



University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Agricultural Education - MS

Program Description



The online Agricultural Education Master of Science program is for students who have completed the requirements of a four-year curriculum in agricultural education or allied fields of study. Areas of concentration include program planning, curriculum development, teaching methodologies, instructional technologies and youth development. Students in the program complete course work in both education and agriculture for professional development to enhance best practices as a current educator or become community college instructors of agriculture programs, extension agents, or other related work areas

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the Masters of Science program in Agricultural Education, students must meet the following requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution (the program is not restricted to students with particular backgrounds or degrees)
- A minimum 3.0 GPA on all undergraduate coursework (a person with a GPA lower than 3.0 may still be considered in certain circumstances)
- GRE test scores for the on-campus Graduate Program are required, but are optional for our online program

After admission into the graduate program, students interested in teacher certification should complete the Request for Graduate Student Audit from the Council on Teacher Education (CoTE) to determine the specific course requirements for certification. State of Illinois certification requirements include a minimum of 2,000 hours of employment experience in agriculture. Graduate level teacher certification students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or above to remain in good standing. Students enrolled in this concentration cannot receive a grade lower than a "C" in any of the required teacher certification courses. Other helpful information can be found on the website for teacher certification required courses and licensure requirements.

Degree Requirements

The program requires the student to complete 32 credit hours of graduate courses. While specific course patterns may be developed to meet individual needs with the help of the advisor, a general recommended set of course options include the following:

Agricultural Education Foundations (6 credits)

- AGED 400 – Foundations in Agriculture and Extension Education
- AGED 420 – Curriculum Design and Instruction

Instruction Methods and Design (4 credits)

- AGED 430 – Youth Development Programs - OR -
- AGED 490 – Adult Learning Principles

Educational Research (8 credits)

- AGED 545 - Research Methods and Design
- AGED 549 – Independent Study (Final Project) or AGED 599 – Thesis

Agricultural Education Electives (2-4 credits)

- AGED 480 – Collaborative Leadership
- AGED 500 - CASE Institute (hosted by Pontiac High School)
- AGED 500 – Special Topics in Agricultural Education
- AGED 540 – Volunteer Management
- AGED 550 – Advanced Program Delivery
- AGED 551 – Advanced Program Evaluation

Technical Subject Matter (12 credits)

Electives in agriculture, education, or other fields. Students may complete up to 4 additional credits in agricultural education. Participation in a Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Institute may count towards Technical Subject Matter credit, upon advisor approval. (Use the AGED 500 course code for CASE Institutes.)

500-level course credit

To earn a graduate degree at the University of Illinois, students must complete 12 credits of 500-level coursework. This coursework can be also used to fulfill other degree requirements.

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