Animal Science

Programmes

Master of Animal Science Master of Aquatic Bio-Resources Management and Aquaculture Master of Poultry Science and Technology Master of Dairy and Meat Product Technology M.Sc. in Animal Science M.Sc. in Aquatic Bio-Resources Management and Aquaculture M.Sc. in Poultry Science and Technology M.Sc. in Dairy and Meat Product Technology Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

About the Board of Study

The Board of Study (BS) has functioned since the inception of the PGIA producing experts to cater to the needs of the livestock/fish production, product processing and allied sectors in the country. The Board has developed various new dimensions in its academic programmes during the past few decades. As the teaching panel and the members of the BS are from the University of Peradeniya as well as various other institutions, the Board always had the opportunity to interact with different segments of the animal production sector of the country and to use this advantage to develop its activities. From the inception, the Board offered postgraduate courses in various disciplines of Animal Science. From time to time new courses were introduced considering the national importance of such courses. Presently, in addition to the Degree Programme in Animal Science, the BS offers degree programmes in Poultry Science and Technology, Dairy and Meat Product Technology and Aquatic Bio-resources Management and Aquaculture.

Recent research

- Effects of ultrasound on the emulsion stability and gel properties of buffalo (Bubalus bubalis) milk gels
- Effect of Dietary Supplementation on Productive Performances of Lactating Dairy Cows Fed with Total Mixed Rations (TMRs).
- Prevalence and Economic Impact of Contagious Pustular Dermatitis Virus Among Some Ruminants in Sri Lanka
- Species replacement of white-eyes (Passeriformes: Zosteropidae) along an altitudinal gradient
- Effect of Palmyrah leaves (Boarassus flabellifer) on ensiling characteristics, nutritive value, digestibility and intake of
- corn (Zea mays) or hybrid sorghum (Sorghum bicolor (L) Moench) silage
- Novel approach to improve the omega 6:omega 3 fatty acid ratio in eggs and broiler meat

Master of Animal Science

Overview

Livestock sector plays a key role in agriculture, providing employment and income generation opportunities, helping to alleviate protein malnutrition and strengthening the economy of Sri Lanka. The dairy sub sector including cattle, buffaloes and goats, poultry sub

sector including broilers, layers and miscellaneous poultry, and swine industry are some key components of the livestock sector while animal product processing industry including beef and mutton is also growing rapidly with an ever increasing demand. Since main objective of the livestock industry, comprising of a range of stakeholders from small scale farmers to large scale companies, is to maximise profit utilizing the available resources, it is a challenge to achieve the above objective while ensuring sustainability. Practical solutions to most problems in the livestock sector requires a thorough knowledge and understanding on every aspect of the industry, including production, processing and marketing. The Master of in Animal Science programme is carefully designed after a thorough investigation of the needs of livestock sector of the country and global demand with the aim of producing a graduate capable of providing in depth analysis of the problems and challenges of the livestock sector, and proposing sound and innovative solutions to the issues leading to improved overall productivity and advancement in career development.

Key features

The courses have been developed and periodically revised to provide a comprehensive coverage on all aspects of Animal Science including ruminant and nonruminant animal production, nutrition, genetics and breeding, lactation and reproductive physiology, health and hygiene, welfare and legislation, animal biotechnology, animal product processing and

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aquatic resource management, wildlife, extension, scientific writing and statistics. The prerequisite courses (for those with inadequate undergraduate background in Animal Science) and introductory courses are followed by advanced courses which are in par with those offered by leading universities in the world.

The laboratory practical classes and field visits are designed to provide the much needed hands on training and exposure for students. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to performing in-depth scientific analysis of complex problems of various strata of the livestock sector and recommend innovative solutions to enhance productivity and overall development of the sector. The strong theoretical background provided by this programme creates a great platform for the students to continue towards M.Phil. and Ph.D. degree programmes offered by the Board of Study in Animal Science.

