture and Environmental Science. The Faculty shall provide an environment that is conducive to its clients and rewarding for members.

CORE VALUES
In addition to the University Core Values, the Faculty embraces the following:
Respect
Honesty
Community Centeredness
Welcome to the Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Science (FAES). I congratulate you for being accepted into our programmes. I am sure at the end of your studies you will agree with me that indeed you made the correct choice to join Bindura University of Science Education.

In my address I will explain:
- what constitutes a Faculty,
- what students should expect from the Faculty staff in particular academic members,
- what the Faculty expects from the students,
- importance of adhering to programme regulations, and,
- Opportunities that are available to students.

A Faculty is an academic section comprised of Departments. The Faculty is headed by the Dean who is responsible for character and quality of the Faculty’s academic programmes and teaching. The Faculty Senior Assistant Registrar (SAR) is responsible for Faculty administration, including all student registration issues.

The Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Science, to which you belong currently, has five (5) Departments:
- Agricultural Economics, Education & Extension,
- Animal Science,
- Crop Science,
- Environmental Science, and
- Natural Resources.

Departments are the functional units of the University academic system. The Head of the Department is the Chairperson who is appointed by the Vice Chancellor in consultation with all academic members of the Department and the Dean. Each student belongs to a single Department which is responsible for teaching and learning. This means that all issues of academic nature should first be reported to the Chairperson of the Department. The Dean’s Office is, however, open where students have been to the Department but they feel that their concerns have not been addressed.
adequately. In rare cases where you may feel the Faculty has not done justice to your concerns then you report to the Vice Chancellor.

The highest Board at Faculty level is the Faculty Board. Students are represented in the Board by Student Representatives. Likewise students also sit in Departmental Board meetings. Students are expected to select their representatives to these Boards. Once you have selected your representatives, they should hold a meeting with the Faculty SAR so that they are advised on issues of attendance of meetings.

After registration, each student will be allocated to an Academic Advisor, who is an academic in the student’s Department. For personal academic and non-academic issues students are encouraged to confide with Departmental Advisors. Students are strongly encouraged to seek assistance in time from these advisors. Our experience is that most students who are affected leave it until it is too late to be assisted.

Right from the onset students are encouraged to nominate Student Representatives starting at Course Level to Programme level per part. This helps in having structured communication.

Academic Regulations exist for each programme in the Faculty and students are required to acquaint themselves with these regulations. These academic programme regulations should be read in conjunction with General Academic Regulations for Certificates, Diplomas and Undergraduate Degrees OR General Regulations for Postgraduate Diplomas and Masters Degrees by Coursework, whichever is applicable to an individual student. In the past, we have had problems with students due to their failure to adhere to regulations in particular part of section 8.3 on page 106 of the 2018-2020 Prospectus, which reads “.... No student studying for a programme whose duration is three (3) or more years shall be allowed to proceed to final year without having passed all the necessary Part One courses.” Students are also expected to acquaint themselves with Examination Regulations for students.

For each semester, a Teaching Time Table will be availed; students through their representatives should report clashes on the Time Table early in the Semester in order to ensure that teaching proceeds with minimal disruptions. It is a requirement that students are furnished with Course Outlines showing content to be covered for each semester and these are obtainable from Lecturers or Course Coordinators. Lecturers and student representatives should complete Lecture log sheets. The log sheets are obtained from Departmental Chairpersons and should be returned to the Chairperson at the end of each week. These log sheets help the Department to keep track of the teaching of courses and ensure that corrective measures are implemented in time where there are challenges.

For all the courses, students are required to evaluate the Lecturer and Course at the middle and end of the teaching session (semester or block) using Student Evaluation Forms. This is an important exercise that provides feedback for continuous improvement of courses. The Student Evaluation Forms should be distributed by a Lecturer appointed by the Departmental Board NOT the one who will be teaching the course.

Let me advise you that you are strongly encouraged to attend all lectures. In fact very soon students will be required to attend a certain percentage of lectures before they are deemed to have done a
course. The University uses blended mode of learning which is virtual and face to face using BUSE e-learning portal. Moodle is the University’s official e-learning platform and it is only accessible to registered students. However, a multi-media e-learning approach where students interact with lecturers using various media including email and social media platforms is encouraged.

