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Applications

Applications on the prescribed application form must reach the Institute by or on 30 June of the preceding year of study. Applications are done online and can be accessed on the Elsenburg website. All applicants must, if required, complete the standardised tests of the Stellenbosch University.

Student number

On receipt of new applications the Institute office assigns a unique number to each applicant that serves as identification of the individual concerned so as to simplify future communication. This unique number must be used in all future correspondence with the Institute.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. The Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute (EATI) reserves the right to amend the Prospectus at any time.
2. Management of the EATI accepts no liability for any inaccuracies there may be in the Prospectus. Every reasonable care has, however, been taken to ensure that the relevant information to hand as at January 2024, the time of going to press, is given fully and accurately in the Prospectus.

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Vision

The Advancement of Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute as an agricultural and educational centre of excellence to the benefit of the broader community.

Mission

To promote sound, integrated managerial and skills training in agriculture with advanced specialisation in area specific fields of excellence informed by industry and societal needs.

Elsenburg: A proud tradition

Elsenburg's history dates back to 1698, when the land was allocated to Samuel Elsevier by Willem Adriaan van der Stel, at that time the governor of the Cape colony. The farm's successive owners, among whom Martin Melck is probably the best known, built it up to one of the prime farms in the Cape. Martin Melck built the beautiful old manor house in 1761. The farm was sold to the government by the Myburgh family in 1898.

On 1 September 1898 the Agricultural College, the first of its kind in South Africa, opened its doors. Five students received their diplomas at the end of the first academic year (June 1899). During the first fourteen years of its existence the average number of students was 44. During the First World War, however, there was a drastic reduction in applications, with only 8 students studying there in 1915.

In 1926 Elsenburg College of Agriculture and the University of Stellenbosch amalgamated and a two-year diploma course was offered at Elsenburg, with the primary aim of training prospective farmers. In 1927 this course was replaced with a one-year course, which was replaced by practical courses in 1931. In 1939 the two-year diploma course was reinstated. Elsenburg's relationship of 47 years with the University was severed in 1973 and the Department of Agriculture accepted responsibility for agricultural training at Elsenburg.

An important milestone in 1976 was the establishment of the Diploma in Cellar Technology. Many of South Africa's winemakers today, received their agricultural training at Elsenburg.

In 1994, with the transformation to a democratic political order in South Africa, the Department of Agriculture: Western Cape was created. The Elsenburg and Kromme Rhee colleges of agriculture amalgamated. The amalgamation placed a great responsibility on the Department of Agriculture to continue and to expand the training offered. A Centre for Further Education and Training was consequently created to address the need for short, practical courses.

The relationship with the University of Stellenbosch was again initiated and since 2004 Elsenburg has been offering a B.Agric programme in association with the University of Stellenbosch's Agriscience Faculty.

This development is in line with the government's new academic policy to give tertiary students more mobility between educational institutions. Duplication of programmes is also eliminated. Elsenburg College of Agriculture was renamed on 1 April 2004 to the Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute.

South Africa: an agricultural gem!

The creation of employment opportunities and the provision of sufficient and safe food and fibre of high quality at affordable prices are some of the demands faced by the agricultural sector. The opportunities and challenges in agriculture lie in the diversity of our topography, the variation in our soil, the divergent nature of our climatic regions, and in the expectations of demanding buyers of our agricultural products. Agriculture has to maintain a balance with nature without exploiting natural resources. Our country has an astonishing diversity of fauna and flora that has to be respected, protected and conserved. The agriculturalist is dealing with living and life-giving organisms in such a way that the goal to improve the quality of life of all, will be furthered.

Agriculture in South Africa contributes almost 5% to the gross national product, assists significantly in earning foreign exchange, is an important provider of employment and supplies basic human requirements in food and fibre. Agritourism is becoming increasingly important as an industry and provides an escape for many city dwellers. For each R1 million increase in the final demand for agricultural products, 83 new employment opportunities are created, in comparison with a corresponding figure of only 29 employment opportunities in the rest of the economy. It is generally acknowledged that agriculture has an important role to play in poverty alleviation.

Soil is an important production factor in agriculture. The Republic of South Africa extends over 122.3 million hectares of which 16 million hectares are used for crop production. Around 1.5 million hectares have established trees and 83 million hectares are covered by natural grazing. Soils with optimum physical and chemical conditions are scarce and localized, but there are various unique soil/climate interactions that allow for the cultivation of products for niche markets.

South Africa is a water scarce country. Around 30% of the country receives less than 250 mm rain per year, around 34% receives between 250 and 500 mm, 25% between 500 and 750 mm per year and only 1% of the country receives more than 750 mm of rain per year. In most regions rainfall is uncertain and periodic droughts occur. As a result of these and other factors, South Africa is dependent mainly on catch-dams and subterranean water sources. Just over 1,2 million hectares are irrigated. At present, agriculture is one of the

largest users of water, almost 50%, but the farming sector faces increasing pressure for more water for industrial and residential users. Only 10% of agricultural soil is viable without irrigation. Water and irrigation management in South Africa consequently demands thorough knowledge of the subject.

South Africa is an agricultural gem. Due to the varying climatic conditions and topography, practically any crop can be cultivated. The country is currently self-sufficient in most primary food and fibre requirements for its rapidly growing population. Food crops in which there are not yet self-sufficiency, but which grow in large quantities are oil seeds, rice, tea and coffee. More than 33% of our horticultural production is exported, deciduous fruit comprising the largest volume. Further examples of South African exports are subtropical fruit, maize, sugar, vegetables, wine, cut flowers, flower bulbs, mohair and karakul pelts. 81% of agricultural land is natural grazing used mainly for extensive stock farming. This is almost 70% of South Africa's total area.

A variety of animals are reared: large and small stock, pigs and poultry. Aquaculture and game farming are rapidly growing industries with great potential. After-harvest handling, processing, storing and preserving of products and foods are different ways in which value is added to fresh produce. The ultimate quality of the product enjoyed by the consumer is dependent on the quality of the soil or the animal from which it is derived. Sustainable and responsible pest and disease control is therefore required.

From the above, it is clear that specialised knowledge, expertise, production and management skills are required for sustainable agricultural production. Graduates can enter various careers in agriculture and related sectors. Careers in farming management, cellar technology, research, education and training, consultation, as well as installation management (e.g. cellars) and service delivery (e.g. suppliers), offer challenging options.

(Information obtained from University of Stellenbosch Year Book)

The profile of an agriculturalist

The graduate agriculturalist has the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude to function independently, or in a team, in an agricultural environment. This includes the judicious application of science to the management of the value chain of a variety of food and fibre products in an economical, environmentally friendly and sustainable way for the benefit, betterment and welfare of humanity. To make this contribution, the agriculturalist displays the following professional characteristics:

Knowledge

The knowledge of the applicable scientific concepts, the interaction between the biological and abiotic factors in the environment and the basic principles of research methods and methodology. The ability to create new knowledge, generate ideas and act innovatively. The ability to function effectively in an interdisciplinary environment. An understanding of sustainable development and sustainable resource management. Management of information and making informed decisions. A systems approach to the analysis of environmental problems.

Attitudes

Respect for the environment and its users.

Acknowledgement of own limitations in terms of knowledge and skills. A positive approach to continuous professional development. Involvement in and service to the wider community. A positive example in terms of social responsibility and obligations. Acceptance of and a striving towards the highest academic standards.

Skills

The ability to collect, integrate, interpret and apply knowledge and to use this information in problem-solving.

Effective communication with role players from various environments and backgrounds. Sufficient skills to function as an agricultural scientist, either independently or as a member of a team. The ability to interpret and apply relevant subject literature. The ability to utilize relevant resources in the work environment effectively. *(Information obtained from the University of Stellenbosch Year Book)*

ACADEMIC RULES: DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE

This set of Academic rules was compiled specifically for the Diploma in Agriculture programme of the Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute. In case of any contradiction with the general rules of the University of Stellenbosch, these will apply.

GENERAL STIPULATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE PROGRAMME

1. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirements for admission according to the new school curriculum (as from 2008) are as follows:

- 1.1. For admission to Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute (EATI), a prospective student is required to be in possession of a National Senior Certificate or school-leaving certificate from the Independent Examination Board (IEB) as certified by Umalusi, with admission to diploma studies (which requires a performance level of at least a 3 (40% - 49%) in each of FOUR designated university admission subjects, or an exemption certificate issued by the South African Matriculation Board to students with other school qualifications. Prospective students must obtain an aggregate of at least 40% for the NSC.

- 1.2. In addition to the general admission requirements, admission to the programme requires at minimum:
 - 3 (40%) for Afrikaans or English (Home Language or First Additional Language) **AND**
 - 3 (40%) for Mathematics or (50%) OR 4 (50%) Mathematics literacy OR 4 (50%) Technical Mathematics
 - 3 (40%) for Physical Sciences or 4 (50%) Technical Science OR
 - 3 (40%) Life Science OR
 - 3 (40%) Agricultural Sciences

PLUS

- One of the following subjects as recommended for admission by the Institute, also on at least a 3 (40% - 49%):
- Business Studies

- Dramatic Arts
- Economics
- Geography
- History

- Religious Studies
- Information Technology
- Engineering Graphics and Design
- Music
- Accountancy
- Consumer Studies
- Visual Arts
- Languages (1 language of learning and teaching at an higher education institution and 2 other recognized language subjects)

NB. Life Orientation does not count as a subject for admission to the Diploma in Agriculture programme.

OR

The minimum requirements for admission according to the old school curriculum (prior to 2008) are as follows:

- A Senior Certificate with full matriculation endorsement or Certificate of exemption from the matriculation board with a minimum of 50% (D-symbol) aggregate and
- With a minimum of 40% (E-symbol) on SG for Biology or Science or Mathematics;

1.2.1. Because of the limited availability of places and our strategic and purposeful enrolment management, not all undergraduate applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements for a particular programme will necessarily be accepted.

1.2.2. Prospective students who do not meet the admission requirement at the time of registration will not be admitted to register for the programme.

2. ATTENDANCE AND ABSENTEEISM OF LECTURES, PRACTICALS, TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Students are expected to attend all classes, practicals, tests and examinations. Attendance is monitored by the Biometric system. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure attendance of all classes, practical, tests and examinations. Authorised absence is granted only as an exception and the student must make all relevant arrangements. The following rules apply:

2.1. Attendance of lectures:

It is expected of students to attend at least 75% of the classes. Any request for authorised absence from lectures must be submitted to the relevant lecturer in writing and must include the necessary motivation and/or proof.

