

Programme Regulations 2009/10

Degree of Master of Science in Ecological Farming and Food Production Systems (Newcastle University)

Code: 5161F

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 full-time mode only.
- (b) The period of study for full-time mode shall be 1 year 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>
ACE8062	Soil Management in Ecological Farming Systems	10	10			7	
ACE8063	Ecological Livestock Production Systems	10		10		7	
ACE8064	Ecological Farming Standards and Quality Assurance	10	10			7	
ACE8065	Ecological Farming and Food Production : Field Course	10	5	5		7	
ACE8066	Individual Research Project and Dissertation	90	10	20	60	7	
ACE8067	Ecological Crop Production Systems	10	5	5		7	
NBS8506	Principles of Marketing	10	10			7	

(e) All candidates shall take further optional modules to a value of 30 credits 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	
ACE8021	Sustainable Development and Environmental Change	10	10			7	
ACE8022	Quantitative Techniques, Experimental Design and Data Analysis	10	10			7	
ACE8025	Tropical Animal Production	10		10		7	
ACE8041	Ecosystem Management	10		10		7	
ACE8042	Wildlife Conservation: Policy and Practice	10	10			7	
ACE8046	International Food Marketing and Policy	10	10			7	
ACE8060	Land-Water Interface	10	10			7	
ACE8061	Global Ecosystems and Environmental Change	10		10		7	

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director and depending upon the academic background of the candidate alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

2. Assessment methods

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