In conclusion I am glad to inform you that the University provides a unique platform for creativity, innovation and easy mobility. To this end there is a Vice Chancellor’s Creativity and Innovation Grant (VCCIG) intended for students to carry out innovative, creative, catalytic and ground breaking research with a high degree of novelty. Utilise the opportunity whilst you are here. If you have an idea of a project that can improve the people’s quality of life and revolutionise a particular industry, contact your academic advisor.
I welcome you to the FAES family and invite you to provide our SAR with your contact details including your e-mail, mobile numbers, home and work addresses. Whenever you change your contact details please update them.

You are urged to constantly visit your portal and University website on new information and development about your University.

I wish you a fruitful and memorable study period at your University.

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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

CHAIRMAN: MR K KUNAKA
The Chairman welcomes you to the Department of Animal Science. The Department trains undergraduate and post graduate students in fields of Animal Production, Health and Processing of Animal Products. Livestock Species Covered include, but not limited to: Goats, Sheep, Cattle, Poultry Pigs, Ostriches and Horses. Candidates also study processing of products that are obtained from the livestock species which include but not limited to milk, dairy, meat, skin, wool, leather.

The Department offers two BSc degrees i.e.:

- Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honours Degree in Animal Science and Technology (BAGSASCT) Currently offered as:
- Conventional/ Fulltime (- 4 Years), and
• Block release (In service 3 years; Pre Service 4 years)
• Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Animal Health and Production Extension (BSC HAHPE) Currently offered as:
• Block release (In Service- 3 years or Pre Service 4 Years)

Various disciplines are covered in the two programmes and include: Physiology, Nutrition, Breeding, Animal Health, Animal Products Processing and Technology.

**Post graduate studies in Animal Science:**

Master of Philosophy in Animal Science (Degree by research at Masters level- at least 2 years) is currently being offered. We have prospects of running DPhil- in Animal Science soon.

Carrier opportunities for Animal Scientists:
The programme offers a wide range of exciting carrier opportunities in the following areas/ fields which include:
• Livestock industry (poultry, beef, dairy etc)
• Stock feed processing industry
• Tertiary institutions (Agricultural colleges or universities as technicians, lecturers or administrative roles)
• Research institutions
• Government Extension services in the livestock department
• Animal Products industry (e.g. meat processing abattoirs; dairy, leather/ tannery),
• Opportunities in Veterinary pharmaceuticals department
• Private consultancy
• National parks for wildlife
• Ministry as technical advisors

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**DEPARTMENT OF CROP**

**CHAIRMAN: PROF R. MANDUMBU**
I welcome you to the Crop Science Department. The Department’s mandate is to equip students with skills in Production, Research and Innovation in Crop and Horticultural Sciences. The students will be equipped with relevant knowledge and skills for Crop Production in the 21st century.

You will realize that Crop Production is facing daunting challenges with issues such as Climate Change, Environmental Concerns and Soil Degradation. As such our program prepares you for the challenges to maintain Food Security. The program prepares learners for Crop Breeding and
Genetics, Crop Protection and Agronomy. Students will have one year of attachment where they go for industrial attachment to have hands-on skills in industry.

In terms of facilities the Department has an experimental greenhouse and a ten hectare research portion at the Bindura University of Science Education farm.

The Department offers a Bachelor of Science (Honors) Degree in Crop Science, Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in Crop Science.

Graduates from the Department exhibit competence in research, production and critical thinking and are employable in the following areas among others:

- Agricultural research institutions
- Production in estates and farms
- Researchers and research consultants
- Agro-chemical industries
- Extension and many more

The Department maintains an open door policy and for any enquiries students are free to contact the Chairperson through the contact details as highlighted below.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS EDUCATION EXTENSION
The Department of Agricultural Economics, Education and Extension was established in 2012. It evolved from the former Agricultural Education and Extension unit in the now defunct Department of Agriculture.

Vision
To develop competent agricultural scientists and practitioners who are capable of applying sound scientific principles in knowledge generation and management for sustainable agriculture.

Objectives
To expose students to scientific principles and practices of agriculture.
To develop and foster among students, the attitude of sustainable agriculture.
To provide students with hands-on experience in agriculture.

Programs on Offer
Currently the Department houses the following programmes which are offered under conventional and block release arrangements:

Undergraduate Programmes
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree (Agricultural Economics and Management (4 year program)
Program Overview
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree Agricultural Economics and Management programme spreads over a period of 4 academic years of study. Taught Courses are covered in the first, second and fourth academic year while the third academic year is for the Industrial Attachment. The programme is intended to impart students with skills to diagnose, analyses and offer sound solutions to economic and social problems associated with the agricultural and natural resource sub-sectors of the economy.

