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

General Schedule

| Timing | Duration | Task |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | | |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

Summary Time Lines for the Two Year MSc Programme – 2014/2015 Intake

| Activity | 2014 | | | | 2015 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2016 | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | █ | |