

Programme Regulations 2009/10

Degree of Master of Science in Rural Social Science Research

Code: 4801

Notes:

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Masters Progress Regulations and Examination Conventions.*
- (ii) *A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*
- (iii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student must take.*

1. Programme structure

- (a) The programme is available for study in both full-time and part-time modes.
- (b) The period of study for full-time mode shall be one year starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode shall normally be two years starting in September.
- (c) The programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (d) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
ACE8095	Dissertation	60			60	7	
HSS8001	Thinking about Research	10	10			7	
HSS8002	Information Skills	10	10			7	
HSS8003	Dissertation Preparation	10	10			7	
HSS8004	Qualitative Methodology in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	20		20		7	
HSS8005	Introduction to Quantitative Methods	20		20		7	

- (e) All candidates shall select further modules to a total of 50 credits, normally chosen from the following :

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>
ACE8015	Environmental and Rural Resource Economics	10	10			7	

ACE8046	International Food Marketing and Policy	10	10			7	
ACE8047	Rural Development Work Placement	20		20		7	
ACE8050	The Contemporary Countryside	20	20			7	
ACE8054	Environmental Controversies	20		20		7	

2. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

3. Progress

Before proceeding from stage 1 to stage 2 a part-time candidate must satisfy the examiners in the assessment specified for each module of that stage.