

AGRONOMY, MS

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Admissions to the Agronomy MS will be suspended as of fall 2026 and will be discontinued as of fall 2029. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

Students interested in the Agronomy MS may want to consider the Plant Science and Technology MS, a new program as of Fall 2025. This new program replaces the Agronomy MS. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	September 1
Summer Deadline	December 1
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

Students considering graduate study in Agronomy should make inquiries to the graduate program several months before the desired enrollment date. In addition to the online application, the graduate program requires a statement of purpose, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation with two being from academic sources.

Candidates for research and teaching assistantships can be accepted twice a year, at summer/fall and spring admissions.

REQUIRED PREPARATION

Candidates for graduate study should have a bachelor's degree in agriculture or in the biological, chemical, or physical sciences. The applicant's academic preparation should include the preparatory coursework listed below. Candidates admitted to the program who have not completed this coursework will be expected to complete it while

enrolled in the MS program. Requests for deviations can be made to the graduate studies committee in consultation with the candidate's advisor. Courses taken during the MS program to meet the preparatory coursework requirement do not count towards the 50% graduate coursework minimum.

Preparatory Courses

Code	Title	Credits
	1 year of general chemistry with labs	
	1 semester of organic chemistry with lab	
	4 semesters of biology distributed among three of the following four areas:	
	biochemistry	
	genetics	
	plant morphology, anatomy, or physiology	
	taxonomy, evolution, or ecology.	