

Concept Note

THE 3+1 PROGRAMME FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE (B.Sc. AGRI)

The intention to start an International Centre at College of Agriculture, Baramati, aiming to build bridges between Indian and Dutch Research, Education and private sectors. One of the elements of cooperation is intended to be an educational exchange programme at undergraduate level called 3+1 concept. The concept has a full competence based educational approach and it includes intensive exposure to the international labor market by means of practical internship and the thesis in the work field. This programme is approved by Mahatma Phule Agriculture University, MS, India.

In this special programme students will follow the first three years curriculum which is designed by the MPKV University at College of Agriculture, Baramati. Van Hall Larenstein (VHL) will support these three years with assignments, guest lectures and staff training. Students of this programme will do extra placements in the professional field in India, related to the specialization; they want to choose in their study period. At the end of third year, again VHL will select the students for last year study programme (Final Phase programme) and admit them to the final phase programme at VHL. Students will do their specialization and thesis assignments, which they can do at research institutes or companies in the Netherlands. This allows students to develop their personal networks that they can use after graduation to pursue further education or to find jobs.

This programme is designed for students who wish to work for the (Indian) Government or in NonGovernmental organizations. There is possibility for students to do their Masters programme in India or abroad. After successful completion of 4 years students will receive the B.Sc. in Agriculture Degree from Mahatma Phule Agriculture University (MPKV) Rahuri, India and the Certificate from VHL, the Netherlands.