



FACT SHEET
on
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them to have classroom interactions with their professors, do library research and take the final examinations of the courses they enrolled. Students, however, may communicate with their professors anytime should they have problem related to their course.

TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES

A. Application for Admission Fee	P100.00
B. Scheme A (Annual)	P 200.00/unit
Scheme B (Semester)	P 300.00/unit
C. Miscellaneous	
Deposit*	P 150.00
Library Fee	P 120.00/sem.
Publication	P 100.00/sem.
Medical/Dental Fee	P 100.00/sem.
Registration/Matriculation Fee	P 100.00/sem.
VSU ID*	P 100.00
Education Development Fee	P 150.00
Facilities Improvement Fee	P 100.00
Cultural Fee	P 50.00
Entrance Fee*	P 100.00
D. Other Fees	
Residence Fee	P 350.00
Special Problem Completion	P 350.00
Examination Fee (Compre./Final Exam.)	P10,000.00
Non-Registration Related Fees	
Graduation Fee	P 350.00
Diploma Fee	P 300.00
Alumni Legacy Fund	P 350.00
Fee for change of program or degree	P 25.00

*For new students only

For MAgDev enrollees:

Total: **42 units**

6 units core courses

24 units major courses

9 units minor courses

1 unit graduate seminar

2 units special problem

These fields can also be chosen as minor fields. At present, the additional minor field offered under this program includes Food Science and Technology.

The two schemes discussed below are the options for interested individuals/prospective distance learners.

Scheme A (Annual)

1. Distance learners may take four (4) courses, equivalent to 12 units for the whole year. However, he/she may be allowed to enroll five (5) courses provided he/she has passed the courses taken during the first year and has complied/submitted all the course requirements.
2. Tuition fee is P200.00 per unit and students are required to pay a minimum of P1,000.00 for the fee upon enrolment.
3. The remaining tuition balance shall be paid before taking the final examination. Study guides which will serve as textbooks and reference materials are costed per course and an additional amount is charged for postage and handling. Costs of study guides have to be fully paid plus the postage and handling charges upon enrolment.
4. Enrollees under this scheme are required to report to VSU main campus once a year to attend the two-week summer consultation dialogue. This is the time for the distance learners to personally meet their professors, thresh out problems encountered in the course of their study, submit/comply course requirements, and take the final examination for registered courses. However, students who have any problem regarding the course, may visit/communicate with their professors any time of the year.

Scheme B (Semestral)

1. Distance learners may take four (4) courses equivalent to 12 units every semester of enrolment. However, in cases of failure to perform satisfactorily and/or to comply with the requirements of the courses taken in the previous semester, they shall be allowed to enroll only 1-2 courses to give ample time to complete the said requirements.
2. Tuition fee is P300.00 per unit and the students are required to pay a minimum of P1,000.00 upon enrolment. The remaining tuition balance should be paid before taking the final examinations. Likewise, study guides are costed per course and must be paid in full plus the postage and handling charges upon enrolment.
3. Distance learners under this scheme are required to report to VSU main campus once every semester (last week of the semester). This arrangement will enable

COURSES OFFERED

Core Courses

- AGDE201** Rural Development Theories and Approaches
AGDE202 Problems and Issues in Agricultural and Rural Development

Agricultural Education

- AGED145** Principles and Methods of Teaching Agriculture
AGED212 Curriculum Planning and Development
AGED214 College Teaching
AGED232 Social Challenge and Educational Development
AGED241 Non-formal Education in Agriculture
AGED242 Advanced Administration and Supervision
AGED243 Personnel Administration
AGED245 Current Problems and Issues in Educational Administration
AGED290 Special Problem
AGED291 Special Topics
AGED299 Graduate Seminar
ADED211 Advanced Educational Psychology
ADED213 Modern Theories and Principles in Education
ADED244 Economics of Education

Plant Protection

- PPRT21** Principles of Plant Protection
PPRT111 General Plant Pathology
PPRT198 Research Planning and Manuscript Preparation
PPRT206 Integrated Pest Management
PPRT284 Biological Transmission of Plant Pathogens

Food Science & Technology

- FTec163** Sensory Evaluation of Food
FTEC234 Food-Borne Infection and Intoxication
FTEC251 Advanced Meat and Poultry Processing

Agricultural Extension

- AGEX132** Principles of Agricultural Extension and Communication
AGEX215 Rural Social Systems
AGEX216 Farmer Education Programs in Agriculture
AGEX217 Teaching Farmers Classes in Agriculture
AGEX218 Extension Strategies for Rural Development
AGEX233 Communication in Extension Education
AGEX234 Para-Professionals in Adult Education
AGEX244 Evaluation in Adult Education
AGEX246 Leadership and Organization
AGEX247 Planning and Administering Extension Programs
ADED222 Social Science Research
STAT221 Social Science Statistics
AGEX290 Special Problem
AGEX299 Graduate Seminar

