**CATEGORY B PROGRAMMES SUBMISSION TO CHE FOR IMPROVEMENTS - NOVEMBER 2015**

Institution **University of KwaZulu-Natal (H08)**

Qualification reference **Bachelor of Agriculture Management Honours (FSA131)**

**CHE COMMENTS:**

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| Deferral Comments | The institution has not addressed one of the concerns raised by the evaluator and reviewer. The programme has two streams. In the one stream the research project has 48 credits and in the other 32 credits. Therefore there is not equivalence with respect to credits. Moreover, in both streams the projects are combined with a seminar so there is not clear evidence that there is a discrete and supervised research component of at least 30 credits. The institution should consider submitting the two streams as separate programmes. |
| (Original) Review comments | The institution should make the rules of combination clear. In the submission the research project is an elective which is not aligned to the HEQSF which requires the inclusion of a discrete research component of at least 32 credits. The institution should also revise the percentage of time allocated to direct contact. At least 25% of the time should be allocated to direct contact for programmes offered through contact mode of delivery. |

**UKZN RESPONSE**

Bachelor of Agricultural Management (Honours) Curriculum

The programme is split into 2 streams, a Commerce stream, and a Production stream. The curriculum consists of one of the following combinations of modules (128C) (***numbers in parentheses refer to credits***). Compulsory modules are listed first in bold, elective options are provided in the tables:

(a)  Commerce Stream:

* **AGEC740(16) - Agricultural Policy Analysis**
* **AGEC750(16) - Research Methodology & Linear Programming**
* **AMAN790(32) - Agricultural Management Research Project (**Conducting and reporting on research (as per HEQSF requirement)**)**
* together with 64 credits at Level 7 approved by the School, of which 48 must be chosen from the School of Management IT and Governance; (see elective options in table below)

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| **Commerce stream electives** | | | | |
| Title of all modules | Year Level | Compulsory (C)/  Elective (E) | NQF level | Credits |
| Entrepreneurship & Economic Development ENTR7AO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Entrepreneurship Innov & Venture Creation ENTR7BO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Entrepreneurship & Small Business Develop ENTR7CO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Corporate Finance FINA7CR | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| International Business Finance FINA7IB | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Portfolio Management FINA7PM | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Quantitative Methods in Finance FINA7QF | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Human Resource Management HRMG704 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Leadership & Change Management HRMG706 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Employment Law 1 HRMG7AO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Global Marketing MARK7AO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Topics in Advertising MARK7BO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Strategic Marketing MARK7FO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Marketing Planning MARK7IO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Strategic Brand Management MARK7KO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Corporate Strategy MGNT7AP | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Special Topics in Advanced Business Studies MGNT7BP | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Project Management MGNT7PR | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Global Business MGNT7VO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Adv Purchasing & Operations Mngt (Inbound Log) SCMA7AO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Adv Tran & Phys Distr (Outbound Logistics) SCMA7BO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Strategic Supply Chain Mngt & Project Mngt SCMA7CO | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Operations Management SCMA7OM | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |

(b)  Production Stream:

* **AGEC740(16) - Agricultural Policy Analysis**
* **AGEC750(16) - Research Methodology & Linear Programming**
* **AMAN790(32) - Agricultural Management Research Project (**Conducting and reporting on research (as per HEQSF requirement)**)**
* together with 64 credits at Level 7 from AGPS approved by the School (Crop Science focus); **OR** together with 64 credits at Level 7 from ANSI approved by the School (Animal Science focus). (see elective options in table below)

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| **Production stream electives** | | | | |
| Title of all modules | Year Level | Compulsory (C)/  Elective (E) | NQF level | Credits |
| Animal Science Research Project & Seminars (ANSI792) | 1 | E | 8 | 48 |
| Applied Plant Sciences Project & Seminar (AGPS790) | 1 | E | 8 | 32 |
| Principles of Agricultural Research AGPS701 | 1 | E | 8 | 8 |
| Forage Production & Utilisation AGPS710 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Seed Technology AGPS712 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Staple Crop Production AGPS714 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Industrial Crop Production AGPS715 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Pomology AGPS716 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Plant Breeding AGPS730 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Postharvest Technology AGPS732 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Vegetable and Flower Crop Production AGPS733 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Ornamental and Amenity Horticulture AGPS734 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Observation & Analysis of Agro-Industry AGPS791 | 1 | E | 8 | 8 |
| Companion Animal Nutrition ANSI703 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Monogastric Nutrition ANSI711 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Rumen Metabolism and Feed Formulation ANSI712 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Food Security Studies FDSC700 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Food Storage for Food Security FDSC720 | 1 | E | 8 | 8 |
| Food Access for Food Security FDSC730 | 1 | E | 8 | 8 |
| Sustainable Livelihood Options FDSC755 | 1 | E | 8 | 8 |
| Advanced Animal Breeding & Genetics GENE718 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Fermentation Microbiology MICR722 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Fungi in Phytopathology - Advanced Mycology PPTH713 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Topics in Virology PPTH723 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Plant Disease Epidemiology PPTH730 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Field Plant Pathology PPTH745 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Plant Breeding Systems BIOL733 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Stress Physiology and Plant Genes BIOL762 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Advanced Plant Physiology BIOL763 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |
| Terrestrial African Vertebrate Zoology BIOL764 | 1 | E | 8 | 16 |

We understand the confusion emanates from the fact that in the **elective** options for the Production Stream, there are two *additional* research projects which do not carry the same credit load. However, they are electives and as such we believe that they are not subjected to the same credit equivalence requirement.

The University has taken the decision to offer this programme in streams, and therefore does not wish to split it into separate programmes.

As already noted in the previous submission, here is the learning activities table again, for clarity:

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| Type of learning activity | Hours | % of  learning time |
| Direct contact time (Lectures, face to face, limited interaction or technology assisted, tutorials, Syndicate groups) | 395 | 30,86 |
| WIL (Practical experiential learning, simulated learning, laboratory work, practicals etc excluding workplace-based learning) | 300 | 23,44 |
| WIL (Workplace-based learning only) | 0 | 0,00 |
| Independent self-study of standard texts and references and specially prepared materials (study guides, books, journal articles, case studies, multi-media) | 500 | 39,06 |
| Assessment | 70 | 5,47 |
| Other | 15 | 1,17 |
| Total | 1280 | 100,00 |