Code	Title	Credits	Option	
First Semester				
*AS 5101	Introduction to Aquaculture and Fisheries	3	Prerequisite	
*AS 5102	Comparative Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals	3	Prerequisite	
*AS 5103	Introduction to Animal Production	2	Prerequisite	
*AS 5104	Principles of Animal Nutrition	2	Prerequisite	
AS 5120	Endocrinology of Farm Animals	2	Compulsory	
AS 5121	Monogastric Nutrition	3	Compulsory	
AS 5126	Quantitative and Molecular Genetics of Farm Animals	2	Compulsory	
AS 5127	Ruminant Nutrition	3	Compulsory	
AS 5198	Directed Study	5	Compulsory	
AS 5199	Seminar	1	Compulsory	
AS 5106	Aquaculture Based Farming Systems	2	Elective	
AS 5109	Dairy Chemistry	2	Elective	
AS 5114	Integrated Livestock Systems	3	Elective	
AS 5115	Laboratory Techniques in Animal Nutrition	2	Elective	
AS 5117	Layer and Parent Stock Management	3	Elective	
AS 5119	Meat Science	2	Elective	
AS 5122	Physiology of Lactation	2	Elective	
AS 5124	Procuring, Processing and Marketing of Fluid Milk	2	Elective	
AS 5125	Processing of Dairy Products	2	Elective	
AS 5128	Reproductive Physiology of Farm Animals	3	Elective	
AS 5129	Selection Index and Mixed Model Methodology	3	Elective	

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AS 5136	Introduction to Molecular Biology in Animal	3	Elective
<u> </u>	Science		
AS 5151	Rischamical Constict and Outogenetics	2	Elective
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AS 5152	Elvestock Bio-diversity and Conservation	2	
AS 5197	Proposal Formulation and Scientific Writing	2	Elective
EC 5156	Livestock Economics and Marketing	2	Elective
Second Sei	nester		
AS 5213	Livestock Breeding	3	Compulsory
AS 5218	Non-ruminant Animal Production	3	Compulsory
AS 5220	Ruminant Livestock Production	3	Compulsory
AS 5201	Advances in Forage Production and Utilization	2	Elective
AS 5202	Animal Biotechnology	3	Elective
AS 5203	Animal-Environment Interactions	2	Elective
AS 5204	Aquatic Resources Management	2	Elective
AS 5206	Broiler Production	2	Elective
AS 5214	Livestock Health and Hygiene	2	Elective
AS 5222	Wildlife Environment	3	Elective
AS 5251	Advances in Equine Nutrition and Feeding	2	Elective
AS 5252	Animal Quarantine, Welfare and Legislation	1	Elective
AS 5253	Animal Waste Handling and Management	2	Elective
AS 5258	Animal Food Safety	2	Elective
AS 5263	Global Warming and Animal Production	2	Elective
AS 5264	Cell Biology in Animal Science	2	Elective
AS 5297	Field Visits - Animal Science	1	Elective
*ST 5254	Animal Experimentation	2	Elective
EX 5214	Extension for Livestock Production	2	Elective

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Master of Poultry Science and Technology

No. of Credits: 30 Minimum Programme Duration: 3 semesters

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Overview

While livestock is a major component of Agriculture, the The courses of the Master of Poultry Science and poultry industry is the most developed and fastest growing component of the livestock sector in Sri Lanka. With the involvement of the private sector, importation of genetically superior commercial strains, establishment of large scale hatcheries producing high quality day old chicks for farmers, establishment of buy-back systems, improved feeding and management standards, and well developed processing and marketing systems have enabled the poultry sector to develop from backyard poultry keeping to high producing intensive broiler and layer industries. With the expansion of the poultry sector, the demand for knowledge and expertise has been on the rise for all aspects of the industry including improved feeding, health and other management standards, processing and product development, and marketing.

Employment opportunities in poultry related industries such as poultry feed, pharmaceutical and processing industries have also grown along with the expansion of the sector. The other issues related to input and output, such as price fluctuations, animal welfare, consumer protection and Government policy have also become critical to the growth of the poultry industry.

The need assessment surveys have shown that the industry requires highly specialized graduates who are capable of solving issues that requires in-depth knowledge on the subject.

The Master of Poultry Science and Technology programme is designed with the aim of producing a specialized graduate, equipped with the necessary in-depth knowledge and skills, and capable of analysing the complex problems of the poultry sector to produce creative and practically sound solutions and develop innovative procedures to improve overall productivity of the industry and economic growth of the country while enhancing opportunities for career development.

