

Master of Plant Health and Biosecurity

Note: This program will not be offered in 2012

Note: This program involves courses that may be attended by both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

1 Duration of program

To qualify for the Master of Plant Health & Biosecurity, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete the equivalent of a 48 unit program of study comprising four semesters of full-time study or no more than 11 semesters of part-time study.

2 Admission

2.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the Master of Plant Health & Biosecurity degree must have:

a qualified for an Honours degree from the University, at an appropriate standard in appropriate field of study, or a degree of another institution, at an appropriate standard in appropriate field of study, accepted by the Program Management Committee for the purpose as equivalent to an Honours degree of the University

or

b completed the Graduate Diploma in Plant Health & Biosecurity or qualified for an Ordinary degree of the University in an appropriate field of study or a degree of another institution at an appropriate standard in an appropriate field of study accepted by the Faculty for the purpose as equivalent to a degree of the University and have relevant professional experience which is deemed by the Program Management Committee to be equivalent to at least 12 units of tertiary study.

or

c completed the Graduate Diploma in Plant Health & Biosecurity or qualified for a degree of the University in an appropriate field of study or a degree of another institution at an appropriate standard in an appropriate field of study accepted by the Program Management Committee for the purpose as equivalent to a degree of the University.

2.2 The Program Management Committee may, subject to such conditions as it may see fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the degree a person who does not satisfy the requirements of Rule 2.1 above but who has presented evidence satisfactory to the Committee of their fitness to undertake work for the degree.

2.3 Status, exemption and credit transfer

2.3.1 Except with special permission of the Program Management Committee, no candidate will be granted status for any course, which he or she has completed for another award.

2.3.2 Such status as may be awarded in exceptional circumstances will only be awarded for graduate level studies.

2.3.3 In any case, no candidate will be awarded more than 9 units of status.

2.3.4 Notwithstanding Rules 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.3.3, Candidates admitted under Rules 2.1 (a) or (b) may be granted further status as applicable.

2.3.5 A candidate who fails a course and is allowed to repeat that course shall, unless exempted partially there from by the Head of School, again complete the required work in the course to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.

2.4 Articulation with other awards

2.4.1 A candidate for the Master of Plant Health & Biosecurity who does not complete the requirements for the Masters but satisfies the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Plant Health & Biosecurity, or the Graduate Certificate in Plant Health & Biosecurity may be admitted to the one or other of those awards as appropriate.

2.4.2 A candidate who has been admitted to the Graduate Diploma in Plant Health & Biosecurity and who subsequently satisfies the requirements for the Master of Plant Health & Biosecurity must surrender the Graduate Diploma before being admitted to the Master degree.

3 Assessment and examinations

3.1 There shall be four classifications of pass in any course for the Masters degree: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit and Pass.

- 3.2 a A candidate shall not be eligible to be assessed, by examination or otherwise, unless the prescribed work has been completed to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.
- b For the purpose of this Rule, a candidate who is refused permission to be assessed, by examination or otherwise, shall be deemed to have failed the course.
- 3.3 A candidate who has failed a course twice may not re-enrol in that course except by special permission of the Faculty and then only under such conditions as may be prescribed.
- 3.4 A candidate shall complete the coursework component of the degree before proceeding to the research component of the degree. A candidate who is not eligible to undertake the research component, but has satisfied the requirements for the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma may be admitted to one or other of those awards as appropriate.

4 Qualification requirements

4.1 Academic program

To qualify for the degree of Master of Plant Health & Biosecurity candidates shall, with the exception of notes (i) - (iv) below, complete a program of study to a total of 48 units as follows.

4.1.1 Core Courses

All candidates shall complete the following core courses:

PLANT SC 7020WT Strategies & Practices for Pest Management & Eradication.....	3
PLANT SC 7120WT Molecular and Biochemical Diagnostic Methods in Plant Health	3
PLANT SC 7121WT Biosecurity and Incursion Management.....	3
PLANT SC 7122WT Management and Regulation of Plant Health.....	3
PLANT SC 7220WT Foundations of Plant Health.....	6
PLANT SC 7221WT Classical Diagnostic Methods in Plant Health	3
PLANT SC 7222WT Advanced Principles Pest Management & Biosecurity	3

4.1.2 Research Project

All candidates shall complete one of the following research courses:

PLANT SC 7223AWT/BWT Extended Research Project in Plant Health & Biosecurity F/T [or part-time equivalent]	24
<i>or</i> (for those admitted under Rule 2.1 (a) or (b))	
PLANT SC 7224AWT/BWT Research Project (Plant Health & Biosecurity) F/T [or part-time equivalent].....	12

- 4.2 To be eligible to have the degree conferred, candidates are required to provide three bound copies of the research project to the School, after the research project has been passed and accepted for the degree.

4.3 Unacceptable combinations of courses

No candidate will be permitted to count for the degree any course that, in the opinion of the Faculty, contains substantially the same material as any other course that he or she has already presented for another award; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards the degree.

4.4 Graduation

Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.

5 Special circumstances

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.

Notes:

- i Candidates who have completed the Graduate Diploma in Plant Health & Biosecurity shall be permitted to transfer all equivalent courses towards the Masters degree and will only be required to complete the Extended Research Project (Plant Health & Biosecurity).
- ii Candidates who have completed the Graduate Diploma in Plant Health & Biosecurity and have two or more years of relevant professional experience shall be granted 12 units of status and permitted to transfer all equivalent Graduate Diploma courses towards the Master degree, and will only be required to complete the 12 unit Research Project (Plant Health & Biosecurity).
- iii Candidates who have a degree of the University in an appropriate field of study or a degree of another institution in an appropriate field of study accepted by the Faculty for the purpose as equivalent to a degree of the University, and have two or more years of relevant professional experience, shall be granted 12 units of status and be required to complete 24 units of coursework and the 12 unit Research Project (Plant Health & Biosecurity).

- iv Candidates who have completed an Honours degree from the University, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline, shall be granted 12 units of status and will be required to complete 24 units of coursework and the 12 unit Research Project (Plant Health & Biosecurity).