2.2. Attendance of practicals:

Attendance of all practicals is compulsory. It is expected of students to attend 100% of all practicals. Students who cannot attend a practical, need to provide a valid reason with proof, submitted to the relevant lecturer.

Permission for absence is granted only as an exception. The onus then rests with the students to arrange with the lecturer concerned to do the relevant practical component and / or be evaluated.

In a case of absence without authorisation from a practical, students are given a zero mark of any evaluation and also forfeit the right to a later evaluation.

2.3. Attendance of tests and examinations:

In all modules at least one test per semester should be written during normal class time as a means of continuous evaluation. These tests, with practical, are the only scheduled opportunities to obtain a predicate mark. If students are absent from the main examination or test opportunities (due to illness or any other reason,), they forfeit that opportunity. The supplementary examination / test is then the only other and **final** opportunity to write an examination / test on that module.

2.4. If students do not write any examination, they obtain a zero mark.

2.5. Students who cannot attend the main examination / test opportunity must submit valid medical certificates and/or other motivating documents to Student Affairs **within 2 working days** after the missed event (i.e. test or examination). In the instance of discretionary cases, the decision of the Academic Admin Committee is final.

2.6. Students forfeit admission to the supplementary examination if no supporting documents are received and/or documents are received too late.

3. AUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM LECTURES, PRACTICALS, TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

3.1. Any request for authorised absence from test and examinations must be submitted to the Head of Student Affairs in writing and must include the necessary motivation and/or proof.

3.2. Categories of authorised leave

Leave in this category will be granted to a student by the Institute and lecturers are compelled (as far as practically feasible) to accommodate such a student if he/she has missed lectures, practicals, a tests or examination. The decision is at the discretion of the Academic Admin Committee.

3.1.1. Proven illness of a student, supported by a medical certificate;

3.1.2. A death in the close family of the student, viz. the death of parents, siblings and grandparents, supported by a death certificate and affidavit.

3.1.3. Compulsory attendance, e.g. witness in court, supported by relevant documentation;

3.3. Leave in this category will be granted on condition that he/she is able to make prior satisfactory arrangements with the lecturer concerned regarding lectures, practicals and assessments. The decision is at the discretion of the Academic Admin Committee.

3.3.1. Absence with regards to individual participation in international and national events by invitation supported by relevant documentation;

3.3.2. Absence with regards to representation of Stellenbosch University or the Institute at National or International level supported by relevant documentation;

3.3.3. All sporting activities at International, National and Provincial level supported by relevant documentation.

3.4. Requests for compassionate leave must be arranged with the Head of Student Affairs. Exceptional cases will be considered by the Academic Admin Committee on receipt of a written request/motivation.

3.5. Students who are not granted leave of absence and do not attend the relevant lecture practical, test or examination, will obtain a zero mark.

4. DETERMINATION OF THE PREDICATE MARK (EXAMINATION ADMISSION MARKS)

- 4.1 Predicate marks are earned through scheduled and non-scheduled tests, assignments, practical tasks.
- 4.2 In all modules at least one tests per semester should be written during normal class time as a means of continuous evaluation. These tests, with practical, are the only scheduled opportunities to obtain a predicate mark.
- 4.3 The suggested calculation of the predicate mark is as follows:
The specific composition is determined by the lecturer of each module and timeously communicated to the Head of Student Administration.
For example:
The scheduled tests: minimum 40% of the predicate
The practical or other prescribed forms of evaluation maximum of 60%;
- 4.4 A sub-minimum of 50% is required for the practical component. If the sub-minimum of 50% for the practical component is not achieved, students do not obtain a predicate mark.
- 4.5 A predicate mark of 40% is required for examination admission in ALL modules.
- 4.6 It is the responsibility of students to ascertain whether they obtain a predicate mark in the various modules, without which they will be denied admission to the examination. Enquiries must be made to the relevant lecturer of the Faculty, within 1 work day after the predicate marks have been published.

5. EXAMINATIONS

- 5.1. Students are assessed in all the modules for which they are registered. Valid photo identification; should be presented at all tests and examinations.
- 5.2. Examinations cover the entire module. Students are responsible to familiarise themselves regarding the content of the required modules (Refer to Content of modules).
- 5.3. Modules where no tests or examinations are written are continuously evaluated. Each assignment / assessment contributes towards the final mark. A final pass mark will be determined as per module.
- 5.4. Only two 1 - 3 hour equivalent examinations are conducted at the close of each module. The two examinations for a module are known as the **main examination** and the **supplementary examination**.

- 5.5. A student who writes the first examination for a module, passes the examination (obtains the examination's sub-minimum, yet fails, but has a calculated final mark between 40% and 49% shall be permitted to write the supplementary examination.
- 5.6. Supplementary examinations take place after main examination has been completed.
- 5.7. However, if a student fails the first examination of a module, and has a predicate mark of at least 60%, the student shall be permitted to write the supplementary examination.
- 5.8. If a first examination of a module cannot be written because of illness or other valid reasons, the supplementary examination can be written. Refer to points numbers 2 and 3 for procedures.
- 5.9. If students lack 30 credits (not more than two modules) to obtain a qualification, the Academic Admin Committee may grant a **Director's Discretionary Examination**, provided that they obtained a predicate and therefore initial access to the examination opportunity.
- 5.10 Application for re-mark of an examination paper:
- 5.10.1 A sample of the examination papers of students are moderated before the results are published.
- 5.10.2 A student who wishes to have an examination paper re-marked, must apply in writing at Student Affairs, and pay the required amount at the cashier, within 1 work day of the final results of a module having been made known by the academic staff. No re-mark will be considered without the necessary receipt.
- 5.10.3 The re-mark of an examination paper is done by external moderators and the results could be made known only shortly before the supplementary examination takes place. The result of the re-mark will be considered as the final mark.

6. PASS REQUIREMENTS

6.1. Allocation of predicate:

6.1.1. No student shall be admitted to the examination in a module unless he/she obtained a predicate of at least 40% (refer to number 4).

6.2. If a module consists of a practical component, a mark of at least 50% must be attained in that practical as set out in the **Content of Modules**. (Please see prospectus)

6.3. Allocation of final mark:

6.3.1. A weighted average of at least 50% (predicate mark plus examination mark) must be attained, in addition to which the following requirements must also be met:

The examination mark must comprise 50% of the final mark.

A minimum of 50% must be attained in the examination.

The final mark is calculated as follows:

Final mark = Predicate mark (50%) + examination mark (50%)

* In exceptional cases, the Faculty Head has the prerogative to adjust the weights of this calculation in agreement with the Academic Admin Committee. I.e. COVID-19 pandemic.

6.3.2 A mark of at least 50% is required in supplementary examinations, irrespective of predicate and main examination marks.

6.4 If the supplementary examination is the student's first examination opportunity, the final mark is calculated as described in 6.3.1.

6.5 A mark of at least 50% must be attained in special examinations i.e. concession examinations (as described in 6.3.2).

6.6 Students who write and fail a Director's Discretionary examination shall not be entitled to the re-mark of the examination script.

6.7 Pass with distinction:

6.7.1 Students pass an instructional programme with distinction if their average mark for all the modules in the programme is 75% or more.

6.7.2 Students pass a module with distinction if a final mark is 75% or more.

7. CONDONATION

A Predicate mark and a Final mark may be condoned at the discretion of the Faculty. The Faculty decision is informed by the class attendance record of the student as well as overall competence (knowledge, skills and attitude) displayed by the student during the semester. The Faculty's decision to grant or not to grant condonation is final. The Institution reserves the right to a mark adjustment.

8. REPETITION AND CONTINUATION OF THE MODULES

Student(s) who fail(s) (a) module(s) may repeat the module(s) on the conditions set out in 8.1 – 8.5.

8.1. Repetition of modules

Registration for repeating modules is done during registration for the specific academic year (refer to Academic Calendar for registration dates).

8.1.1. Pass prerequisite (PP) modules, for subsequent modules, must first be repeated and **passed**.

8.1.2. Prerequisite (P) modules must first be repeated to obtain a predicate before subsequent modules may be followed or a predicate should have been obtained in the previous year to continue with the subsequent module.

8.1.3. Co-requisite (C) modules must be registered in the same academic year as the subsequent module. (Requisite document)

8.2. If there are clashes in the test or examination timetable, students will only be allowed to register for **one** of the modules. A clash is considered when a test or examination is scheduled for the same date and time.

8.3. Students must repeat, in full, any failed module(s) which includes attending all classes, must write all scheduled tests, complete all assignments, seminars and class activities.

8.4. When a module is repeated and a request is submitted for exemption of a practical and / or module, the student must apply in writing (Application form: Practical / Module Exemption) and submit the form with the relevant documentation (results, module content from other Institutes) on the day of registration. The outcome of the request to have a practical and / or module exemption is ratified by the Faculty Management. The student will be notified of his/her request via SMS or e-mail. If no request is received before the due date for exemption (Refer to Academic Calendar) and the student does not attend the practical or not write tests and examinations, a zero mark will be allocated on the student's academic record.

Students who are exempted from practical must write all scheduled tests, complete all assignments, seminars and class activities to obtain a predicate. The responsibility rests on students to keep them informed of the content of modules, changes in the content of modules and of due dates, arrangements and requirements for assignments, class activities, tests and examinations.

8.5. Students are only allowed to register twice for any module which includes discontinued modules after the final date for subject changes (refer to Academic calendar). A module will not count as a registered module on his/her academic record when discontinuation was done before the final date for subject changes (refer to Academic calendar) and there will be no financial implication for the student. Should the student fail twice after registering for a particular module, the student will be asked to leave the Institute. The student must then apply for re-admission.

8.6. Full registration and class fees, as prescribed, are payable for each module(s) that is repeated.

8.7. Continuation of instructional programme:

HEMIS is an acronym for Higher Education Management Information System and is used to determine continuation of study and re-admission. One HEMIS credit equals the minimum number of module credits required in a particular year of study of a programme.

8.7.1. The modular credits of each year of study – namely first year, second year, third year, etc.- are linked to a specific fraction of the value of one HEMIS credit, which is calculated as follows:

Module credits per year of study converted to HEMIS credits

1 first-year modular credit = 1 divided by the minimum number of module credits required for the first year = the fraction of a HEMIS credit

1 second-year modular credit = 1 divided by the minimum number of module credits required for the second year = the fraction of a HEMIS credit

Example:

Diploma of Agriculture in Animal Production

The minimum numbers of modular credits required for the three years of study are assumed to be 125, 130 and 135, respectively. Correspondingly,

A 10-credit first-year module = $10/125 = 0,079$ HEMIS credits

A 15-credit second-year module = $15/130 = 0,115$ HEMIS credits

A 10-credit third-year module = $10/135 = 0,074$ HEMIS credits.