Key features

Technology have been carefully developed to provide a comprehensive coverage on all aspects of Poultry Science and Technology necessary for a graduate to contribute effectively towards the advancement of the poultry sector and to provide a platform for further studies towards M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in Poultry Science or a related field.

Thus it covers the management aspects such as hatchery, layer and parent stock and broiler management, poultry nutrition, genetics and breeding, health and hygiene, poultry processing technology, microbiology, biotechnology, by product technology, welfare and legislation, waste management, laboratory techniques, scientific writing, statistics and several other optional courses. Laboratory practicals have been designed to develop hands on skills on all necessary laboratory procedures and fields visits provide the necessary exposure to management and issues in various large scale poultry operations and processing plants.



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First Semeste	r		
*AS 5102	Comparative Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals	3	Prerequisite
*AS 5103	Introduction to Animal Production	2	Prerequisite
*AS 5104	Principles of Animal Nutrition	2	Prerequisite
AS 5108	Avian Reproduction, Embryology and Hatchery Management	2	Compulsory
AS 5117	Layer and Parent Stock Management	3	Compulsory
AS 5121	Monogastric Nutrition	3	Compulsory
AS 5134	Poultry Meat Processing Technology	1	Compulsory
AS 5135	Egg Technology	1	Compulsory
AS 5198	Directed Study	5	Compulsory
AS 5199	Seminar	1	Compulsory
AS 5115	Laboratory Techniques in Animal Nutrition	2	Elective
AS 5126	Quantitative and Molecular Genetics of Farm Animals	2	Elective
AS 5129	Selection Index and Mixed Model Methodology	3	Elective
AS 5131	Slaughterhouse Planning and Management	2	Elective
AS 5151	Biochemical Genetics and Cytogenetics	2	Elective
AS 5152	Livestock Bio-diversity and Conservation	2	Elective
AS 5197	Proposal Formulation and Scientific Writing	2	Elective
Second Seme	ster	<u>.</u>	
AS 5205	Avian Health and Hygiene	2	Compulsory
AS 5206	Broiler Production	2	Compulsory
AS 5212	Genetics and Breeding of Poultry	2	Compulsory
AS 5298	Industrial Visits - Poultry Science and Technology	1	Compulsory
AS 5202	Animal Biotechnology	3	Elective
AS 5217	Microbiology of Dairy, Meat, Fish and Egg Products	3	Elective
AS 5252	Animal Quarantine, Welfare and Legislation	1	Elective
AS 5253	Animal Waste Handling and Management	2	Elective
AS 5256	Slaughterhouse By-Product Technology	2	Elective
AS 5264	Cell Biology in Animal Science	2	Elective
*ST 5254	Animal Experimentation	2	Elective

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Master of Aquatic Bio-Resources Management and Aquaculture

No. of Credits: 30 **Minimum Programme Duration: 3 Semesters**

Entry Requirements: All applicants must possess a Bachelors degree in Agriculture, Veterinary, Natural Science or an equivalent gualification acceptable to the Senate of the University of Peradeniya. Students holding degrees other than Bachelors degree in Agriculture or Veterinary Science may be required to follow prerequisite courses, on the basis of their qualifications as decided by the Board of Study.

Overview

Sri Lanka is leading the world with solutions to solve the issues, in addition respect to the total aquatic resource to the capabilities developed to area owned by a country (per unit of contribute to the development of the land area). When both inland and marine aquaculture sub sector. aquatic resources are considered, there is an immense potential to develop the Key features Fisheries Sector of Sri Lanka. At present The programme previously known as in the coastal belt. About 2.5% of the courses and those related to Aquatic suitable optional courses depending export earnings come from the Fisheries Resource Management and Fisheries. Sector. The real potential for the export industry including ornamental fish has The basic courses include Anatomy and not yet been tapped. Though there are Physiology of Fish, Genetics and Breedmany, aquatic resources must be managed ing, Fish Morphometrics, Biodiversity, and exploited ensuring sustainability.

This is a difficult task as there are many stakeholders for aquatic resources, including fishermen, farmers, tourists, Govt. Institutions (irrigation, hydro power, etc.) and people of neighbouring villages. Thus, sustainable management of aquatic resources goes beyond the purview of fisheries resource management.

