

DEPARTMENT OF AGRIBUSINESS

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Postgraduate Diploma
Master of Science

AVAILABLE OPTIONS AND SPECIALISATIONS

Postgraduate Diploma:

Agribusiness Management
Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives

Master of Science

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Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives

PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

Philosophy

The philosophy of the Masters of Science Degree in the Department is to develop high level academic and research manpower that will transform Nigeria's agriculture into sustainable life career.

Aims and Objectives

Create appropriate environment needed for the intellectual development of the students for research work and entrepreneurship;
Develop and teach courses covering the broad areas of Agribusiness: crop, livestock, fisheries, food processing, forestry, Agricultural technology, management, accounting, marketing and finance;
Develop and turn out agribusiness-oriented graduates in the various fields of agribusiness by making it imperative for each student to develop an agribusiness enterprise by his graduation date;
Produce graduates who can process and analyze agribusiness investment policies, export mechanism, management strategies and socio-economic problems with the purpose of providing solution to these problems;
Produce graduates who will profitably put their skill in the establishment and management of agribusiness enterprises;
Carry out research in the various fields of agribusiness; and
Train personnel apt in conducting research as well as teaching courses incidental to Agribusiness.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates from the Department have the capability to:

- Set up firms that provide critical services to agro-based industries;
- Develop financial plans and feasibility studies for agro-based companies;
- Effectively carry out agroindustrial project analysis;
- Successfully market agricultural produce and products at local and international levels;
- Work in financial institutions and agencies of government (CBN, NEXIM, Bank of Agriculture, NBS, Export Promotion Council, etc) that are saddled with the responsibility of contributing to the growth of the agricultural sector;
- Efficiently manage agro-based cooperative societies;
- Produce academic and researchers in agribusiness, agricultural marketing and cooperative; etc.

COURSE DURATION

Postgraduate Diploma

The Postgraduate Diploma Program in the Department shall run for a minimum duration of two (2) semesters and maximum of four (4) semesters.

Master of Science

The Master of Science Degree in Agribusiness Management and Agricultural Marketing and Cooperative shall run for a minimum duration of four (4) semesters and maximum of six (6) semesters.

NATURE OF PROGRAMME

The programs in the Department comprise taught courses, examinations and research work as provided by the University of Agriculture, Makurdi. For Master of Science Degrees, there shall be, at the end of successful course work, pre-field seminar, post-field seminar, and external (oral) examination.

MODE OF EXAMINATION

Candidates shall register for courses prescribed the Department and, at the end of the semester, write examinations on them. They shall, also, participate in all continuous assessment exercise relating to the courses. At the end of the program, candidates shall write and defend projects in relevant area of specialization which shall be graded and incorporated into their final results.

The grading system for PGD is A = 70 - 100, B = 60 – 69, C = 50 - 59, D = 45 - 49, E = 40 - 44, F = 0 - 39 while the grading system for M.Sc. is A = 70 -100, B = 60 - 69, C = 50 –59, F = 0 - 49

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Postgraduate Diploma

To qualify for the award of Postgraduate Diploma of the Department, a candidate must:

- have duly registered all prescribed courses in the Department;
- passed all prescribed examinations;
- written and defended an acceptable research project; and
- accumulated minimum of 34 earned credits.

Master of Science

To qualify for the award of Master of Science Degree of the Department, a candidate must have:

- been duly admitted into the Department;
- duly registered all prescribed courses in the Department;
- passed all prescribed examinations;
- accumulated minimum of 48 earned credits;
- have earned at least a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.5 at the end of his course work; and
- written and defended an acceptable research thesis as prescribed by the Department;

COURSES AVAILABLE

a. Postgraduate Diploma

Agribusiness Management

FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
ABD 701	Elements of Agribusiness Management	3
ABD 703	Agricultural Law	3
ABD 705	Agribusiness Human Resources Management	2
ABD 707	Agribusiness Organizational Behaviour	2
ABD 709	Agricultural Production Economics	3
ABD 711	Operations Research and Management	3
ABD 713	Research Methodology	2
	Total Credits	18

SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE CODE	TITLE
ABD 702	Agricultural Managerial Accounting and Financial Management
ABD 704	Agro industrial Project Analysis
ABD 706	Agribusiness Industrial Relation
ABD 708	Financial Planning and Investment Analysis
ABD 710	Quantitative Method in Agribusiness Management
ABD 712	Seminar
ABD 799	Research Project
	Total Credits

ABD 799: Research Project (6 Credit Units)

Agricultural Marketing and Cooperative

FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
AMD 701	Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives	3
AMD 703	Agricultural Cooperatives Formation and Management	3
AMD 705	Agricultural Marketing Information System	2
AMD 707	Agricultural Marketing Organizational Behaviour	3
AMD 709	Introduction to Marketing and Prices	3
AMD 711	Agricultural Marketing Communication	2
AMD 713	Research Methodology	2
Total Credits		18

SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
AMD 702	Agricultural Marketing Management	2
AMD 704	Agroindustrial Project Analysis	2
AMD 706	International Trade in Agriculture	2
AMD 708	Agricultural Marketing and Prices	2
AMD 710	Agricultural Cooperatives and Associations	2
AMD 712	Seminar	2
AMD 799	Research Project	6
Total Credits		18

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FIRST SESSION

FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
AGB 801	Agribusiness Management: Theory and Practice	3
AGB 803	Strategic Agribusiness Management	2
AGB 805	Research Methodology	3
AGB 807	Food Processing Technology: Principles and Practices	2
AGB 809	Cost and Management Accounting in Agribusiness	3
AGB 811	Quantitative Techniques and Methods	3
AGB 813	Statistical Theory and Analysis	2
Total Credits		18

SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
AGB 802	Agricultural Marketing Systems and Policies	3
AGB 804	Corporate Finance for Agribusiness	2
AGB 806	Management of Agro-based Enterprises	3
AGB 808	Food Industry and Agri-business System	3
AGB 810	Agricultural Production Economics	3
AGB 812	Seminar	2
AGB 814	Advanced Agro-industrial Project Analysis	2
	Total Credits	18

SECOND SESSION**THIRD SEMESTER**

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
AGB 899	Thesis	12
	Total Credits	12

FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
AGB 899	Thesis	12
	Total Credits	12

Agricultural Marketing and Cooperative**FIRST SESSION FIRST****SEMESTER**

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
AMC 801	International Trade and Marketing of Agro -products	3
AMC 803	Marketing of Fresh Agricultural Produce and High Value Products	3
AMC 805	Advanced Agro-consumer Behaviour	3
AMC 807	Advanced Agricultural Marketing Research	2
AMC 809	Advanced Agricultural Marketing Management	2
AMC 811	Research Methodology	3
AMC 813	Advanced Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives	2
	Total Credits	18

SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE CODE	TITLE	CREDIT
AMC 802	Agricultural Marketing Research Systems and Policies	3
AMC 804	Advanced Industrial Marketing of Agro products	3
AMC 806	Advanced Agricultural Cooperative Formation And Management	3
AMC 808	Advanced Agro -product Development, Management, Distribution and Sales	3
AMC 810	International Trade in Agriculture	2
AMC 812	Seminar	2
AMC 814	Advanced Agro-industrial Project Analysis	2
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