8.7.2 A student, at the end of every year of study, who has not obtained the number of HEMIS credits required for the programme, in terms of the Sliding Scale, shall not be further admitted as a student. The provision is that all students who have obtained no less than 0,8 HEMIS credits in a particular academic year gain automatic readmission, even though they may not meet the relevant sliding scale requirements.

The following requirements must be met for all instructional programmes:

Sliding scale A: applicable to mainstream programmes

Historical years	1	2	3	4	5
HEMIS-credits	0.48	1.23	2.03	2.78	3.53

(HEMIS is the acronym for Higher Education Management Information System).

Sliding scale B: applicable to extended programmes and re-admission

Historical years	1	2	3	4	5
HEMIS-credits	0.33	0.70	1.23	2.03	2.78

(HEMIS is the acronym for Higher Education Management Information System)

8.7.3 A student in a full-time Diploma in Agriculture programme who, at the end of every year of study, has not obtained the number of HEMIS credits required for his programme in terms of Sliding Scale A and Sliding Scale B respectively shall not be further admitted as a student.

8.7.4 Students who for the first time in their period of study discontinue their studies before or on **end of March (First semester) or end of August (Second semester) of a given year**, or who, on grounds of academic considerations, are not allowed to continue their studies, will not be debited with such academic year costs. Rules for the application of re-admission will apply if any further discontinuations by the same student occurs. This stipulation does not apply in cases of extraordinary circumstances, e.g. justifiable medical reasons.

8.8. Readmission After Unsuccessful Study:

8.8.1. Where students have interrupted their studies for a year or more, they are required to apply for admission to the Institute again; such application must be fully substantiated and submitted on or before the first Friday in January of the year in which they propose to resume their studies in accordance with the requirements of 8.7 be met. By “fully

substantiated" is meant that the student must provide all relevant information, showing cause why his studies were not successful and why he/she hopes to study successfully in future. Such information may be of a personal and very sensitive nature; it is nevertheless required that the student shall take the Academic Admin Committee into his/her confidence. Supporting documents that substantiate the reasons presented for poor performance must be attached with the completed application form. All information presented shall be treated in strict confidence.

8.8.2. Any student whose academic record does not comply with the requirements for readmission to the Institute for the following year will be informed accordingly by SMS and e-mail before **24 December of the current year**. They shall have the opportunity to lodge an appeal on the prescribed form to the Institute, accompanied by substantiated documentation, until the first Friday in January of the in which they explain why the Institute should consider allowing them to resume their studies. No late applications for readmission shall be accepted.

8.8.3. Every applicant should bear in mind that the Academic Admin Committee needs to have full information before it can make a fair decision in the applicant's best interest. Where an application has been turned down, no information in further substantiation shall be accepted afterwards. The decision of the Academic Admin Committee shall be final, and no second appeal from the same applicant shall be considered.

8.8.4. Although the Institute informs students who do not meet the requirements for readmission accordingly by sms and e-mail and offers them an opportunity to lodge an appeal against academic exclusion from the Institute, the responsibility shall be on the students to determine for themselves whether or not they fulfil the requirements for readmission, and to do so before the final date for appeal by means of their study records and the rules for readmission, as set out in 8.7.

8.8.5. A student whose application for readmission was not approved may apply for readmission as a student for the following year, provided that such application is accompanied by a written substantiation and received prior to the first Friday of **January** of the year for which readmission is being sought. All such applications shall be considered by the Academic Admin Committee.

8.9. Discontinuation Of Studies:

The Head: Student Affairs must be informed in writing of discontinuation of studies. The date for discontinuation of studies, **end of March in the first semester and end of August in the second semester, of a given year is imperative** and must be provided, since it determines to what extent exemption from the payment of study and accommodation fees may be granted. If discontinuation of studies is due to a medical reason, a valid medical certificate

must be submitted along with the completed discontinuation form, which will simplify readmission to the Institute in subsequent years.

8.10. Extended Programme:

The Extended Programme (EP) was introduced to assist students with proven potential but without the ability to master the academic requirements of the programme. An additional year of study is added to a mainstream programme to form an EP. In the EP the first year of study consists of only half of the required modules of the first year of the programme and the student is expected to pass all of these modules to continue to the second year of study. The remainder of the modules of the first year is done during the second year of study. All prescribed modules for these two years must be passed to gain admission to the second year of the mainstream programme. The modules are specifically selected to provide additional academic support and to facilitate the transition between school and university.

Only First Year Students who are admitted to a mainstream programme may apply for admission to the EP by the end of March of the specific academic year.

8.11. Tutorial programme:

8.11.1. First Semester

A first year student that does not have Mathematics, Physical Science, Life Science and one of Accountancy or Business Studies or Economics, that is **ALL FOUR MODULES WITH 55% during the NSC examination**, is expected to attend the tutorial programme for the particular subject that was not taken or obtaining an average less than 55%.

Any senior student that is repeating either Principles of Agricultural Science 111 (Chemistry), 121 (Mathematics), Biology or Agribusiness Management is expected to attend the tutorials.

Students will receive a written instruction at registration for the subjects that they are expected to attend the tutorials.

Satisfactory performance (>60%) in a particular module during the first test series will exempt the student from this tutorial for the remainder of the first semester. Students will receive a written confirmation that they are exempted from the tutorial in a particular module.

8.11.2. Second Semester

A student that failed Biology, Soil Science or Agribusiness Management or obtained a final mark <55% is expected to attend the tutorial programme for the particular subject.

Satisfactory performance (>60%) in both tests of a particular module will exempt the student from this tutorial for the remainder of the first semester. Students will receive a written confirmation that they are exempted from the tutorial in a particular module.

8.11.3. Absenteeism

- Students are expected to attend two tutorials per module per cycle. Biometric statistics will be used to monitor attendance and students should ensure that they scan upon entrance and exit of a particular tutorial period. Tutorial periods are scheduled on the semester timetable of the first year.
- If the attendance of a student is unsatisfactory, less than 75%, it will be reported to Student Affairs who will warn the student about their absenteeism behaviour. Warnings will be issued in cycle 3, 5 and 7 and after three warnings the student WILL be denied access to the examination of the particular module. Warnings are applicable to a specific module and only valid for the semester in which it was issued.
- Students will receive a written confirmation that their access to the examination is denied. All correspondence is done with hand delivered letters and an email.
- This decision is final and no appeals will be considered.

8.12. Maximum number of credits

Students are expected to register at the beginning of each academic year for all modules as prescribed/needed to comply with the curriculum design.

It needs to be noted that registration of modules cannot exceed 150 credits per year. Should modules be needed from a previous academic year, proper academic planning needs to be done. Advice can be obtained from the Student Administration Office and/or the relevant lecturer.

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that he/she is registered for the correct modules.

9. HOSTEL RESIDENCE

9.1. Admission to hostel residence is subject to the availability of rooms.

9.2. Students must apply for hostel residence each year.

9.3. Admission to hostel residence for students who will be repeating is subject to the availability of rooms and disciplinary records. Preference is given to academically successful students.

9.4. Re-admission to hostel residence is subject to the HEMIS credits obtained / years of study.

PROGRAMME FOR DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE

STUDY OPTIONS

FIRST YEAR

FIRST YEAR – STUDY OPTIONS			
PLANT- & ANIMAL PRODUCTION (A)	PLANT PRODUCTION (B)	ANIMAL PRODUCTION & (C)	CELLAR TECHNOLOGY (D)
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k = 120	k = 120	k = 120	k = 120

SECOND YEAR

SECOND YEAR – STUDY OPTIONS			
PLANT- & ANIMAL PRODUCTION (A)	PLANT PRODUCTION (B)	ANIMAL PRODUCTION & (C)	CELLAR TECHNOLOGY (D)
<p>(ABM) Agribusiness 210, 230 (ENG) Irrigation 210, (ENG) Spraying machines 230 (NRM) Environmental Studies 210 (EXT) Extension 230</p> <p>(AGR) Grain production 210 (AGR) Cult. of potatoes & onions 220 (AGR) Cool weather crops 230</p> <p>(ANP) Beef Cattle 210 (ANP) Small Stock, wool, meat 220 (ANP) Dairy herd management 230 (ANP) Sheep management 240</p>	<p>(ABM) Agribusiness 210, 230 (ENG) Irrigation 210, (ENG) Spraying machines 230 (NRM) Environmental Studies 210 (EXT) Extension 230</p> <p>(HRT) Post-harvest physiol. 210 (HRT) Fruit Production practices. 220 (HRT) Citrus Cultivation 230 (HRT) Pests & Diseases 240</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(VIT) Wine grape cult. 210 (VIT) Integrated wine production. 230 (VIT) Table & Raisin Grape cult 240</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(AGR) Grain production 210 (AGR) Cult. of potatoes & onions 220 (AGR) Cool weather crops 230</p>	<p>(ABM) Agribusiness 210, 230 (ENG) Irrigation 210, (ENG) Spraying machines 230 (NRM) Environmental Studies 210 (EXT) Extension 230</p> <p>(AGR) Grain production 210 (AGR) Cool weather crops 230</p> <p>(ANP) Beef Cattle 210 (ANP) Aquaculture 215 (ANP) Small Stock, wool, meat 220 (ANP) Dairy herd management 230 (ANP) Sheep management 240</p>	<p>(ABM) Agribusiness 210, 230 (ENG) Irrigation 210, (ENG) Spraying machines 230 (NRM) Environmental Studies 210 (EXT) Extension 230</p> <p>(VIT) Wine grape cult. 210 (VIT) Integrated wine production. 230 (VIT) Table & Raisin Grape cult 240</p> <p>(OEN) Wine making tech. 210 (OEN) Wine Biochem & Microbio. 220 (OEN) Wine chemistry 230 (OEN) Wine evaluation 240</p>
k = 125	k = 125	k = 120	k = 120

THIRD YEAR

THIRD YEAR – STUDY OPTIONS
<p>(RSM) Scientific Methods 310 (EXT) Project Management 350 (EXT) Ext. in Practice 360</p> <p>and only ONE of the following STUDY OPTIONS</p> <p>(AGR) Agronomy 350 (AGR) Vegetables 360 (ANP) Aquaculture 340 (ANP) Large Stock 350 (ANP) Poultry 360 (ANP) Small Stock 370 (HRT) Horticulture 350 (OEN) Cellar Technology 350 (VIT) Viticulture 350</p> <p>NB. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that he/she is placed at an appropriate farming enterprise for completion of the Work Integrated Learning Component required in the final year of study.</p>
k = 120

CONTENT OF MODULES

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT (ABM)

110 (5) Introduction to agribusiness management (2l + 3p)

Introduction to South African Agriculture. A comparison of the South African Agricultural sector with agricultural sectors in the rest of the world. Role players in agriculture and the whole process of the agricultural value chain. Some agro-economic concepts and terminology used in farming analysis and focusing on the changing agribusiness environment. Output and input terms. Economic and financial criteria to indicate the various levels of economic and financial surpluses or shortages. The strategic management and decision-making process and responsibilities of management.