Considering the amount of aquatic resources available in the country, there is an urgent need for specialized graduates who have an in-depth understanding and knowledge on aguaculture, fisheries and aquatic resource management. Therefore, the Master of Aquatic **Bio-resources** Management and Aquaculture (ABRMA) programme was developed to produce specialized graduates who have the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills recognize the complex issues pertaining to management of aquatic resources and to provide effective

the Fisheries Sector provides direct and M.Sc. in Aquaculture was revised and Resources Management and, Marine indirect employment to around 650,000 expanded as Master of ABRMA in Fisheries Management, etc. people and is directly linked with the lives order to suit the need and the demand of approximately 50% of the population of the country. Thus it has the basic The applicants have the choice to select

Statistics and Scientific Writing, etc. Fisheries related courses cover many aspects such as Fisheries Management, Fish Seed Production and Larval Rearing, Ornamental Fisheries Management, Aquaculture based Farming Systems, Fish Processing, Biotechnology, Aquatic

on their inclination towards Fisheries Management or Ornamental Fisheries.

Code	Title	Credits	Option	
First Semester				
*AS 5101	Introduction to Aquaculture and Fisheries	3	Prerequisite	
AS 5105	Anatomy and Physiology of Fish	2	Compulsory	
AS 5113	Fish Systematics and Morphometrics	2	Compulsory	
AS 5116	Laboratory Techniques in Fisheries and Water Quality	2	Compulsory	
AS 5198	Directed Study	5	Compulsory	
AS 5199	Seminar	1	Compulsory	
AS 5106	Aquaculture Based Farming Systems	2	Elective	
AS 5110	Health Management of Fish	2	Elective	
AS 5118	Mariculture	2	Elective	
AS 5126	Quantitative and Molecular Genetics of Farm Animals	2	Elective	
AS 5129	Selection Index and Mixed Model Methodology	3	Elective	
AS 5130	Shrimp Production	3	Elective	
AS 5132	Aquatic Microbiology	1	Elective	
AS 5133	Fish Biotechnology	1	Elective	
AS 5151	Biochemical Genetics and Cytogenetics	2	Elective	
AS 5155	Fisheries Management	3	Elective	
AS 5197	Proposal Formulation and Scientific Writing	2	Elective	

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Second Semester				
AS 5204	Aquatic Resources Management	2	Compulsory	
AS 5210	Fish Population Dynamics	2	Compulsory	
AS 5211	Genetics and Breeding of Fish	2	Compulsory	
AS 5257	Fish Seed Production and Larval Rearing	3	Compulsory	
AS 5209	Fish Feeds and Nutrition	3	Elective	
AS 5215	Marine Fisheries Management	2	Elective	
AS 5217	Microbiology of Dairy, Meat, Fish and Egg Products	2	Elective	
AS 5219	Ornamental Fisheries Management	3	Elective	
AS 5221	Shrimp and Fish Processing	2	Elective	
AS 5252	Animal Quarantine, Welfare and Legislation	1	Elective	
AS 5253	Animal Waste Handling and Management	2	Elective	
AS 5255	Fish Farm Designing, Construction and Management	2	Elective	
AS 5261	Coast Conservation and Management	1	Elective	
AS 5262	Marine Environment Pollution Prevention	1	Elective	
*ST 5254	Animal Experimentation	2	Elective	

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Master of Dairy and Meat Product Technology

Overview

With the recent developments in the livestock sector, particularly in the poultry industry, animal product processing has evolved with several large scale companies pioneering the development. As life styles of modern Sri Lankans become increasingly hectic, the demand for fast foods and easy-tocook preparations have been increasing. The market has been driven to capture specific age groups of consumers, particularly school children.

Thus many attractive animal products have been introduced especially for children in the recent past. Since public safety and health issues are becoming increasingly important, the processing industry needs to adapt to the new life styles of consumers such as with low No. of Credits: 30 Minimum Programme Duration: 3 Semesters

Entry Requirements: All applicants must possess a Bachelors degree in Agriculture, Veterinary, Natural Science or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Senate of the University of Peradeniya. Students holding degrees other than Bachelors degree in Agriculture or Veterinary Science may be required to follow prerequisite courses, on the basis of their qualifications as decided by the Board of Study.

fat milk, less cholestrogenic foods, and functional foods. Meanwhile, value addition seems to be the main alternative in livestock industry where farm gate price of milk, meat, eggs and other products are relatively low to be economically sustainable.

