



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCE AND CROP PROTECTION
MSC AGRONOMY 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First semester examinations
21 st December 2014 to 11 th January 2015	3 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Break
Second Semester		
12 th January to 12 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 weeks	<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 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiling of the thesis and evaluation by supervisors
April to May 2016	2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

ODL DELIVERY SCHEDULE

First Semester ODL Schedule – 2014/2015		
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9 th – 12 th September 2014	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODL Registration – admitted 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 group)