

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Programme Justification

Livestock is a major component of Uganda's natural resources, contributing significantly to rural development. Following decentralization of political powers (planning, financial and legislature) in the 1997 Local government act, districts took on the enormous job of managing and planning for their resources. Through the I@mak.com program for capacity building for decentralization, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in conjunction with the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Department of Animal Science, conducted studies and intensive workshops in the districts and came out with the following results:

1. District personnel lacked adequate capacity to formulate and implement development policies for rational and sustainable livestock production and utilizations.
2. Planning, managerial and entrepreneurial skills, as well as clear understanding of the production systems and development process were lacking.
3. Workshop participants recommended, that courses tailored to address knowledge gaps of the district personnel and enable them cope with the ever changing development demands be developed for all categories of district cadres.
4. It was also noted, that the available postgraduate programmes in Animal Health and Production are highly technical, and that a postgraduate programme to equip technocrats in the planning and management of livestock development was lacking.

Therefore, the Masters in Livestock Development Planning and Management (MLDM) was developed to address the aspirations of the stakeholders.

Curriculum Objectives

The overall objective of the programme is to strengthen capacity in livestock development in (decentralized systems for) Uganda and elsewhere in Africa. The specific objective is to produce an effective cadre of livestock

development planners and managers. Graduates will also be able to conduct demand driven research in the animal industry.

Duration of Programme

The MLDM programme shall normally be tenable in two years. Each year shall consist of two semesters and a recess semester. There will be course work during the first year, and research and a thesis in the second year.

Types of Courses

Year I

Year One: Semester I: All five core courses are compulsory. A candidate can choose any 2 out of the three elective course.

Year One: Semester II: All five core courses are compulsory. A candidate can choose any 2 of the three elective.

Year Two:

Semester I & II Research and thesis

Programme Structure

Year I: Semester I (Core Courses Only)		CU
LDM 7100	Livestock and Community Development in the Global Ecosystem	3
LDM 7101	Livestock Production Systems	3
LDM 7102	Diseases and Bioclimatology in Livestock Production	3
LDM 7103	Research and Extension Methodology	3
LDM 7104	Feed Resource Planning and Management	3
Electives		
LDM 7105	Rural Sociology Culture and Gender	2
LDM 7106	Human Nutrition Public Health & Livestock	2
LDM 7107	Livestock Information Management Systems	2
Total Credit Units		19
Semester Two (Core Course)		
LDM 7200	Planning and Management of Animal Health Services	3