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ODL SCHEDULE FOR MSc. Crop Protection and ARM - 2015/2016 ACADEMIC YEAR INTAKE

General Schedule

Timing	Duration	Task
First Semester		
7 th September to 5 th December 2015	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course work • Identification of thesis research topics • Development of thesis research concept notes
7 th to 19 th December 2015	2 weeks	First semester examinations
20 December 2015 to 10 th January 2016	3 weeks	Christmas Break
Second Semester		
11 th January to 9 th April 2016	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
11 th to 23 rd April 2016	2 weeks	End of second semester examinations
24 th April to 8 th May 2016	2 weeks Break	Refinement of thesis research proposals
Third Semester		
9 th May to 6 th August 2016	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third semester course work • Presentation and approval of thesis research proposals • Allocation of thesis research supervisors • Initiation of thesis research – set up of experiments
8 th to 20 th August 2016	2 weeks	Third semester examinations
Thesis Research		
24 th April to 8 th May 2016	2 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refinement of thesis research proposals
22 nd August to 2 nd September 2016	2 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for approval and submission of thesis research proposals to Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPS)

May 2016 to February 2017	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
February to April 2017	3 months	Compiling of the thesis and evaluation by supervisors
May 2017	2 months	Approval and submission of MSc thesis to BPS for examination
June to August 2017	2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis Examination

ODL Delivery Schedule

First Semester ODL Schedule – 2015/2016		
Timing	Duration	Task
7 th - 11 th September 2015	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 17 th -19 th September & 24 th - 26 th September 2015	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 22 nd -24 th October 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 research proposals
End of semester face-to-face session 3 rd -5 th December 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 research proposals
End of semester examinations 9 th – 16 th December 2015	1 week (Wednesday to Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of semester examinations (To be done together with the full time students)

Second Semester ODL Schedule – 2015/2016		
Timing	Duration	Task
11 th to 15 th January 2016	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- face session 21 st to 23 rd January 2016 & 28 th January to 30 th January 2016	2 weeks (Thursday to Saturday)	<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 • 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 3 rd to 5 th March 2016	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 7 th -9 th April 2016	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 13 th to 20 th April 2016	1 week (Wednesday to Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of semester examinations (To be done together with the full time students)
Third Semester ODL Schedule – 2015/2016		
Timing	Duration	Task
9 th to 13 th May 2016	1 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of classes for fulltime students
Beginning of semester ODL face-to-face session	2 weeks (Thursday to Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation in ODL delivery (for the new students joining at semester 3) • Limited face-to-face sessions to provide overview of the courses • Issue self-instructional study materials & relevant literature • Issue of course assignments

19 th to 21 st May 2016 & 26 th to 28 th May 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the course practicals • Presentation of thesis research project proposals and allocation of theses supervisors (<i>student who joined in semester 1</i>) • Guidance on development of thesis research proposals (<i>student who joined in semester 3</i>)
Mid-semester face-to-face session 30 th June to 2 nd July 2016	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 implementation of thesis research projects
End of semester face-to-face session 4 th to 6 th August 2016	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 implementation of thesis research projects
End of semester examinations 15 th to 19 th August 2016	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 2016/2017		
24 th April to 8 th May 2016	2 weeks	Finalization of thesis research proposals
19 th to 28 th May 2016	One day within the 2 weeks	Presentation of thesis research project proposals and allocation of theses supervisors
22 nd August to 2 nd September 2016	2 week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for submission of approved thesis research proposals to Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPS)
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Summary Time Lines for the Two Year MSc Programme – 2015/2016 Intake

Activity	2015				2016												2017									
	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																									█	