It also aims to train students in applied management principles that will assist them in the planning, organizing, leading and controlling agricultural production, financing, marketing and human resources activities in the private and public sectors of the economy.

Employment Opportunities for Graduates
- Agricultural boards and development corporations
- Consultants and development organisations
- Financial houses and commercial banks
- Insurance companies
- Commercial and manufacturing companies concerned with agricultural products, such as the fertiliser-, chemical-, machinery-, forage-, meat processing, fruit trade and processing and food preservation and canning industries, various government departments, such as the Departments of: Agriculture; Foreign Affairs; Trade and Industry; Labour; Environmental Affairs and Tourism, self-employment - many agricultural economists set up their own consultancies.

Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honours Degree (Agricultural Education and Extension (4 year program)
The Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honours Degree (Agricultural Education and Extension) Programme spreads over a period of 4 academic years of study. Taught Courses are covered in the first, second and fourth academic year while the third academic year is for the Industrial Attachment. The 2030 vision requires Agricultural Extension Practitioners who can facilitate the establishment of self-reliant farmers who are contributing to widespread prosperity.
The Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honours Degree aims to train and equip Agricultural Extension Practitioners with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed to build the capacity of farmers and farming communities to engage in market-oritened sustainable agricultural production, diversification of products and value adding, to improve their household livelihoods and to contribute to strengthening the rural economy.

The program is designed to train Agricultural Extension Practitioners who will work in Agricultural and Rural Development in the NGO sector, government sector, agri-business and other private sector companies involved in farming and rural development activities. Graduates will help meet the demand for professionals who can lead and manage agricultural extension through the complexities of agricultural and rural transformation.

Postgraduate Programmes
Master of Science Degree in Food Security and Sustainable Agricultural Policy and
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Program Overview
The Master of Science Degree in Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture Programme spreads over a period of 2 academic years of study. Taught Courses shall be covered in the first academic year while the second academic year shall be for the Research Project.

The Masters Degree provides an in depth scientific understanding of food security and sustainable agriculture globally, regionally, nationally, at community and household level.

The programme equips students with skills, principles, strategies and analytical techniques relating to food security and sustainable agriculture. The programme creates links with Non-Governmental Organisations, and Government Departments so that students can appreciate the nature of real life food insecurity challenges facing individuals, households, communities and the nation. The research component in the programme provides students with skills of finding the current food security status of households, evaluation of food security programmes and finding practical solutions to pressing food insecurity challenges.

Career Opportunities
Graduates from this programme can embark on careers in research, consultancy, policy formulation and project management for international organisations, government departments and national agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), research institutes, academia, commercial companies across the world and various organs of the United Nations including the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The Department also offers tailor-made short training courses in Farm Business Management, Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship Development, Computerised Data Analysis Targeting Groups Such as Farmers, Agribusiness Entrepreneurs and Rural Development Practitioners. In addition, the department is running associateship programmes with Chaminuka Technical College (Diploma in Agriculture and Diploma in Horticulture), Shamva Agricultural College, Fambidzanayi Permaculture Centre and Magamba Training Centre.

Research
The Department conduct researches to improve the profitability and sustainability of the agro-food system and to comprehensively addressing risk management. The Department uses a sophisticated set of tools that permit greater control over the decision-making and insights to understand preferences, static and dynamic decision-making and policy responses.

Current Research and Extension Themes
- Evaluation of conservation agriculture technologies
- Integration of ICT technologies in agricultural market intelligence
- Alternative marketing strategies for organic farmers
- Agribusiness, entrepreneurship development and data management training
- Extension needs assessment
DEPARTMENT NATURAL RESOURCES

Welcome to the Natural Resources Department. The Department offers three (3) very exciting and challenging programs namely

- Bachelor of Science Honours Degree Honors Degree in Forestry and Environmental Management
- Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Wildlife and Ecology Management and
- Bachelor of Science Honours Degree Natural Resources Management.

The Natural Resources Management Programme is a very important course in light of the challenges the world is facing. The Programme will equip you with modern technologies and skills to address issues such as climate change, sustainable development, and poverty alleviation. It will also assist in some entrepreneurship skills that will enable you to turn our massive natural resources into commercially viable products.

