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POSTGRADUATE (MSc) SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR 2014/2015 ACADEMIC YEAR INTAKE

General Schedule

Timing	Duration	Task
First Semester		
9 th September to 6 th December 2014	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course work • Identification of thesis research topics • Development of thesis research concept notes
8 th to 20 th December 2014	2 weeks	First semester examinations
21 December 2014 to 11 th January 2015	3 weeks	Christmas Break
Second Semester		
12 th January to 12 th April 2015	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second semester course work • Development of thesis research project proposals • Development of experimental designs • Identification of thesis research project study sites
13 th to 25 th April 2015	2 weeks	End of second semester examinations
Thesis Research		
26 th April to 10 th May 2015	2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalization of thesis research proposals
23 rd August to 4 th September 2015	2 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for approval and submission of thesis research proposals to Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPS)
April 2015 to January 2016	9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying of research project studies/ experiments (2 seasons) • Data collection, entry and analysis • Finalization of first 3 chapters (introduction, literature review, materials & methods) of thesis • Data interpretation
January to April 2016	3 moths	Compiling of the thesis and evaluation by supervisors
April to May 2016	2 months	Approval and submission of MSc thesis to BPS for examination

July to August 2016	2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral defense of the MSc thesis • Resubmission of the approved thesis to BPS for award of Degree
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ODL Delivery Schedule

First Semester ODL Schedule – 2014/2015		
Timing	Duration	Task
9 th - 12 th September 2014	1 st week of semester one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODL Registration – admitted ODL students register for the course at their convenience during this week • Start of classes for fulltime students
Beginning of the semester face-to-face session 18 th -20 th September & 25 th - 27 th September 2014	2 weeks (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation in ODL delivery • Limited face-to-face sessions to provide overview of the course • Issue self-instructional study materials & relevant literature • Issue of course assignments • Introduction to the course practicals • Introduction on development of thesis research proposals & how to select thesis research projects topics
Mid-semester face-to-face session 23 rd -25 th October 2014	1 week (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up tutorials • Administration of CATs • Administration of practicals • Follow up on assignments • Follow up on development of thesis research proposals
End of semester face-to-face session 4 th -6 th December 2014	1 week (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up tutorials • Complete practicals • Administration of CATs • Follow up on assignments • Follow up on development of thesis research proposals
End of semester examinations 15 th – 19 th December 2014	1 week (Monday to Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of semester examinations (To be done together with the full time students)
Second Semester ODL Schedule – 2014/2015		
Timing	Duration	Task
12 th to 16 th January 2015	1 st week of semester two	Start of classes for fulltime students; Registration for ODL students admitted in to join in 2 nd semester - register for the programme at their convenience during this week
Beginning of the semester face-to-	2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation in ODL delivery (for the new students joining at semester 2) • Limited face-to-face sessions to provide overview of the course

face session 22 nd to 24 th January 2015 & 29 th January to 31 st January 2015	(Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue self-instructional study materials & relevant literature • Issue of course assignments • Introduction to the course practicals • Follow up on development of thesis proposals and plans for implementation of thesis research projects • Guidance on development of thesis research proposals for students joining in semester 2
Mid-semester face-to-face session 26 th to 28 th February 2015	1 week (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up tutorials • Administration of CATs • Administration of practicals • Follow up on assignments • Follow up on development of thesis proposals and plans for implementation of thesis research projects
End of semester face-to-face session 9th-11th April 2015	1 week (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up tutorials • Complete practicals • Administration of CATs • Follow up on assignments • Follow up on development of thesis proposals and plans for implementation of thesis research projects
End of semester examinations 20 th to 24 th April 2015	1 week (Monday to Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of semester examinations (To be done together with the full time students)
Thesis Research 2015/2016		
26 th April to 10 th May 2015	2 weeks	Finalization of thesis research proposals
18 th to 29 th May 2015	One day within the 2 weeks	Presentation of thesis research project proposals and allocation of these supervisors
23 rd August to 4 th September 2015	2 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for submission of approved thesis research proposals to Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPS)
April 2015 to January 2016	9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying of research project studies/ experiments (2 seasons) • Data collection, entry and analysis • Finalization of first 3 chapters (introduction, literature review, materials & methods) of thesis • Data interpretation
January to April 2016	3 moths	Compiling of the thesis and evaluation by supervisors
April to May 2016	2 months	Approval and submission of MSc thesis to BPS for examination
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Summary Time Lines for the Two Year MSc Programme – 2014/2015 Intake

Activity	2014				2015												2016									
	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	
Course work – Semester 1	█	█	█	█																						
Course work – Semester 2					█	█	█	█																		
Development of thesis proposal		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█														
Present research proposal at departmental seminar & allocation of supervisors									█																	
Initiate research – Set up of experiments					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█														
Data collection, entry and analysis – Long rains 2015							█	█	█	█	█	█	█													
Submission of approved thesis research proposals to BPS											█	█	█													
Data collection, entry and analysis – Short rains 2015													█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█						
Compile first 3 chapters of thesis (introduction, literature review and methodology)				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█						
Complete experiments													█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█						
Data interpretation – write results chapter													█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█					
Compile and complete thesis and thesis evaluation by supervisors													█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█						
Thesis Progress report Seminars														█			█			█			█		█	
Thesis submission to BPS																			█	█	█					
Thesis examination																			█	█	█	█				
Thesis oral defense																				█	█	█				
Graduation																									█	