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Creating Future Leaders



**FACULTY OF
SCIENCES, ENGINEERING
AND AGRICULTURE**

Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Plant and Soil Sciences is where science meets sustainable agriculture, advancing crop, horticultural and soil sciences for a changing world.



VISION

An impactful centre for scientific mentorship and research in local and regional communities

MISSION

The Department of Plant and Soil Sciences mentors excellent students who lead and take up major responsibilities in both industry and the public sector in South Africa and beyond.



QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED

The Department offers qualifications at

(a) undergraduate level in

- BScAgric (Plant Production)
- BScAgric (Horticulture)
- BScAgric (Soil Science)

(b) postgraduate level: masters (MScAgric) and doctoral (PhDAgric) in each of the three specialist areas (Crop Science / Horticulture / Soil Science).



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Agri-biotech specialist
- Agronomist / Crop physiologist
- Gene bank curator
- Horticulturist
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) consultant
- Landscape manager
- University lecturer / Professor
- Plant breeder
- Postharvest technologist
- Soil fertility specialist
- Soil microbiologist
- Soil scientist



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An Umalusi National Senior Certificate and an achieved-rating of at least 50-59% in Mathematics and Physical Science, English and either Life Sciences or Agricultural Sciences. In addition, applications should have a minimum point score of 26.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Several organisations such as NSFAS, NRF and WRC as well as various numerous private sector partners supporting access, opportunity and talent development, actively provide funding for our students.