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FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE



Induction Session 2024-2025

Friday 12 July 2024



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Faculty of Agriculture

Induction Week 2024-2025, 12th July 2024

Dean and HoDs' Messages



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Established in 1914, the Faculty of Agriculture is a prominent institution for education and research in agriculture, food science, and associated fields. The mission of the Faculty of Agriculture is to cultivate skilled professionals and to provide the labour force required to address the challenges with respect to food security and climate change locally and globally. By equipping them with technical knowledge, practical abilities, and a focus on sustainability, the Faculty aims to address global issues including hunger and inequality, aligning with UN SDGs 2030 agenda such as Zero Hunger, Good Health and Wellbeing, Climate Action.

In addition, the Faculty provides short, tailor-made training courses for specific stakeholders as well as a range of undergraduate and post-graduate programs of studies towards human capacity development, re-skilling of the workforce and promotion of science, technology and innovation in the country. In addition, the programmes also lay emphasis on various elements such as entrepreneurship, leadership, and innovation, the key areas of modern-day interest - as well as the inculcation of soft skills. For the academic year 2024/2025, the Faculty is offering several programmes – BSc (Hons) Biotechnology with 6- months' internship, BSc (Hons) Food Science & Technology with 6-months internship, BSc (Hons) Agricultural Science & Technology with 6-months internship and MSc Agronomy. These programs aspire to convert our

students' educational experience through multidisciplinary and experiential learning that have real world relevance.

We ensure the high standard and quality of our degrees through a system of moderation by External Examiners from Universities in UK, Australia, India, South Africa and Malaysia among others. All our programs include an element of industrial/work-based placement where a student undertakes a period of training with an organisation and prepares the student for a professional career. From the hands-on training, the student learns about the skill set required as well as the exigencies of the world of work and work ethics. The industry exposure is also a great opportunity to engage in the profession in which they aspire to grow, to appreciate and understand the practical application of their academic program, to work with professional mentors and to begin to build networks within their profession.

The Faculty has always been proud of its students and alumni, many of whom today occupy key positions in Government, parastatal bodies, private sector, and even in regional and international agencies. The friendships nourished during their special time as students of the Faculty of Agriculture create a life-long sense of belonging amongst our alumni, who continue to contribute in numerous ways to their beloved alma mater. We encourage all our students to develop their individuality, their critical analytical and creative thinking abilities.

We urge all new students to familiarize themselves with the University regulations on the website and from your Students Union. Pay close attention to student conduct, academic integrity (including plagiarism), and important deadlines. As you may know, we are living in an era of artificial intelligence (AI), where technology is transforming every aspect of our lives, including education. AI is transforming education and can be a powerful learning tool when used responsibly. However, it can also be misused for plagiarism. Remember, education equips you with skills and knowledge, not just good grades. Use AI ethically to enhance your learning, not replace your own effort. Explore its potential for research but avoid plagiarism and cheating. We are increasingly using a blended mode of Teaching & Learning including the use of web platforms for our teaching, assessment and communication thereby ensuring swift exchange of information.

You have much more freedom than before, but with freedom come responsibility. Learn to manage your time, your work and your resources, so that you can live your campus life to the fullest, with a good balance of studies, extra-curricular activities, interactions with your peers and University staff, and your social life.

We wish you a rewarding and highly memorable time at the University of Mauritius.

INDUCTION PROGRAMME

Morning Session

Venue: Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium

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09.30 – 09.35	Welcome Address by Administrative Officer <i>Miss M Auckbarally</i> Master of Ceremony
09.35 – 09.40	Video - Welcome address by Vice-Chancellor <i>Prof (Dr) S K Sobhee</i>
09.40 – 09.45	Welcome Message by Dean, Faculty of Agriculture <i>Assoc Prof (Dr) J Govinden Soulangé</i>
09.45 – 09.50	Address by President, Students' Union <i>Mr A D Kirpal</i>
09.50 – 09.55	Address by Faculty Student Representative – FoA <i>Miss T Kalloo</i>
09.55 – 10.05	Presentation by Acting Manager Safety and Health <i>Mrs S Dowlol</i>
10.05 – 10.15	Presentation on New Students' E-kit by Administrative Officer <i>Miss M Auckbarally</i>
10.15 – 10.25	Introduction to University Learning (Video/Power Presentation)- CILL
10.25-10.45	Break-Distribution of Induction Packs, sponsored items, bus pass, Student ID cards in meeting room with PC

10.45– 11.15

Address by Programme Coordinators, Introduction to Programme of Study, Accessing Rules and Regulations and stressing their importance, highlight important dates in academic calendar, inform students about student welfare services, answer queries, AoB

Programme of Studies	Programme Coordinator	Extension	Venue
BSc (Hons) Agricultural Science and Technology (6-months internship)	Assoc Prof (Dr) B Ramasawmy Molaye	7653	Rm 3.1 (FoA)
BSc (Hons) Biotechnology (6-months internship)	Assoc Prof D Puchooa	7665	Rm 3.2 (FoA)
BSc (Hons) Food Science Technology (6-months internship)	Prof S Facknath	7673	Rm 3.3 (FoA)

11.15-11.55: Student Union Activities, Interactive sessions with Student Union representatives, Faculty Student Orientation Leaders, UoM Clubs.

11.55-12.05: Distribution of Snacks packs in POWA Foyer for morning session students.

12.05-12.35: Lunch Break for Morning Session

12.35-13.20: Guided Campus Tour by Faculty Student Orientation Leaders

- Faculty Registry/Administrative Officer's Office
- Lecture Rooms and Laboratories
- Library
- Campus Numérique (former AUF)
- CITS
- Doctoral School
- Confucius Institute

- Student Facilities
 - Photocopy Facilities
 - Canteens
 - Raised Plaza
 - First Aid Posts
 - Students' Union & Students' Centre
 - Sports Facilities
 - Gymnasium
 - Public Relations Office
 - Banks

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Students' Union

Students' Centre

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