

1. Background

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU) was established by transforming the then Institute of Postgraduate Studies in Agriculture (IPSA) in 1998 with the promulgation of an act (Act No. 1, 1998) by the parliament of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. IPSA started offering graduate degree program in different fields of Agriculture in 1991. Initially IPSA was under the administrative control of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) and academically affiliated to Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU). Subsequently IPSA became completely autonomous in 1994 with the promulgation of an ordinance (Ordinance No. 3, 1994) followed by an act (Act No. 1, 1994) passed by the parliament of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The graduate program of the institute was merged as the Faculty of Graduate Studies after transforming into university. The Faculty of Graduate Studies offers MS and PhD degree in different specialized disciplines of Agriculture. The Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies is the academic head of the faculty and co-ordinates the academic activities of the University at graduate level. The Dean is assisted by an Additional Registrar for academic affairs and an Additional Controller for examination affairs.

2. Vision, Mission and Objectives of Graduate Studies Faculty

Vision: Fostering quality education, research and outreach activities in agricultural sciences to develop highly skilled and educated human resources.

Mission: Contributing to society through the pursuit of life-enriching knowledge in agricultural education, research and innovation for sustainable development.

Objectives:

- To serve as a "Center of Excellence" for postgraduate studies and research in agricultural sciences.
- To provide postgraduate agricultural education consistent with international standard through well designed academic programs and to nurture interest in moral, ethical and cultural values.
- To conduct basic and applied research for generating appropriate and sustainable eco-friendly technologies in different fields of agricultural sciences.

- To provide policy support focusing on local and national issues with emphasis on safe food and nutrition security of the country.

3. Academic System of BSMRAU

North American course credit system is followed at BSMRAU. Each academic year consists of Summer, Autumn and Winter terms having equal duration of 12 weeks. Each term consists of regular class works, assignments, unnoticed quiz, midterm and final examinations and these are distributed evenly throughout the term. The system has built in flexibility and rigidity of handling.

4. Admission Requirements

- Candidates for admission to MS program must have a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural discipline or DVM from BSMRAU or an equivalent degree from other recognized universities of the country or abroad. For PhD program, candidates must have a Master of Science degree from BSMRAU or an equivalent degree from a recognized national and foreign universities or institutions.
- In-service candidates must submit necessary clearance and study leave or deputation for the duration of MS & PhD programs from his/her employer within the first term of admission.

5. Enrollment Fee

(i) Fee for Bangladeshi Students

The enrolment fee for graduate program varies from time to time depending on the decision of academic council and syndicate. Students' tuition fee is also calculated as per credit basis. However, current fees required at the time of admission are as follows:

- For MS program : 14,720/- Taka only
- For PhD Program: 46,720/-Taka only

This amount is calculated when the students enroll for 9 credit hours. However, admission fees cannot be waived or deferred, and are non-refundable.

(ii) Fee for Foreign Students

At admission time foreign students have to pay the same amount of taka as that of Bangladeshi students. For a foreign student, the amount of admission fees, tuition fees, dormitory fees, research cost and other relevant costs may be changed from time to time as decided by the university authority.

6. Degree Offering/Supporting Departments and Unit

Name of department	Program	
	MS	PhD
1. Agricultural Economics (AEC)	✓	✓
2. Agricultural Extension & Rural Development (AER)	✓	✓
3. Agroforestry & Environment (AFE)	✓	✓
4. Agricultural Engineering (AGE)	✓	×
5. Agro-Processing (AGP)	✓	×
6. Agronomy (AGR)	✓	✓
7. Aquaculture (AQC)	✓	×
8. Animal Science & Nutrition (ASN)	✓	×
9. Biotechnology (BTL)	✓	✓
10. Crop Botany (CBT)	✓	✓
11. Dairy & Poultry Science (DPS)	✓	×
12. Environmental Science (ENS)	✓	×
13. Entomology (ENT)	✓	✓
14. Fisheries Biology & Aquatic Environment (FBE)	✓	×
15. Fisheries Technology (FIT)	✓	×
16. Fisheries Management (FMG)	✓	×
17. Genetics & Fish Breeding (GFB)	✓	×
18. Gynecology, Obstetrics & Reproductive Health (GOR)	✓	×
19. Genetics & Plant Breeding (GPB)	✓	✓
20. Horticulture (HRT)	✓	✓
21. Pathobiology (PBL)	✓	×
22. Plant Pathology (PLP)	✓	✓
23. Soil Science (SSC)	✓	✓
24. Seed Science & Technology (SST)- unit	✓	✓
25. Computer Science & Information Technology (CST)	×	×
26. Statistics (STT)	×	×
Total	24	12