Agricultural Economics

- Econ 213** Price and Allocation Theory
Econ 214 National Income and Employment
AGEC122 Cooperative
AGEC144 Marketing of Agricultural Products
AGEC210 Resource Utilization and Farm Business
AGEC221 Advanced Farm Management
AGEC222 Agricultural Production Economics
AGEC231 Project Feasibility Studies
AGEC235 Agricultural Resource Economics
AGEC241 Agricultural Prices
AGEC244 Economics of Agricultural Marketing
AGEC 291 Special Topics
AGEC299 Graduate Seminar
AGEC290 Special Problem

COURSES OFFERED

Development Communication

DEVC205	Communication Theory
DEVC210	Communication and Development
DEV212	Educational Communication
DEV214	Organization Communication and Communication Networks
DEVC218	Development Communication and Culture
DEVC222	Development Broadcasting
DEVC235	Science Communication
DEVC242	Knowledge Management
DEVC245	Communication for Distance Education
DEVC290	Special Problem
DEVC291	Special Topics
DEVC297	Development Communication Research
DEVC299	Graduate Seminar

Agronomy

AGRO122	Farming Systems
AGRO141	Cropping Systems
AGRO143	Forage and Pasture Crops
AGRO212	Field Crop Production and Management
AGRO213	Manuring of Field Crops
AGRO214	Physiological Aspect of Crop Production
AGRO215	Applied Field Crop Physiology
AGRO220	Root Crops
AGRO241	Advanced Cropping Systems
AGRO242	Advanced Legumes Production
AGRO243	Advanced Forage and Pasture Management Utilization
AGRO244	Advanced Cereal Production
AGRO291	Special Topics
AGRO290	Special Problem
AGRO299	Graduate Seminar
SOIL23	Soil Fertility and Fertilizer
SOIL211	Advanced Soil Fertility

Animal Production

ANSC210	Poultry Production and Management
ANSC220	Swine Production and Management
ANSC212	Advanced Swine Production
ANSC221	Advanced Poultry Production
ANSC230	Ruminant Production and Management
ANSC231	Advanced Ruminant Production
ANSC242	Non-Ruminant Nutrition
ANSC243	Ruminant Nutrition
ANSC245	Pasture and Forage Utilization
ANSC251	Advanced Animal Breeding
ANSC252	Reproductive Physiology of Farm Animals
ANSC253	Endocrinology
ANSC254	Artificial Insemination in Farm Animals
ANSC290	Special Problem
ANSC291	Special Topics
ANSC298	Statistical Methods in Animal Science Research
ANSC299	Graduate Seminar

Language Teaching

LTNG205	Related Activities in Language Teaching
LTNG207	Introductory Linguistics
LTNG209	Second Language Teaching Approaches and Methodologies
LTNG211	Teaching Literature
LTNG212	Techniques in Advanced Composition
LTNG214	Teaching Reading
LTNG216	Teaching Speech Communication
LTNG218	Sociolinguistics
LTNG221	Language Testing
LTNG223	English for Specific Purposes
LTNG225	Psycholinguistics
LTNG227	Instructional Materials Development for Specific Academic Needs
LTNG290	Special Problem
LTNG291	Special Topics
LTNG299	Graduate Seminar

GRADUATE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Graduate distance education program is an innovative learning scheme designed to enable individuals to pursue graduate studies despite barriers that result from geographical isolation, personal or work commitments or conventional course structures. The VSU Open University/Online Programs Office administers/facilitates the implementation of this program.

The courses required for this program and those taken by on-campus students are essentially the same in contents. They are offered by the different academic departments/Colleges of the Visayas State University. However, traditional and distance education differ in the the method of delivering instruction. Distance education is a mode of educational delivery whereby the teacher and learner are separated in time and space such that designed materials and methods are used for instruction.

How is the distance education program carried out?

1. Study guides/coursewares for each course are prepared by the professor and sent (email) to the distance learners on scheduled postings.
2. The core subject matter for each course is contained in the study guide. The professor may supplement it with explanatory notes, reprints of relevant literatures and additional reading assignments.
3. Regular assignments and exercises are prepared, checked and returned by the course professors with comments to assist the distance learners. In some courses, relevant practical/laboratory work may be necessary and/or required. This may be conducted either on-campus during the summer consultation dialogue (Scheme A) or at home during the rest of the year.
4. Distance learners will be provided with the contact details of the course controllers after registration.
5. Distance learners and on-campus graduate students take the same final examinations for prescribed courses.

Degree Programs Offered

The Open University (OU)/Online Programs Office offers Master of Agricultural Development (MAGDev), a non-thesis degree program with the following major fields of specialization:

Agricultural Education
Agricultural Extension
Agricultural Economics
Agronomy

Animal Production
Development Communication
Language Teaching

Entomology
Plant Pathology
Plant Protection