

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

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I. TITLE: PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS OF THE VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY- MAIN CAMPUS

II. RATIONALE

The evolving landscape of agricultural economics and its intersection with modern market dynamics necessitates a revision of our Master of Science in Agricultural Economics program. To remain competitive and align with market demands, the program must produce graduates who possess not only theoretical knowledge but also practical skills that are highly valued in both public and private sectors.

Key Considerations:

- Industry Demand for Competent Economists: There is an increasing demand for professionals who can analyze complex economic scenarios, craft policies, and drive agricultural innovations. Employers seek graduates who can seamlessly integrate economics with contemporary agricultural challenges such as food security, sustainability, and global trade.
- Bridging Knowledge Gaps: Many prospective graduate students, particularly those
 with minimal economics background, may struggle with the rigorous demands of
 agricultural economics at the master's level. To address this, the program revision will



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