130 (10) Economic planning principles for agribusiness (4l + 3p)

Production economic principles such as marginality, the production function and declining marginal yield. Input/output ratios, Cost principles and the application of it. The compilation of management information and farm-record systems for agribusinesses: The requirements; the definition, composition and format of financial statements with the relevant financial analysis.

Practical: The drawing up of a computerised financial management information system for a given agribusiness; case studies for the production economic planning principles and the various financial statements.

C Agribusiness Management 110, Computer practice 130

210 (10) Planning techniques for agribusiness managers (4l + 3p)

Farm planning: budgets, financing and financing sources. Introduction to obtaining credit, credit assessment, repaying ability, security, risk and rules when obtaining credit and providing credit, credit analysis plan and the cost of capital. Labour management: Employment, remuneration, staff empowerment and training, management styles, motivation and productivity, staff administration, Labour legislation, Trade unions.

Practical: Practical examples with regard to the analysis of management information will be dealt with on an ongoing basis.

P Agribusiness Management 110, 130, Computer practice 130

230 (10) Risk management and marketing (4l + 3p)

Types of risks, Risk management techniques, Risk calculation. Project planning and investment decisions in agribusiness. Evaluation of investment alternatives, capital budgets and various investment instruments/approaches.

Basic principles of marketing management. Micro and macro environment analysis of South African agriculture. Market analysis, Consumer behaviour, marketing information and research, market segmentation, elements of a marketing plan, added value, international trade and marketing alternatives.

Practical: Calculations with regard to risk management. Project planning and investment decisions will also be practically illustrated.

P Agribusiness Management 110, 130, Computer practice 130, Agribusiness Management 210

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING (ENG)

130 (10) Agricultural Structures (4l + 3p)

Agricultural structures: Farm buildings, Plans and specifications, Planning and selection of terrain, Building materials, Foundations: floors and walls, Layout of buildings, Sewerage systems, Calculation of material quantities.

Practical: Practicing of the basic techniques of welding (arc welding and gas welding)

PP Principles of Agricultural Science 110

210 (10) Irrigation (4l + 3p)

Irrigation terminology, Water, Crop water relationships and climate, Rainfall, evaporation, evapotranspiration. Water measuring, Irrigation accessories, Selection of irrigation system, Planning of irrigation, Irrigation system evaluation. Pumps.

PP Principles of Agricultural Science 110

230 (5) Spraying machines (calibration) (2l + 3p)

Types of machines. Working principles and application. Advantages of different types of pumps, blowers atomizers and hydraulic systems. Calibration examples and formulae.

Practical: Adjustments of different types of machines for calibration of spray in orchards, vineyards, vegetables and grain crops.

PP Principles of Agricultural Science 110

AGRONOMY (AGR)

110 (5) Introduction to Vegetable Production (2l + 3p)

Introductory overview of the vegetable industry in South Africa. Influence of the environment on vegetable production. Tillage and irrigation practices. Plant nutrition. Seeds and crop establishment. Integrated pest management.

130 (5) Introduction to Agronomy (2l + 3p)

Introductory overview of the agronomy industry in the Western Cape. Growth and development of small grains. Influence of climate on plant growth. Adaptation of cool weather crops. Physiological aspects of grain yields. Different grain production systems.

P Biology 110, Soil Science 110; Crop Protection

110 C Biology 130

140 (10) Vegetables under controlled conditions (4l + 3p)

The influence of the environment on greenhouse vegetable production. Seedling production. The cultivation of vegetables under controlled conditions.

P Crop protection 110, Soil Science 110; Biology 110; Agronomy 110

210 (10) Production of grains (4l + 3p)

General crop management, crop rotation principles and planning, soil preparation and fertilization, conservation tillage principles and practices. Production practices of wheat, barley, oats, triticale, canola, lupines and alternative crops.

P Agronomy 130; Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130

220 (10) Cultivation practices and post-harvest handling (4l + 3p)

The cultivation of potatoes, onions, cucurbit crops. The post-harvesting handling of vegetables.

P Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130; Agronomy 110

230 (10) Weeds, insects, and diseases and harvesting and quality aspects of cool weather crops (4l + 3p)

Crop and harvest protection practices, harvesting practices and harvesting machinery, uses, storage, grading principles and standards of different small grains, oilseed and legume crops.

P Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130; Agronomy 130, 210

350 (80) Agronomy (Work Integrated Learning)

Small Grains

This section will form chapter three of your final work report. This section has 5 assignments to address the situation statement of the production unit, Preparation of planting area and planting material, establishment and crop management, harvesting, storage and grading parameters. The following aspects must be addressed:

i. Situation evaluation of the production unit.

The student is expected to make a full and critical evaluation of the particular production unit using certain criteria as guidelines. Criteria which may be used include the locality of the production unit (using Cape Farm Mapper), size, climate (rainfall, temperature, evaporation rates, frost), soil types, soil physical and chemical properties, farm management structure, available

labour and use of labour in the production unit, infrastructure and implements.

ii. Preparation of planting area and planting material.

After completing this assignment the student must have analysed the crop rotation system and soil selection for planting the different crops, and be able to modify the rotation system and selection process for optimal production. Students must be able to break down the existing cultivar selection and recommend alternative cultivars if necessary. The student must also explain the seed treatment necessity, methods and products used. Evaluate the existing crop rotation system, soil selection for crops and soil preparation. Discuss the benefits and negatives of the current rotation system and, if any, improvements you would make. Judge the current cultivar selections for all crops. Explain the seed treatment of the crops.

iii. Establishment and crop management

The student must be apply to apply the planting methods of each crop and have knowledge of the planting depth, -time and -width. He must also be able to analyse the management of the fertiliser program, the weed control program, the disease control program and the pest control program. In this assignment special attention must be given to the sowing method, planting depth, -times and -width. Attention should also be given to the fertilizer program (application composition, rates and times for each crop) and crop protection (weeds, disease and pest program for each crop).

iv. Harvesting, storage and grading parameters.

At the end of this assignment the student must have an understanding of the harvesting method(s) and when crops are ready for harvesting. They should be able to apply or explain the correct storage method and condition for the different crops. Students must also be able to discuss the grading parameters of the different crops. Of importance is the determination of the harvesting stage required for each particular crop and the different harvesting methods.

Explain the storage method(s) and conditions of the different crops and give detail discussion of the quality parameters of the different crops.

PP Agribusiness Management 110, 130, 210, 230; Biology 110, 130; Principles of Science 110; Crop Protection 110; Soil Science 110, 130; Agricultural Engineering 130, 210, 230; Computer Skills 130; Extension 110, 230; Agronomy 110, 130, 140, 210, 220, 230; Animal Production 130, 140, 210, 220, 230, 240

360 (80) Vegetables (Work Integrated Learning)

Vegetable Production

This section will form chapter three of your final work report. This section has 5 assignments to address the situation statement of the production unit, soil utilisation and soil preparation, propagation material, establishing, care, harvesting, packaging and marketing. The following aspects must be addressed:

i Situation statement of the production unit

A complete and critical evaluation of the production unit must be done in order to make recommendations for future changes to bring about optimal production. Criteria to be used for this evaluation include, inter alia, location of the production unit, climate (monthly and long-term averages of the different climate parameters), land use pattern, soil types with the physical and chemical characteristics, water (availability, quality and irrigation systems), labour, the adding of value (packaging, refrigeration and storing), markets, natural vegetation, invasive plants, pollution (water and soil), as well as theft.

ii The utilisation and preparation of soil

Theoretical knowledge must be used to describe the current situation and to evaluate it critically to make a recommendation for improvements. The correct choice of soil for the specific type of vegetable, soil rotation, soil preparation and fertilisation are aspects that should be addressed here.

iii Propagation material

The present situation regarding propagation material must be described and discussed in depth. Aspects such as different types of propagation material, the anatomy of seed, germination requirements and the storing of seed must be discussed. The different methods of producing healthy vegetable seedlings must be addressed, for example cuttings and seed potatoes.

iv Establishing and care

To ensure optimal production, it is essential to apply the correct practices for establishing and growth. The different times for sowing and planting, the transfer of seedlings to new ground, pest control and any other practices to improve plant health must be evaluated critically.

v. Harvesting, packaging and marketing

Optimal income is ensured when a high quality product reaches the consumer. This means that harvest management as well as the management of the commodity after harvesting, are of utmost importance. The critical evaluation of methods for determining the correct harvesting stage (the effect different target markets have on this), packaging and the strategies to serve target markets, quality standards, regulations regarding packaging and marketing.

Tunnel production

This section will form chapter three of your final work report. This section has 6 assignments to address the situation statement of the production unit, the ideology of cultivation in a controlled environment, cultivation techniques, irrigation with nutrition, cultivation of the crop, harvesting, packaging and marketing. The following aspects should be addressed:

i. Situation statement of the production unit

A complete and critical evaluation of the production unit is necessary in order to make recommendations for future changes to bring about optimal production. Criteria to be used for this evaluation include, inter alia, the

location of the production unit, climate (monthly and long-term averages of the different climate parameters), land use patterns, soil types with the physical and chemical qualities, water (availability, quality and irrigation systems), labour, the adding of value (packaging, refrigeration and storing), markets, natural vegetation, invasive plants, pollution (water and soil) as well as theft.

ii. The ideology of cultivation in a controlled environment

The current situation regarding structures must be evaluated and discussed, and recommendations regarding improvement must be made. Attention must be given to the origin of the concept, the different methods of cultivation in a controlled environment, the location of the unit, infrastructure, structures and costs.

iii. Different cultivation techniques

A description must be given of the current situation regarding cultivation methods, techniques and aids that are used. The different types, mediums, arrangement or spacing of plants and trellising techniques must be discussed and evaluated critically.

iv. Nutrition in irrigation

The current practices that are used, must be described and the different methods and techniques for using nutrition in irrigation, schedules for water and fertiliser application, layout and costs must be evaluated critically to ensure healthy plants.

v. The cultivation of crops

The correct practices for establishing and growing crops until harvesting, should be known and they should be described in detail. The choice of crop, the different times for sowing and planting, the procurement of plant material, the process of transferring plants to new soil and pest control must be described and evaluated critically.

vi. Harvesting, packaging and marketing

The current practices regarding the marketing of the product and the handling from the time of harvesting in order to generate the maximum income, must be discussed. Aspects such as determining the correct stage for harvesting (according to the target market), different practices for harvesting in order to ensure quality, the packaging of products (packaging according to the requirements of the target market), type of marketing, different markets, quality requirements and regulations regarding marketing, must be discussed and evaluated critically.

