



# Master of Science in Biology Viva-voce Examination

Faculty of Agriculture, Engineering and Natural Sciences

School of Science

Department of Environmental Science

**Title: Short-term effects of bush control methods, thinning intensity and dominant encroacher species on plant species composition and diversity in selected Namibian rangelands.**

**Candidate: Ms. Wayne Mutirwara**

**Date: 24 September 2026**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**Venue: Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/92541374550?pwd=U6GcIS4U0Tv0ptfmM8AP41opfqw7TB.1>**

**Meeting chat link**

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**Meeting ID: 925 4137 4550**

**Passcode: PD20344**

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome, introduction of VIVA VOCE Panel members and explanation of VIVA VOCE rules by the Chairperson of the Panel.

09:05 – 09:55 Presentation of thesis by student **Ms. Wayne Mutirwara**

09:55 – 10:30 Questions and answers on the thesis and the presentation.

10:30 – 10:50 VIVA VOCE Panel members deliberate on the outcome of the examination, fill in a VIVA VOCE results form.

10:50 Announcement of examination results.

About Viva Voce Examinations In addition to writing a thesis or dissertation, postgraduate students who are registered for Master's or Doctoral by Thesis or Dissertation only, shall appear for a viva voce examination (an oral examination). This examination normally occurs after the dissertation is finished but before it is submitted to the university and may comprise a presentation (often public) by the student and questions posed by a panel of specialists on the subject. The public can attend and is permitted to ask questions. Purpose – a viva voce examination is to: confirm that the thesis is a student's own work; confirm that the student understands what they have written; investigate the student's awareness of where their original work sits in relation to the wider research field, and provide a developmental opportunity for considering future publication and research options.