After completing the course you can get employed as a Natural Resources Manager, Environmental Manager/Officers/Inspectors/Educators. Some of our graduates have been employed by the Forestry Industry as Foresters and in National Parks as Ecologists. You can also peruse postgraduate studies at local and International Universities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Thank you for choosing an exciting programme: Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Safety, Health and Environmental Management. The programme is offered both in conventional and Block Release Mode. This course is very pertinent in light of the changed world characterized by a deadly Covid 19 pandemic. In this course you shall learn about various hazards that are faced at the workplace and in the environment and how to manage them. Occupational health issues shall also be taught so that we ensure a healthy working environment.

Graduates from the Department can be employed as Safety and Health officers or Environmental Management Managers/Officers/Inspectors/Educators, Researchers or Consultants in Government, Non-Governmental Organizations or Civil Society. Graduates can advance their studies by undertaking Masters (MSc, MPhil) and PhD/DPhil studies in various environmental spheres.

FACULTY MODE OF LEARNING

Learning shall be in blended mode virtual and face to face, students will interact among themselves and their lecturers through technological platforms such as Moodle and others. These materials include course outlines/syllabus, notes, quizzes, and other documents for student to access. For you to be able to access the Moodle, you will be given log in username and pass words which is usually your registration number. The new mode of learning requires you to be very active and
industrious. You no longer depend on the teacher for spoon feeding but you are supposed to lead the learning process by reading your work and writing assignments in time. Students are encouraged to be very organized and manage their time very well.

The Moodle has a platform called discussion forum where you can interact to discuss issues and ask questions to the lecturer. It is important for you to participate in these discussions to ensure that you pass. The Department of information technology will be sending you a step by step way of learning about Moodle. What all this means is that every student needs to have a laptop or smart phone and data to access the internet.

**Course assessment and evaluation**
You shall be given assignments on which you will research, write and submit. This will be marked and allocated a mark. The submission is by uploading your assignment document on Moodle. The mark depends on the quality of your assignments. As an example you may be asked to “Discuss the causes, symptoms and effects of Covid-19 on communities. Since you may not know this, you research on internet using Google and you will find researches that are relevant in giving the answers. You need to understand and write in your own words and acknowledge the source of information by writing the authors and year in brackets. This is called citing a source. The library department will upload information on how to cite sources. Copy word for word from a source is academic dishonesty or plagiarism which is a serious offence that can get you suspended from university.

The assignments have a fixed deadline and you will not be able to submit your assignment because the system will not allow you to do so after the deadline has elapsed. If you will not be able to attend lectures for whatever reason please contact the chairperson and your academic advisors. This will earn you a zero mark. It is important to note that the assignments contribute much to your final mark and if you fail to submit them in time you will likely fail the course. Copying or allowing someone else to copy your work is a serious academic offence that warrant disciplinary action by the University.

**Registration**
Before you start any program or study, you need to be registered as a bonafide student of the University. This registration is also done online. However, for you to be able to register, you need to have paid your full fees. The registration period has a closing date after which you will not be able to register. This means you will not be able to access any learning materials and you cannot submit any work for any course. Failure to register in time requires a student to defer studies.

**Organization of learning**
University learning occurs in two terms or semesters per year. In each semester, you are allowed to do a maximum of 5 courses to make them ten per year. For you to be able to go to the next level e.g. part 2, you need to have passed all compulsory courses for each year. A compulsory course or core course is a course that you must do. So it means that if there are 12 courses in your part 1 you need to do all core courses and other non-core courses to make them at least ten for each part. E.g. If there are eight core courses per year, you have to do all of them and two non-core courses to make them ten for each year. But remember the year is divided into two semesters. In our example
above it means you have to do 5 courses per semester. This means each semester you have to do all core courses and another/other course(s) to make them five if the core courses for that semester are less than 5. (Remember to reregister for each semester even for the year you are on industrial attachment or when doing Research for Post grad. students.)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO DEGREE PROGRAMMES

UNDERGRADUATE

Minimum entry requirement for all programmes: At least 5 ‘O’ level subjects including English Language, a Science subject and Mathematics with grade C or better.

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Agricultural Economics and Management

Category 1: Any two of the following: Mathematics, Biology, Agriculture, Geography, Economics, Chemistry, Food Science and Physics OR

Category 2: Any one of the following Accounting or Business Studies/Management of Business or Computer Science in addition to any one subject in Category 1

A candidate who holds a National Diploma in Agriculture or Education with specialisations in the following: Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Food Science OR any other relevant diploma recognised by Senate for this purpose, may on the recommendation of the Department of subject to approval of Senate be admitted to the first year of the degree programme provided that he/she has attained an approved standard of performance in his/her diploma course.

Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honours Degree (Education and Extension)

At least 2 ‘A’ Level subjects including any one of the following:

Category 1: Any two of the following: Geography, Biology, Agriculture, Chemistry and Physics OR

Category 2: Any one of the following: Mathematics or Sociology or Accounting or Economics or Business Studies/ Management of Business in addition to any one subject in Category 1. Candidates who hold at least a National Diploma in an Agricultural field recognized by Senate for this purpose, may, on the recommendation of the Department and subject to the approval of Senate, be admitted to the first year of the degree programme provided that he/she has attained an approved standard of performance in his/her diploma course.

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Animal Health and Production Extension

Advanced Level in at least two subjects as follows:

Category 1: Any two of the following: Biology: Agriculture, Chemistry, Physics and Food Science OR
Category 2: Any one of the following: Mathematics or Geography in addition to any one of the subjects in Category 1

Applicants without ‘A’ level but are holders of a Diploma in Agriculture or Animal Health and Production or a related field will be considered.

Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honours Degree in Animal Science and Technology

Advanced Level in at least two subjects as follows:

Category 1: Any two of the following: Biology: Agriculture, Chemistry, Physics and Food Science OR

Category 2: Any one of the following: Mathematics or Geography in addition to any one of the subjects in Category 1

Applicants without ‘A’ level but are holders of a Diploma in Agriculture or Animal Health or Education with specializations in any one of the following: Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Food Science will be considered.

Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honours Degree (Crop Science)

Advanced Level in at least two subjects as follows:

Category 1: Any two of the following: Biology, Agriculture, Chemistry, Physics and Food Science OR

Category 2: Any one of the following: Mathematics or Geography in addition to any one subject in Category

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Forestry and Environmental Management

Advanced Level in at least two subjects as follows:

Category 1: Any two of the following: Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Environmental Management, and any agricultural subjects OR

Category 2: Any one of the following: Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Statistics, Mechanics, Economics, Business Management, Business studies in addition to any one subject in Category 1.

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Natural Resources Management

At least 2 ‘A’ Level subjects including any one of the following:

Category 1: Any two of the following: Mathematics, Biology, Agricultural Subject, Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Science OR
Category 2: Geography or Environmental Science or Environmental Management and any other ‘A’ level subject.

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Wildlife Ecology and Management

Any two ‘A’ level passes from the following subjects: Environmental Science, Agriculture, Geography, Physics, Biology and Mathematics.

Candidates without ‘A’ levels, but are holders of a Diploma in Wildlife Management or other relevant National Diplomas from recognised Institutions will be considered.

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Safety, Health and Environmental Management

At least 2 ‘A’ Level subjects including any one of the following, Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Geography. Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Food Science, Environmental Science and Environmental Management.

POSTGRADUATE BY COURSEWORK

Minimum entry requirement for all programmes: At least 5 ‘O’ level subjects including English Language, a Science subject and Mathematics with grade C or better.

Master of Science Degree in Agroforestry

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.

Master of Science Degree in Food Security and Sustainable Agricultural Policy

An Honours Bachelor’s degree
Articulation as provided by the Zimbabwe National Qualification Framework (ZNQF)
Recognition criteria for foreign credentials of international students as articulated in the Zimbabwe National Qualification Framework.

Master of Science Degree in Food Security and Sustainable Agricultural Production (MSc.PR) 2 Years Block

An Honours Bachelor’s degree in anyone of the following fields: Agriculture, Crop Science, Biological Sciences, Agronomy, Horticulture, Animal Science, Animal Health, Food Science, Nutrition, Forestry or equivalent
Articulation as provided by the Zimbabwe National Qualification Framework (ZNQF)
Recognition criteria for foreign credentials of international students as articulated in the Zimbabwe National Qualification Framework.
Postgraduate studies by research

MPhil and DPhil Studies in the disciplines mentioned in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes

Graduates Employment Opportunities
Graduates from the Faculty are employed in international and local research and development organisations, private sector (co-operatives, consultancy firms and agribusiness), higher and tertiary education institutions, public sector and community based organizations. Graduates are also equipped with entrepreneurial skills that enable them to manage their own businesses.

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