PP Agribusiness Management 110, 130, 210, 230; Biology 110, 130; Principles of Science 110; Crop Protection 110; Soil Science 110, 130; Agricultural Engineering 130, 210, 230; Computer Skills 130; Extension 110, 230; Agronomy 110, 130, 140, 210, 220, 230; Animal Production 130, 140, 210, 220, 230, 240

ANIMAL PRODUCTION (ANP)

110 (10) Animal Nutrition (4l + 3p)

Introduction to animal nutrition. Anatomy of digestive systems for monogastric- and ruminant farm animals. Digestion, Composition, Nutritional value, Energy and protein standards of feeds.

Practical: Identification of feedstuffs. Introduction to feed formulation

C Biology 110

130 (5) Dairy cattle (2l + 3p)

Introduction to dairy cattle. Dairy cattle breeds. The care and feeding of calves. The feeding of replacement heifers. Principles and management of dry cows. Feeding and management of the lactating dairy cow. Feeding standards of dairy cows. Feeding and care of the bull.

P Biology 110; C Biology 130;

135 (5) Poultry Production (2l + 3p)

Poultry industry in South Africa. Management of different poultry enterprises: layer and broiler flocks. It also covers the farm layout with emphasis on biosecurity, poultry house design, poultry nutrition and health of the birds.

P Biology 110; Animal Production 110 C Biology 130

140 (5) Small Stock Science (2l + 3p)

Introduction to small stock production. History of sheep farming. The main types of sheep and their distribution. Developmental possibilities. Breeds: Merino, Dohne Merino, South African Mutton Merino, Dormer, Dorper and Boer goat

P Biology 110

C Biology 130

210 (10) Beef cattle (4l + 3p)

Introduction to beef cattle. Beef cattle breeds. Adaptation of cattle in their environment. Breeding and selection of beef cattle. Nutrition of beef cattle. Management of a beef cattle herd. Production systems.

P Biology 110

P Biology 130

215 (5) Aquaculture (2l + 3p)

Species and their biology. Water quality and environment. Choice of premises. Development of production systems. Nutrition, Marketing and processing of products. Management plan.

P Biology 110, 130; Animal Production 110

220 (10) Small stock breeding, Wool and Meat Science (4l + 3p)

Reproduction guidelines, Selection techniques, Record keeping.

Wool Science: The organisation in the shearing-shed, Infrastructure. The physical properties of the wool. The class standards of the NWGA. The physical handling of wool. Trade types / Analysis of shearing reports. Baling and transportation of wool.

Meat Science: Growth and development. Treatment of slaughter animals and meat. By-products at the abattoir. Carcass classification of sheep meat. Breeding systems for slaughter lamb production.

P Biology 110, 130; Animal production 140

230 (10) Management of Dairy herd (4l + 3p)

Management of a dairy herd: Milk composition. Milk harvesting. Breeding and selection of dairy cattle. Facility design and health of the dairy cow.

P Biology 110, 130; Animal Production 130

240 (10) Sheep management Practices (4l + 3p)

Management guidelines for sheep farming. Ewe and ram management, management from lamb to weaning, infrastructure, animal health, feeding guidelines.

P Biology 110,130; Animal Production 140, Animal Production 220

340 (80) Poultry (Work Integrated Learning)

This section will form chapter three of your final work report. In the syllabus there will be concentrated on the practical principles of successful meat- and/or egg production, inclusive of the management of a broiler- or layer farm. Five assignments and one seminar have to be handed in during the study year on or before dates as specified. The seminar subjects can be changed by the lecturer to be more suitable for the student's study field.

i. The outlay and detail of the farm

Location: Give details of where the farm is situated. Details must be given regarding the location of the farm, including province, district, the location of the nearest city/town, as well as height above sea level. **Infrastructure:** Give a brief description of the infrastructure and physical facilities that exist. What supporting infrastructure does the operation require? **Challenges:** Are there any challenges in regards to the farm's location? (Security, theft, distance from feed source and abattoir, markets, climate, water quality, available labour etc.) **Farm layout:** Give details of the layout of farm buildings and infrastructures (provide a map or drawing if possible).

Capacity: The size of the houses and how many birds they contain. **Systems:** Do they rear their own layers if it is an egg producing farm or if a broiler farm, do they have an all-in-all-out system or do they have birds with different ages on the farm? Is it an intensive housed, free range or organic farm, also provide the advantages, disadvantages of the type of farming system they have. **Providers:** Who provides their chicks and how does the delivery process work?

ii. House design and climate control and biosecurity

House design: Describe the design of the houses (is it natural ventilated or mechanically controlled houses), and how it affects the controlling of the temperature inside. (Explain the roll and function of each design aspect of the house and how it helps with temperature control). **Biosecurity:** Describe the layout and design of the farm in regards to biosecurity (explain each aspect in detail). Critically evaluate their biosecurity plan and make recommendations if you think of anything that can be added or changed.

iii. Management

House preparation: Describe the process of the preparation of the house before the batch of new chickens arrives. Explain and evaluate the following:

- a. The brooding area and management of the brooding period (broilers) or the type of egg production system (cage or floor) and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of this specific system they use. (layers)
- b. The choice of bedding they use.
- c. The result of wet bedding and how they try and prevent it.

New arrivals: How do they evaluate if the chicks they received are of good quality and explain how they are placed in their new environment. **Daily routine:** Describe daily routine tasks carried out in farming of broilers / layers on this farm visited by you. Your responsibility and involvement with these aspects must be described. **Stocking density:** What is the current stocking density in the house, provide any recommendation if there are any. **Temperature control:** Elaborate how temperature is management on the farm (ventilation, nutrition etc.) **Records:** Provide examples of records which are kept daily, weekly and monthly if possible. (Mortalities, weight gain, temperature etc.) **Labour:** Use an organogram to describe the structure and

the labour force. Indicate the number of permanent, seasonal or contract workers as well as the variation in labour needs according to the production cycle. **Markets and marketing:** Describe the markets where products are supplied as well as the distance and different mechanisms for transport used. Give a brief description how the chickens or eggs are being marketed. **Waste management:** Explain how waste is being managed on the farm.

iv. Nutrition

Rations: Give a complete description of their different rations (the specs of the feed, and the format of the feed crumbs, or pellets.) Phase feeding: If they make use of phase feeding explain each phase in detail, explain why they have different rations and forms of feed. Give a critical evaluation by referring to the advantages, disadvantages and reliability of phase feeding. Cost implication: Calculate costs of rations for every house as well as total feed cost. Make recommendations where costs can be saved in this regard. Feeding equipment: How do they feed it to the chickens (type of feeder), the number of feeders and drinkers per chicken? Can they control the intake of the chickens? Feed additives: Name all feed additives they use in the feed and the functions of it or reason it is included in the feed.

v. Chicken Health

Vaccination: Provide a complete vaccination program for this farm in table form.

.External and internal parasites: What protocols are in place to protect the chicken and the house against external parasites? Inoculation: Explain the methods and procedure of inoculation they use on the farm.

Diseases: Elaborate on the 3 most common diseases or health problems in chickens found in the area. Health checklist: Develop a checklist to be used for regular inspections to detect signs of ill health in poultry.

PP Agribusiness Management 110, 130, 210, 230; Biology 110, 130; Principles of Science 110; Crop Protection 110; Soil Science 110, 130; Agricultural Engineering 130, 210, 230; Computer Skills 130; Extension 110, 230; Agronomy 130, 210, 230; Animal Production 110, 130, 135, 140, 210, 215, 220, 230, 240

350 (80) Large Stock (Work Integrated Learning)

Large Stock Production is mainly experiential training on a farm. Five assignments and one seminar have to be handed in during the study year on or before dates as specified. The seminar subjects can be changed by the lecturer to be more suitable for the student's study field. In the syllabus there will be concentrated on the practical principles of successful dairy- and/or beef production, inclusive of the management of a dairy- or beef cattle farm. The following aspects must be evaluated and addressed in detail and critically.

i. Details of the cattle and the farming enterprise

Location: Details must be given regarding the location of the farm, including province, district, the location of the nearest city/town, as well as height above sea level. **Grazing and pasture:** Discuss the natural vegetation in the area or cultivated pastures used for grazing or roughages. Identify and explain factors for decisions regarding which pasture cultivars to plant for optimum fodder flow throughout the year. **Infrastructure:** Give a brief description of the infrastructure and physical facilities that exists. What supporting infrastructure does the operation require? **Breeds and type of cattle:** Provide background of the breed currently farming with. Evaluate the breed policy and provide the motivation for farming with the current breed. Also make recommendations regarding future expansions or changes. **Herd composition:** Provide in table form the number of every type (production group), age and sex of cattle. Evaluate the herd composition critically.

ii. Breeding and selection

Bull selection: Provide factors and explain what to look for when selecting a bull for breeding or A.I. Are there any genetic improvements and corrections needed within the herd? **Breeding objectives:** Provide background on the type of breeding used on the farm (natural breeding, artificial insemination or multiple ovulation embryo transfer technology). Is there a specific breeding plan in place (linebreeding or crossbreeding systems)? Give a short description as well as a critical evaluation and recommendations of the

selection principles of the breeding herd as it is applied on the farm.

