



I. TITLE: PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE APPROVED DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN AGRONOMY PROGRAM AT THE VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU) MAIN CAMPUS

II. RATIONALE

The Department of Agronomy approved the implementation of the Doctor of Philosophy in Agronomy program effective 2nd Semester SY 2023-24 after the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) granted it a Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) with Certificate No. 057 series 2023 on September 11, 2023.

In order to comply with the CHED CMO 15 series 2019 on the Policies, Standards, and Guidelines for Graduate Programs, particularly on the number of required course units, hence, this proposed revision of the PhD Agronomy program.

The revised program will require a total of 39 units, which is nine (9) units lower than the original approved program, which required 48 units. In addition, the department's faculty profile has been updated to reflect its current faculty strength.

III. OBJECTIVES

In general, the offering of a Ph.D. program aims to strengthen its focus on impact programs and projects for the promotion of relevant instruction, meaningful research, and effective transmission of useful knowledge in the communities, especially in the Visayas region. In operational terms, the Department of Agronomy aims to accomplish the following specific objectives, to wit:

1. To develop the competence of the present and prospective teachers and lecturers in Agronomy in the academic institutions in the Visayas and other regions of the country.
2. To strengthen the research and development capability of personnel at different levels in various agricultural institutions and agencies in Visayas and other regions.
3. To contribute to the development of the graduate education program at VSU as the Center of Excellence for Agriculture.

IV. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. Admission Requirements

1. Regular admission will be given to holders of Master of Science in Agronomy and related fields with a GPA of 1.75 or better.