7. Academic Term

Term	Duration
Summer	March – June
Autumn	July – October
Winter	November - February

8. Duration of Program

MS	PhD
Generally 5 (five) terms. However, the degree must be completed within 9 (nine) terms from the commencement of the first term of admission	Generally 9 (nine) terms. However, the degree must be completed within 15 (fifteen) terms from the commencement of the first term of admission

9. Minimum Credit Requirement

Program	Major (cr.hrs.)	Minor (cr.hrs.)	Seminar (cr.hrs.)	Research (cr.hrs.)	Total (cr.hrs.)
MS	18	12	01	12	43
PhD	27	18	02	30	77

10. Major Activity Schedule in Each Term

Major Academic Activities	MS Program	PhD program
Major Professor selection	Within 1 st Term	Within 1 st Term
Advisory committee formation (with Form A-5)	Within 1 st Term	Within 1 st Term
Submission of program of study (with Form A-8 to A-10)	Within 2 nd Term	-
Qualifying exam (for PhD)	-	Within 2 nd Term
Submission of program of study/ dissertation research proposal (with Form A-9 & A-10)	-	Within 2 nd Term
Adding/Dropping of courses (if required; with Form A-4(1) & A-4(2) (not for new students))	Up to 2 nd week of each term	Up to 2 nd week of each term
Application for merit scholarship/ general stipend (with Form A-18 & A-19)	3 rd week of each term	3 rd week of each term
Application for graduation	Up to 3 rd week of each term	Up to 3 rd week of each term
Submission of draft thesis	Up to 4 th week of each term	Up to 4 th week of each term
Withdrawal of courses/term (If required)	Within 42 days after beginning of the term	Within 42 days after beginning of the term
Thesis/Dissertation defense deadline	Up to 6 th week of each term	Up to 6 th week of each term
Preliminary oral (for PhD)	-	After Completing 75% of course works
Submission of final copy of thesis/dissertation	Up to 11 th week of each term	Up to 11 th week of each term
No examination week	11 th week of term	11 th week of term
Course enrollment for next term	11 th week of term	11 th week of term
Course enrollment for next term with late fee	12 th week of term	12 th week of term
Term final examination	12 th week of term	12 th week of term

11. Course Examination

There shall be two midterm examinations and three quiz tests before 11th week of the term, and a final examination will be held during 12th week of the term.

12. Grading System

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Grade Point
80% and above	A+ (A Plus)	4.000
75% to less than 80%	A (A Regular)	3.750
70% to less than 75%	A- (A Minus)	3.500
65% to less than 70%	B+ (B Plus)	3.250
60% to less than 65%	B (B Regular)	3.000
55% to less than 60%	B- (B Minus)	2.750
50% to less than 55%	C+ (C Plus)	2.500
45% to less than 50%	C (C Regular)	2.250
40% to less than 45%	D	2.000
Less than 40%	F	0.000

Students' grade point average (GPA) is computed by using the following formula-

$$GPA = \frac{\sum(\text{Grade Points} \times \text{Credits})}{\sum \text{Credits}}$$

13. Academic Deficiencies

A student achieving GPA below 3.000 will be placed on probation. A student with probationary status must raise his/her GPA to 3.000 within two subsequent terms after receiving such lower GPA. If he/she fails to raise GPA to 3.000 or above within the stipulated period, his/her admission will be automatically cancelled. Students who have been suspended or expelled because of academic deficiencies or serious breach of discipline will be denied of all the privileges of the university and readmission.

14. Cancellation of Admission

The admission of a student shall automatically be cancelled if he/she fails to:

- attend the classes within first 14 (fourteen) days of the term of admission;
- complete the first term of admission with minimum 9 (nine) credits of course work;
- enroll course in any term for absence without prior approval of the Dean;
- pass the final oral and defense examination;
- comply with the regulations of the University;
- maintain a minimum GPA of 3.000 for three consecutive terms and
- complete the MS degree within 12 (twelve) terms (4 years) including 3 (three) terms extension, and readmission and PhD degree within 18 (eighteen) terms (6 years) including 3 (three) terms extension and readmission.

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