Replacement ratio: Provide the replacement ratio of the operation and explain the role of classing and culling in improving the average genetic merit of the herd.

iii. Nutrition

Rations: Describe the full list of rations that are fed to different groups of animals, with analysis of each ration and evaluate critically. **Feeding:** Give a brief description of mixing/feeding practices used on the farm. Give a critical evaluation by referring to the advantages, disadvantages and reliability of the methods. Your responsibility and involvement with these aspects must be described. **Cost implication:** Calculate costs of rations for every group of animals as well as total feed cost. Make recommendations where costs can be saved in this regard. **Fodder flow:** Give a full fodder flow program for the year of how much feed to preserve and conserve for drier months. Provide complete and accurate calculation of the quantity and quality of material required for the livestock production system. **Carrying capacity assessment:** Determine the potential of the pasture for stocking capacity to optimize the utilization of the natural veld and / or cultivated pasture. **Grazing system planning:** Elaborate on how the natural veld and / or pasture are utilized explaining the grazing system used. The pasture type, animal breed, climatic properties etc. will be the determinant of the grazing system chosen and refined to meet the production system's needs.

iv. Management

Calve management: Explain and evaluate the following management tasks of the calves: Dehorning, castration, ear-tagging/branding etc. Your responsibility and involvement with these aspects must be described. **Heifer management:** How do they successfully manage heifers to reach puberty at an optimal time? **Cow management:** Give a brief description of the routine husbandry tasks carried out and a critical evaluation of the management of dry cows and lactating cows.

Reproductive management: Describe the breeding seasons if used and explain why it is done in the mentioned period(s). Give a critical evaluation by referring to the advantages, disadvantages and reliability of synchronization programs and/ or controlled breeding and calving seasons, if it is being used. Describe the pregnancy diagnosis on cows and intercalving periods of cows on this farm.

Bull management: If bulls are being used on the farm, explain the bull to cow ratio used on the farm. Describe how breeding soundness are being evaluated in bulls. **Record keeping and performance testing:** Give a brief description of the system of collecting, maintaining, and analysing an array of records from the farm. **Labour:** Use an organogram to describe the structure and the labour force. Indicate the number of permanent, seasonal or contract workers as well as the variation in labour needs according to the production cycle. **Markets and marketing:** Describe the markets where products are supplied as well as the distance and different mechanisms for transport used. Give a brief description how the (animals and/or beef on beef cattle farms) or (dairy products and milk on dairy farms) are being marketed. **Waste management:** Explain how waste effluent is being managed on the dairy farm/feedlot.

v. Animal health

Biosecurity: Discuss and give a critical evaluation of preventative health measures as applied on the farm. Design a biosecurity plan. Provide a vaccination program in table form and critically evaluate the operation's herd health program. **Diseases:** Elaborate on 5 most common diseases or health problems found in the area. **External and internal parasites:** Provide a dipping and dosing program that is used on the farm. **(Dairy cows*Milking routine):** What protocols are in place in the dairy to control mastitis? **(Beef cows*Annual Cow Evaluation):** Which quality checks are in place, to determine the reproductive success of the cow and to detect any physical conditions that might cause future problems?

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360 (80) Small Stock (Work Integrated Learning)

This section will form chapter three of your final work report. Small Stock Production is mainly experiential training on a farm. Five assignments and one seminar have to be handed in during the study year on or before dates as specified. The seminar subjects can be changed by the lecturer to be more suitable for the student's study field. In the syllabus there will be concentrated on the practical principles of successful sheep and/or goat production, inclusive of the management of a sheep or goat farm. The following aspects must be evaluated and addressed in detail and critically.

i. Details of the small stock breeds and composition of the flock

Breeds and type of sheep / goats: Provide background of the breed currently farming with. Evaluate the breed policy and provide the motivation for farming with the current breed. Also make recommendations regarding future expansions or changes. **Flock composition:** Provide in table form the number of every type (production group), age and sex of animals. Evaluate the flock composition critically.

ii. Reproduction and reproduction management

Rams: Provide factors and explain what to look for when selecting a ram for breeding. Preparing the ram for the mating season. **Ewes:** Management of ewes before and during mating. Discussion on management during early and late gestation. Provide different mating as well as different lambing systems and evaluate the system used on the farm critically. **Lambs:** Discuss management of lambs in full. Also give the selection criteria that are followed on the farm and give commentary on all these aspects with suggestions.

iii. Nutrition

Rations: Describe the full list of rations that are fed to different groups of animals, with analysis of each ration and evaluate critically. **Feeding:** Give a brief description of mixing/feeding practices used on the farm. Give a critical evaluation by referring to the advantages, disadvantages and reliability of the methods. Your responsibility and involvement with these aspects must be described. **Fodder flow:** Give a full fodder flow program for the year of how much feed to preserve and conserve for drier months. Provide complete and accurate calculation of the quantity and quality of material required for the livestock production system. **Carrying capacity assessment:** Determine the potential of the pasture for stocking capacity to optimize the utilization of the natural veld and / or cultivated pasture. **Grazing system planning:** Elaborate on how the natural veld and / or pasture are utilized explaining the grazing system used. The pasture type, animal breed, climatic properties etc. will be the determinant of the grazing system chosen and refined to meet the production system's needs.

iv. Animal health

Biosecurity: Discuss and give a critical evaluation of preventative health measures as applied on the farm. Design a biosecurity plan. Provide a vaccination program in table form and critically evaluate the operation's herd health program. **Diseases:** Elaborate on 5 most common diseases or health problems found in the area. **External and internal parasites:** Provide a dipping and dosing program that is used on the farm.

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BIOLOGY (BIO)

110 (10) Cell biology (4l + 3p)

Cell biology, morphology and anatomy of plants and animals. Taxonomy of the plant and animal kingdom.

Practical: Demonstrations and activities related to morphology, anatomy and taxonomy of plant and animals.

130 (10) Biological processes (4l + 3p)

Plant and animal physiology that includes photosynthesis, transpiration, respiration, growth regulation, digestion, gas exchange and excretion. Basic genetic principles and application.

Practical: Demonstrations and activities related to photosynthesis, transpiration, respiration, gas exchange and excretion.

P Biology 110

COMPUTER SKILLS (CPU)

130 (5) Basic computer skills (2l + 3p)

Course is presented with the aid of practical, relevant assignments in each section, in which the theoretical concepts are applied and consolidated. Hardware components: Identification and the function of each, putting together a basic system and basic maintenance. Windows: Basic concepts and skills of the Windows operating system, file management, basic Windows programmes. MS Office: Identification of the components of Microsoft Office applications and their uses, import of data/ information, formatting of the document and its export. Internet: Connecting to the Internet and its navigation, components of an email, application and navigation. Spread sheets: Navigation in sight page application, importing data, changing data, format, data calculations and formulas, data export.

CROP PROTECTION (CPP)

110 (10) Crop protection (4l + 3p)

The state of plant protection practices. What is plant protection, Review of inception, Grouping of problems, Control components. Plant pests, Grouping of plant pests, Control strategy. Plant diseases, Grouping of diseases, Control strategy. Weeds, Grouping of weeds, Control strategy. Application of control measures, Selection of method. Selection of remedies, Safe handling of remedies, Grouping of remedies, Toxicity of remedies, Storing and handling. Application methods and equipment, Principles of techniques. Influence of climate.

EXTENSION (EXT)

110 (5) Communication and innovation (2l + 3p)

Introduction to communication for rural innovation. Message development, information flow and the communication process. Negotiation and facilitation of interactive processes. Critical factors that influence communication, perception and knowledge construction. Extension in practice and the communication strategy.

230 (1) Social dynamics and change (4l + 3p)

Introduction to rural sociology and the ethics philosophy and application of extension. Decision-making, behavioural change theories and social change. The sustainable livelihood approach and analysis of livelihoods, the innovation systems approach and multi-actor collaboration in value chains.

P Extension 110

350 (15) Project Management (6l + 3p)

Introduction to projects, project management and identifying stakeholders. Defining risk and constructing a work breakdown structure. Scheduling according to the triple constraints and managing group dynamics in a project team. Measuring progress, solving common problems and improving organisational project management.

P Agribusiness Management 110, Extension 110, 230

360 (15) Extension in Practice (6l + 3p)

Purposive social intervention, unintended consequences and programme development approaches. The change facilitator and change agency. Sustainable innovation towards designing social change programmes. The theory of change approach and systems perspective to capture complex and logic models and frameworks for social change and programme development.

P Extension 110, 230

HORTICULTURE (HRT)

110 (5) Introduction to Horticulture (2l + 3p)

Climatic zones and main production areas. Economic importance, Main markets and competitors of the South African deciduous fruit industry. Stages of tree development.

130 (10) Morphology & Cultivation Practices (4l + 3p)

Classification and morphology of deciduous fruit trees. Climate and fruit cultivation, Fertilisation, fruit set, Fruit development and thinning. Introduction to production practices.

P Biology 110; Soil Science 110

C Biology 130; Soil Science 130

210 (10) Post-harvest physiology (4l + 6p)

Production practices, ripening, maturity indexing, harvesting and post-harvest handling of fruit.

P Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130; Horticulture 130

220 (10) Fruit Production practices (4l + 6p)

Production practices, Soil preparation, Fertilisation, Pruning, Irrigation, Weed control and cover crops. Propagation and top-working of fruit trees, rootstocks.

P Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130; Horticulture 130

230 (10) Citrus Cultivation (4l + 6p)

Citrus Cultivation: Introduction, Origin, characteristics and economic importance of citrus, Climatic requirements, Production areas and economic importance, Citrus types, cultivars and rootstocks, Plant material, Citrus cultivation practices, Fertilisation, irrigation, weed control, Pruning, Manipulations to improve fruit set, size and quality, Ripening, maturity indexing, harvesting and post-harvest handling

P Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130; Horticulture 130

240 (10) Pests and Diseases of Deciduous Fruits (4l + 6p)

Application of the principles and techniques for identification, monitoring and control of pests and diseases of pome and stone fruit effectively and efficiently, against the back ground of principles of integrated fruit production. To understand the current issues about food safety and incorporate alternative methods in the control strategies.

P Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130; Horticulture 130

350 (80) Horticulture (Work Integrated Learning)

This section will form chapter 3 of your final work report. There are 4 tasks to address the situation statement, cultivar policy, crop estimates, crop control, harvest, handling, the development of young trees, summer pruning for mature trees and winter pruning for young and mature trees. The following aspects must be evaluated and addressed in detail and critically.

i. Situation statement and cultivar policy

Location: Details must be given regarding the location of the farm, including province, district, the location of the nearest city/town, as well as height above sea level. **Climate:** The long-term averages for temperature (minimum, maximum and average), rainfall, evaporation, relative humidity, wind speed and measurements of cold (1 May to 31 August) must be given in table format and must be discussed. Identify and explain the critical climatic factors for decisions regarding what type of fruit and what cultivars to plant. **Soil:** Give a brief description of the soil types and its uses, as well as the physical and chemical limitations of the soil types. **Water:** Water sources (river, borehole or

irrigation canal) and the amounts of water must be discussed in detail. Water quality, storing and the irrigation systems that are used must be evaluated critically. **Labour:** Use an organogram to describe the structure and the labour force. Indicate the number of permanent, seasonal or contract workers as well as the variation in labour needs according to the production cycle. **Infrastructure:** Give a brief description of the infrastructure to indicate the packing sheds, processes and methods of storing. **Markets:** Describe the markets where products are supplied as well as the distance and different mechanisms for transport used. Specific detail must be given about the transport facility, airports and docks. **Cultivar policy:** Use a table to indicate the different fruit types and cultivars. This table must also include the grafted cultivars, rootstock cultivars, cross-pollinators, size (hectare) and age of each orchard, tree development, trellising systems and spacing. Evaluate the cultivar policy and provide the motivation for planting the current fruit types and cultivars. Also make recommendations regarding future expansions and replacements.

ii. Crop estimates, crop control, harvesting and handling

Give a brief description and critical evaluation of the thinning policy and practices used on the farm. Give a critical evaluation by referring to the advantages, disadvantages and reliability of the methods used for crop estimates and ripening indexes and the handling of fruit during harvesting, packaging and transport. The pre-refrigeration techniques, refrigeration and techniques for cold storage and considerations and decisions regarding storage in controlled atmosphere and natural atmosphere must be discussed briefly. The packouts of the current season must be compared to the long-term averages as well as operational averages. Your responsibility and involvement with all these aspects must be described.

iii. Young tree development and summer pruning of mature trees

The pruning, trellising and development of young trees and the summer pruning of mature trees must be described. Also describe your responsibilities and involvement with these practices.

iv. Winter pruning of young and mature trees

Give a brief description and critical evaluation of the pruning, trellising and development of young trees and winter pruning of bearing trees. Your responsibilities and involvement regarding these practices must be discussed.

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NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM)

210 (10) Environmental studies (4l + 3p)

The earth - a holistic view. Soil-climate-vegetation relationships with specific reference to SA biomes. The state of South African resources. The philosophy with regard to sustainable agriculture. Introductory ecology

P Biology 110, 130

C Soil Science 110, 130

OENOLOGY (OEN)

130 (10) Origin of wine (4l + 3p)

The history of winemaking and various wine producing areas. The difference between old world and new world countries and their history. The history of the South African wine industry. Explore different wine styles – sparkling wine production, table wine production, sherry production and port production.

Practical: Assignment on the South African wine industry. A tasting comprising of different wine styles will be presented and visits to commercial wine farms that specialize in the abovementioned styles will be organized.

210 (10) Wine making techniques (4l + 3p)

The composition of grapes including sugars, nitrogen and volatile/non-volatile compounds. Microorganisms in wine and their impact on fermentation. Alcoholic fermentation and malolactic fermentation. Winemaking techniques- production of white and red wine.

Practical: Microvinification practical and report. Additional tutorials.

P Biology 110

220 (10) Wine Biochemistry and Microbiology (4l + 3p)

Basic wine chemistry and microbiology. Carbohydrates, lipids and proteins. Enzymes and their role and function. Metabolism of yeast and bacteria. Introduction to various microorganisms.

Practical: Relevant microbiology practicals. Relevant tutorials and assignments.

P Biology 110, Principles of Agricultural Science 120

230 (10) Wine chemistry (4l + 3p)

The role and function of phenolics in grapes and wine. Characteristics of aqueous solutions (wine and must) and its constituents. Understanding the concept of oxidation in must and wine and the components that influence it.

Practical: Oxidized wines will be tasted and dealt with. Wine analyses.

P Biology 110, Principles of Agricultural Science 120

240 (5) Wine evaluation (2l + 3p)

The sensory perception of wine. Wine faults. Wine Assessment. Wine and health. Brandy production and ageing. Chemical factors influencing brandy production and ageing.

Practical: Tastings and tutorials. Correct setup of various sensory analyses.

P Biology 110

350 (80) Cellar Technology (Work Integrated Learning)

The module will consist of the following topics to be covered: the criteria for the evaluation of ripeness and quality of grapes; the application of sulphur dioxide and ascorbic acid in winemaking with its actions prior, during and after fermentation with factors influencing its efficiency; the treatment of juice before fermentation with a focus on juice clarification techniques such as natural settling with and without enzymes, flotation and centrifugation; the balancing of juice with relation to pH and acidity, harvesting methods and processing techniques which involves juice and skin separation.

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PRINCIPLES OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE (PAS)

110 (5) Mathematical calculations (2l + 3t)

Units and conversion. Calculations by means of ratios. Calculation of the unknown by means of an equation. Changing the subject of an equation. Geometric calculations (areas, volumes, angles, inclines and spacing). Setting up tables and graphs and their uses.

Tutorials

120 (5) Basic Chemistry (2l + 3t)

General definitions and concepts of atoms, symbols, formulae and molar masses. Chemical bonding and molecular structure. Determine the concentration from known and unknown substances by using chemical reaction equations and ensure that the correct units are used. basic principles of acids and bases

RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC METHODS (RSM)

310 (10) Scientific Methods (4l + 3p)

Academic literacy, critical reading of scientific papers, communication, scientific writing and presentation skills. Scientific methods, methods and procedures to conduct research, analyse data and represent data. Data description, statistical probability, hypothesis testing, comparisons between samples, analysis of categorical data, correlation and regression. P Computer skills

SOIL SCIENCE (BSS)

110 (10) Soil formation and -physics (4l + 3p)

General definitions and concepts of soil formation and an understanding of the holistic purpose of soil in the landscape. Soil productivity and contributing factors that influence plant growth in commercial agriculture. Introduction to soil physical parameters such as: texture, structure, colour, consistency, overall density; soil air, soil temperature and soil water. Soil cultivation problems related to tillage practices; soil compaction and crust formation. Maintaining a favourable soil physical condition for sustainable agricultural use of land. Storage and movement of water in the soil-plant-atmosphere continuum and basic water-holding capacity concepts to sustainably manage the scarce natural resource of fresh water. Soil microbiology and the contributions of these diverse group of organisms to nutrient cycles, soil fertility and the environment. Conservation agriculture practises that promote healthy microorganism populations in the soil.

130 (10) Chemical properties of soil (4l + 3p)

Introductory chemistry to understand the basics of applied soil chemistry. Chemical and physical changes, chemical elements and the periodic table, chemical compounds, ions and formulae, chemical equations, types of chemical reactions, the pH scale, oxidation and reduction. Soil colloidal properties of soil; that requires knowledge of different non-swelling and swelling clay mineral types and their influence on cation adsorption capacity and soil fertility as a whole. Electrical

charge development and ion exchange principles in soil colloids; occurring in the soil exchange complex. Aggregate stability as influenced by dispersion and flocculation. A comprehensive understanding of soil reaction (pH), plant nutrition and nutritional elements. Characteristics and use of fertilizers and other soil ameliorants to maintain soil fertility for future sustainable agricultural use of land. The impact of saline soils on commercial agriculture, reclamation of different brack types and importance of good quality irrigation water as a scarce natural resource.

P Soil Science 110

VITICULTURE (VIT)

130 (10) Viticulture (VIT) (4l + 3p)

The introduction, history and scope of the vine; the classification, morphology, physiology and anatomy of vine. The influence of climate and soil on the performance of the vine. The different vineyard areas in South Africa. The correct way to use and prepare soil for vineyard cultivation. Planning and planting of vines, establishing methods and plant spacing. Vine development, winter pruning and summer treatments of wine grapes. Different types of trellis systems for wine and table grapes. The different amplification, propagation and nursery techniques for the vine.

Practical: Identification and monitoring of phenological stages. Winter pruning and balancing vines. Training of young vines (if possible). Visiting farms with different types of trellis systems. Visit a nursery for propagation techniques. Application of summer foliage treatments such as suckering, tipping, topping and leaf removal. P

Biology 110, Soil Science 110

C Biology 130

210 (10) Wine grape cultivation (VIT) (4l + 3p)

Cultivar identification. Water requirements and irrigation of the vineyard. Monitoring and control of pests and diseases.

Practical: Identification of cultivars. Demonstration of different irrigation systems for vineyards. Identification and monitoring of pests and diseases. P Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130; Viticulture 130

230 (10) Weed control and fertilisation (VIT) (4l + 3p)

Identification of deficiency symptoms of the grapevine; storage, maintenance and corrective fertilisation; cover crops and types of cultivation; the most important vineyard weeds, control measures and chemical agents against these weeds.

Practical: Students are responsible for block management of individual blocks with regard to the following: fertilisation of vineyard; vineyard cultivation; application of control measures against weeds; identification of weeds. P Viticulture 130, 210; Soil Science 130; Crop Protection 110

240 (10) Integrated production of wine and Table and Raisin Grape cultivation (4l + 3p)

Table Grape Cultivation: Introduction to table grape cultivation. Planting widths and trellis systems for table grapes. Vine development and pruning of table grapes. Dormancy and rest breaking. Spring and summer practices for table grapes, use of growth regulators. Physiological and other disorders affecting quality of table-grapes. Table grape cultivars and rootstock cultivars. Ripening, maturity indexing, harvesting, and post-harvest handling of table-grapes.

Raisin Grape Cultivation: Production and production areas for raisin grapes, Cultivars and clones for raisin production, Drying techniques.

Practical: Pruning of table grapes. Identification of table grape cultivars. Maturity indexing and post-harvest handling farm visit. Visit to raisin producer. Wine evaluation and wine evaluation techniques.

