



**College of Agriculture and Food Science**  
Department of Agronomy

**I. TITLE: PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
AGRONOMY PROGRAM AT THE VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-MAIN  
CAMPUS BASED ON CMO 15 SERIES 2019**

**II. RATIONALE**

As one of the premier agricultural universities in the country, the Visayas State University (VSU) has been entrusted with the responsibility of providing leadership in instruction, research, extension, and innovation in agriculture not only in the Visayas and the entire country but internationally as well. As such, the Department of Agronomy, as one of the departments of VSU, has been offering and producing numerous graduates under the Master of Science (MS) in Agronomy program to address the human resource needs of the different government and private agencies, research institutions, non-government organizations nationwide and worldwide. However, there is a need to revise our curriculum based on the CMO 15 series of 2019 to include the cultivation of a culture of research and innovation in MS Agronomy.

To enhance the existing degree program, the number of units needs to be reduced from 37 to 31. This will give the students enough time to conduct research and write at least one publication in a refereed journal, which is one important requirement for finishing the MS Agronomy degree. In addition, the department's faculty profile has been updated to reflect its current strength.

**III. OBJECTIVES**

**A. General Objectives**

To comply with the Policies, Standards, and Guidelines for Graduate Programs (CMO 15 series 2019).

**B. Specific Objectives**

1. To reduce the total number of units from 37 to 31.
2. To give enough time for the students to conduct research and write at least one publication in a refereed journal



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