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**FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCE AND CROP PROTECTION**

**MSc. CROP PROTECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2014/2015 ACADEMIC YEAR INTAKE**

**General Schedule**

Timing	Duration	Task
<b>First Semester</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup> September to 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course work</li> <li>• Identification of thesis research topics</li> <li>• Development of thesis research concept notes</li> </ul>
8 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	2 weeks	First semester examinations
21 December 2014 to 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	3 weeks	Christmas Break
<b>Second Semester</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup> January to 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second semester course work</li> <li>• Development of thesis research project proposals</li> <li>• Development of experimental designs</li> <li>• Identification of thesis research project study sites</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	2 weeks	End of second semester examinations
26 <sup>th</sup> April to 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	2 weeks	Finalization of thesis research proposals
<b>Third Semester</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup> May to 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third semester course work</li> <li>• Presentation and approval of thesis research proposals</li> <li>• Allocation of thesis research supervisors</li> <li>• Initiation of thesis research – set up of experiments</li> </ul>
10 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2015	2 weeks	Third semester examinations
<b>Thesis Research</b>		
26 <sup>th</sup> April to 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalization of thesis research proposals</li> </ul>
23 <sup>rd</sup> August to 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	2 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for approval and submission of thesis research proposals to Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPS)</li> </ul>

April 2015 to January 2016	9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrying of research project studies/ experiments (2 seasons)</li> <li>• Data collection, entry and analysis</li> <li>• Finalization of first 3 chapters (introduction, literature review, materials &amp; methods) of thesis</li> <li>• Data interpretation</li> </ul>
January to April 2016	3 months	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"> <li>• Oral defense of the MSc thesis</li> <li>• Resubmission of the approved thesis to BPS for award of Degree</li> </ul>

### ODL Delivery Schedule

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

December 2014		
Second Semester ODL Schedule – 2014/2015		
Timing	Duration	Task
12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> week of semester two	Start of classes for fulltime students; Registration for ODL students admitted in to join in 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester - register for the programme at their convenience during this week
Beginning of the semester face-to- face session  22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 & 29 <sup>th</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2015	2 weeks (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation in ODL delivery (for the new students joining at semester 2)</li> <li>• Limited face-to-face sessions to provide overview of the course</li> <li>• Issue self-instructional study materials &amp; relevant literature</li> <li>• Issue of course assignments</li> <li>• Introduction to the course practicals</li> <li>• Follow up on development of thesis proposals and plans for implementation of thesis research projects</li> <li>• Guidance on development of thesis research proposals for students joining in semester 2</li> </ul>
Mid-semester face-to-face session  26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	1 week (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up tutorials</li> <li>• Administration of CATs</li> <li>• Administration of practicals</li> <li>• Follow up on assignments</li> <li>• Follow up on development of thesis proposals and plans for implementation of thesis research projects</li> </ul>
End of semester face-to-face session  9th-11th April 2015	1 week (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up tutorials</li> <li>• Complete practicals</li> <li>• Administration of CATs</li> <li>• Follow up on assignments</li> <li>• Follow up on development of thesis proposals and plans for implementation of thesis research projects</li> </ul>
End of semester examinations 20 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	1 week (Monday to Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of semester examinations (To be done together with the full time students)</li> </ul>
Third Semester ODL Schedule – 2014/2015		
Timing	Duration	Task
11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start of classes for fulltime students</li> </ul>
Beginning of semester ODL face-to-face session	2 weeks (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation in ODL delivery (for the new students joining at semester 3)</li> <li>• Limited face-to-face sessions to provide overview of the courses</li> <li>• Issue self-instructional study materials &amp; relevant literature</li> </ul>

21 <sup>st</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2015 & 28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2015		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue of course assignments</li> <li>• Introduction to the course practicals</li> <li>• Presentation of thesis research project proposals and allocation of these supervisors (<i>student who joined in semester 1</i>)</li> <li>• Guidance on development of thesis research proposals (<i>student who joined in semester 3</i>)</li> </ul>
Mid-semester face-to-face session  25 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	1 week (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up tutorials</li> <li>• Administration of CATs</li> <li>• Administration of practicals</li> <li>• Follow up on assignments</li> <li>• Follow up on implementation of thesis research projects</li> </ul>
End of semester face-to-face session  6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	1 week (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up tutorials</li> <li>• Complete practicals</li> <li>• Administration of CATs</li> <li>• Follow up on assignments</li> <li>• Follow up on implementation of thesis research projects</li> </ul>
End of semester examinations 17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2015	1 week (Monday to Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of semester examinations (To be done together with the full time students)</li> </ul>
<b>Thesis Research 2015/2016</b>		
26 <sup>th</sup> April to 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	2 weeks	Finalization of thesis research proposals
18 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	One day within the 2 weeks	Presentation of thesis research project proposals and allocation of these supervisors
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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					█	█	█	█																			
Course work – Semester 3									█	█	█	█															
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																									█		