Food hygiene is also a major concern from slaughterhouses to processing plants and retail outlets. Since improved technologies and new products are being introduced continuously to the ever changing market needs, it is essential to have specialized knowledge, training and hands-on skills on all aspects of processing technology.

Thus the programme of the Master of Dairy and Meat Technology was developed as a focused specialization programme which provides much needed exper-tise and capabilities to handle advanced operations and laboratory testing and monitoring procedures in the animal product processing industry, to understand the issues related to the processing industry, to be capable of development of new products and to advance the career opportunities in the field of animal product processing or a related field.

Key features

The Master of Dairy and Meat Product Technology programme has three major components including dairy product technology, meat product technology, and general courses such as animal bio-technology, animal welfare and legisla-tion, food and nutrition, microbiology, genetics, physiology. In addition to and processing, various other aspects such marketing, slaughterhouse as preparation, public safety, food analysis, slaughter-house by-product technology, environ-mental impact assessment are available as optional courses to be followed de-pending on the choice of the student.

The laboratory classes provide the hands-on experience in animal product Field visits provide processing. student much needed the exposure to the leading processing plants and slaughterhouses of the country.

Code	Title	Credits	Option		
First Semester					
*AS 5102	Comparative Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals	3	Prerequisite		
*AS 5103	Introduction to Animal Production	2	Prerequisite		
AS 5109	Dairy Chemistry	2	Compulsory		
AS 5119	Meat Science	2	Compulsory		
AS 5124	Procuring, Processing and Marketing of Fluid Milk	2	Compulsory		
AS 5125	Processing of Dairy Products	2	Compulsory		
AS 5134	Poultry Meat Processing Technology	1	Compulsory		
AS 5198	Directed Study	5	Compulsory		
AS 5199	Seminar	1	Compulsory		
AS 5115	Laboratory Techniques in Animal Nutrition	2	Elective		
AS 5120	Endocrinology of Farm Animals	2	Elective		
AS 5122	Physiology of Lactation	2	Elective		
AS 5126	Quantitative and Molecular Genetics of Farm Animals	2	Elective		
AS 5127	Ruminant Nutrition	3	Elective		
AS 5129	Selection Index and Mixed Model Methodology	3	Elective		
AS 5131	Slaughterhouse Planning and Management	2	Elective		
AS 5151	Biochemical Genetics and Cytogenetics	2	Elective		
AS 5197	Proposal Formulation and Scientific Writing	2	Elective		
AE 5152	Environmental Impact Assessment	2	Elective		
FT 5105	Food Microbiology	2	Elective		
FT 5114	Nutritional and Health Aspects of Food	2	Elective		
FT 5156	Food Regulations and Quality Management Systems	2	Elective		
Second Ser	nester				
AS 5207	Dairy Engineering	2	Compulsory		
AS 5216	Meat Processing Technology	2	Compulsory		
AS 5217	Microbiology of Dairy, Meat, Fish and Egg Products	3	Compulsory		
AS 5256	Slaughter House By-Product Technology	2	Compulsory		
AS 5299	Industrial Visits-Dairy and Meat Product Technology	1	Compulsory		
AS 5201	Advances in Forage Production and Utilization	2	Elective		
AS 5202	Animal Biotechnology	3	Elective		
AS 5213	Livestock Breeding	3	Elective		
AS 5218	Non-Ruminant Animal Production	3	Elective		
AS 5220	Ruminant Livestock Production	3	Elective		
AS 5221	Shrimp and Fish Processing	2	Elective		
AS 5252	Animal Quarantine, Welfare and Legislation	1	Elective		
AS 5258	Animal Food Safety	2	Elective		
AS 5259	Dairy Biotechnology	2	Elective		
AS 5260	Dairy Sanitation and Hygiene	1	Elective		
FT 5201	Food Plant Layout and Operations	1	Elective		
FT 5203	Production and Marketing Operations in Food Manufacturing Organizations	2	Elective		
FT 5223	Food Analysis	3	Elective		
FT 5224	Sensory Evaluation of Foods	1	Elective		
*ST 5254	Animal Experimentation	3	Elective		
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