P Biology 110, 130; Soil Science 110, 130, Viticulture 130

350 (80) Viticulture (Work Integrated Learning)

Table grapes

This section will form chapter three of your final work report. It consists of 8 subsections and 2 compulsory short courses, namely the SAWWV table grape short course and the course in soil classification, plotting and the planning of resource use. Written proof of the successful completion of this short course with the accompanying report must be handed in and the student is responsible for ALL arrangements in this regard. In this section the situation statement, cultivar policy, block evaluation, plant distance, establishment, vine development, pruning, fertilising, irrigation, disease control, insect control and weed control, principles of integrated fruit production, the safe handling and storing of agrochemicals, dormancy breaking, foliage management, crop management, bunch manipulation, crop estimates, harvesting, handling, packaging, storing and Global GAP evaluation are addressed. The following aspects must be covered in the different subsections:

i. **Situation statement**

Location: Details must be provided regarding the location of the farm, including province, magisterial district, location with regard to the nearest city/town and height above sea level. **Climate:** The long-term averages for temperature (minimum, maximum and average), rainfall, evaporation, relative humidity, wind speed, heat units (1 September to 30 April), cold units (1 May to 31 August) and hours of sunshine must be given in table format and discussed. Identify and explain the climatic factors that are essential in the decision regarding table grape cultivars that may be planted. **Farm maps:** Aerial photographs (that can be read as well as trigonometric) must be supplied. The boundaries of the farms must be indicated clearly on the aerial photograph. A land use map that is to scale must be provided and the area of all subdivisions must be indicated. A map indicating the outlay of the irrigation system must be provided and a map of the farm yard must be drawn and discussed in order to do a critical evaluation of the outlay. **Soil:** Refer to the land use map and indicate the soil types that occur on the farm. Also indicate what the soil is used for. Discuss the different types of soil with regard to physical and chemical

qualities such as depth, colour, appearance of layers, slope, pH, texture in topsoil, subsoil, structure, drainage, water retention ability and the state of nutrition. Give a brief description of actions performed during soil preparation and then evaluate it critically. **Water:** Amount of irrigation water available, water rights, servitudes, water supply (stability and source of water), quality, storage as well as the irrigation systems used, must be discussed and evaluated critically. **Labour:** Use an organogram to describe the structure and labour force. Indicate the number of permanent workers, seasonal or contract workers as well as the variation in the need for labour during the production cycle. **Infrastructure:** Give a brief description of the infrastructure to indicate the packing sheds, processes and storage. **Markets:** Describe the markets where produce is supplied as well as the distance and different transport methods used. Specific detail must be supplied regarding the transport facility, airports and harbours. **Ecology, preservation and wildlife:** Provide a complete list of vegetation, birds, mammals, rodents and insects that are found on the farm and discuss the most important problem species and the way in which they are handled. Explain the impact of visible erosion, pollution, poaching, trespassing, the destruction of natural vegetation, overgrazing and theft of crops, livestock and equipment on the farm. **Land use:** Give a critical evaluation to indicate whether the pattern of land use bring about the optimal use of the available resources.

ii. Cultivar policy and block evaluation

Provide full detail about the table grape cultivars planted on the farm in order to address the number of hectares of each vineyard, age, rootstock cultivars, trellis systems and spacing. The cultivar policy must be evaluated critically. One bearing vineyard block must be evaluated on the prescribed form. Make recommendations where applicable.

iii. Plant distances, establishing, vine development and pruning: Give a brief description of the taking of soil and leaf samples. Focus specifically on time and techniques. Give examples of the results of analyses and do a critical evaluation. Method, time and type of fertiliser used must be discussed and

costs must be calculated for each block in order to determine the total cost of fertiliser for the farm.

- iv. **Irrigation:** Give a brief description of the seasonal water requirements of the crop and the critical stadiums of the growth cycle regarding turgor. The irrigation system(s) and irrigation schedules must be evaluated critically.
- v. **Disease, insect and pest control and principles of integrated fruit production:** Give a brief description and critical evaluation of the disease, insect and pest control practices used on the farm. Evaluate the application of the principles of integrated fruit production by identifying, monitoring and controlling fungal, bacterial and virus diseases as well as physiological deviations.
- vi. **Weed control, cover crops and the principles of integrated fruit production:** Give brief details of the weed spectrum, the choice of control agents, doses and control periods, time and circumstances of application, cover crops (type, time and manner of establishing, maintenance) as well as the total cost of control. Perform a thorough critical evaluation of weed control practices and the application of the principles of integrated fruit production in vineyard floor management.
- vii. **Safe handling, storing and application of chemical:** Give brief details about poison storage, the keeping, handling and application of agrochemicals, the cleaning of equipment, withholding periods for local and export markets as well as other safety aspects that apply. Perform a thorough critical evaluation of the safety aspects regarding the handling, storage and application of agrochemicals.
- viii. **Dormancy breaking, foliage management, crop control and bunch manipulation:** Explain why or why not problems are experienced with dormancy breaking and the resulting delayed budding on the farm. Give a critical evaluation of the manipulation and chemicals used to promote dormancy breaking. Give a brief description of foliage management, crop

control, bunch manipulation (physical and chemical) and perform a thorough critical evaluation of these practices.

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Wine grapes

This section will form chapter three of your final work report. It consists of eight subsections and one compulsory course, namely the IPW course. A certificate of attendance and successful completion of this course should be submitted together with your final work report.

The following aspects must be covered in the eight different subsections:

i. Situation statement

Details must be provided regarding the location of the farm, including province, magisterial district, location regarding the nearest city/town and height above sea level.

Give a critical evaluation to indicate whether the pattern of land use brings about the optimal use of the available resources.

Provide a complete list of vegetation, birds, mammals, rodents and insects that are found on the farm and discuss the most important problem species and the way in which they are handled. Explain the impact of visible erosion, pollution, poaching, trespassing, and the destruction of natural vegetation, overgrazing and theft of crops, livestock and equipment on the farm.

ii. Evaluation of production and harvest records of all vineyard blocks and cultivars. Discuss the cultivar policy and evaluate the existing vineyard blocks.

Provide full detail about the wine grape cultivars planted on the farm in order to address the number of hectares of each vineyard, age and rootstock cultivars. The cultivar policy must be evaluated critically. Make recommendations where applicable.

Provide harvest records of the past three years of all vineyard blocks. Discuss seasonal deviations and reasons for these deviations from the norm, if applicable.

iii. Evaluation of cultivation practices, weed control and fertilisation practices

Give a brief description of the taking of soil and leaf samples. Focus specifically on timing and techniques. Give results of the analyses and do a critical evaluation. Method, time and type of fertilisation must be discussed and costs must be calculated for each block in order to determine the total cost of the fertiliser for the farm.

Give brief details of the weed spectrum, the choice of control agents, doses and critical periods, time and circumstances of application, cover crops (type and manner of establishing, maintenance) as well as the total cost of weed control. Perform a thorough critical evaluation of weed control practices and the application of the principles of integrated grape production in vineyard floor management.

iv. Evaluation of soil preparation, plant spacing and trellis systems

Give a brief description of actions performed during soil preparation and then evaluate it critically.

Provide full detail about the trellising systems and plant spacing used on the farm and evaluate critically.

v. Evaluation of soil, climate and cultivar policy (include map of farm with vineyard blocks as well as soil map)

The long-term averages for temperature (minimum, maximum and average), rainfall, evaporation, relative humidity, wind speed, cold units (1 May to 31

August), heat units (1 September to 30 April) and hours of sunshine must be given in table format and discussed. Identify and explain the climatic factors that are essential in the decision regarding wine grape cultivars that may be planted.

Farm maps: Aerial photographs must be supplied. The boundaries of the farm must be indicated clearly on the aerial photograph. A land use map that is to scale must be provided and the area of all subdivisions must be indicated.

Soil: Refer to the land use map and indicate the soil types that occur on the farm. Also indicate what the soil is used for. Discuss the different soil types regarding physical and chemical qualities such as depth, colour, appearance of layers, slope, pH, texture in topsoil, structure, drainage, water retention ability and the state of nutrition.

vi. Evaluation of young vine development, establishment methods and winter pruning

Critically evaluate the methods for young vine training executed on the farm. Discuss time of planting, soil condition, water status of the soil as well as implements used and labour input.

Evaluate different methods of winter pruning as applied on the farm. Critically evaluate the method(s) and make recommendations where applicable. Discuss timing of winter pruning and the influence of timing on budbreak and fertility.

vii. Evaluation of irrigation methods, pest and disease control as well as record keeping of IPW principles.

Give a brief description of the seasonal water requirements of the grapevine and the critical stages of the growth cycle.

Using the land use map as provided in (v), the outlay of the irrigation system must be provided, and a map of the farmyard must be drawn and discussed in order to do a critical evaluation of the outlay.

Discuss the amount of irrigation water available, water rights, servitudes, water supply (stability and source of water), quality, storage as well as the irrigation systems used and evaluate critically. The irrigation system(s) and irrigation schedule must be evaluated critically.

Give a brief description and critical evaluation of the disease, insect and pest control practices used on the farm. Evaluate the application of the principles of integrated control by identifying, monitoring and controlling fungal, bacterial and viral diseases as well as pests.

Give brief details about the poison storage, the keeping, handling and application of agrochemicals, the cleaning of equipment, withholding periods as well as other safety measures that may apply. Perform a thorough and critical evaluation of the safety aspects regarding the handling, storage and application of agrochemicals.

viii. Evaluation of summer canopy management practices and crop control.

Discuss the labour force and compile an annual vineyard work program for the specific farm.

Use an organogram to describe the structure and labour force. Indicate the number of permanent workers, seasonal or contract workers as well as the variation in the need for labour during the production cycle. Draw up a vineyard work program for the specific farm.

Give a brief description of the canopy management and crop control executed on the farm and perform a critical evaluation of these practices.

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NOTE:

Prerequisite abbreviations

C – Co-requisite

P - Prerequisite - minimum predicate mark of 40% achieved

PP – Pass prerequisite – minimum performance mark of 50% (calculate as predicate x 40% + exam x 60%)

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Students must be in possession of a National Senior Certificate as certified by Umalusi;

Students must have a 4 (50% - 59%) in each of FOUR school subjects from the list of recommended University admission subjects;

Students must obtain an aggregate of at least 55% for the NSC.

LIST of admission subjects

- Afrikaans OR English (Home Language OR First Additional Language) - 4 AND
- Mathematics 4 or Mathematical Literacy - 5 AND
- Physical Sciences - 4 OR
- Life Sciences - 4 OR
- Agricultural Sciences - 4 PLUS
- one of the subjects recommended for admission by the Institute, also on at least a 4

Equine studies (two years): National Instructor's Course for Riders (full-time students).

Part-time training in general handling of horses, as well as riding lessons for riders.

Admission requirements: National Senior Certificate and possession of own horse not a necessity.

Agricultural Skills Development (Refer to available pamphlets)

- Various short courses in: General Agriculture ;Vegetable Production; Fruit Production Viticulture; Animal Husbandry; Agricultural Engineering; Agricultural Management and Economics; Human and Social Sciences
- Learnerships: National Certificate in Plant Production NQF level 1 or level 4 in the following study fields: Viticulture; Vegetable Production; Fruit production

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