

AGRONOMY, PHD

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Admissions to the Agronomy PhD will be suspended as of fall 2026 and will be discontinued as of fall 2032. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

Students interested in the Agronomy PhD may want to consider the Plant Science and Technology PhD, a new program as of Fall 2025. This new program replaces the Agronomy PhD. 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

Candidates for graduate study should have a bachelor's degree in agriculture or in the biological, chemical, or physical sciences. 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 from academic sources.

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

Applicants are required to have taken the following coursework to pursue a PhD in Agronomy. At the graduate program's discretion, students may be admitted with deficiencies. These deficiencies are expected to be completed within the first semester of study.

PREPARATORY COURSEWORK

- 1 year general chemistry with labs
- 1 semester organic chemistry with labs
- 1 semester physics
- 1 semester calculus
- 1 semester statistics
- 4 semesters of biology distributed among three of the following four areas: biochemistry; genetics; plant morphology, anatomy or physiology; and taxonomy, evolution, or ecology.