AGRONOMY, DOCTORAL MINOR

Students enrolled in other Ph.D. programs may pursue a doctoral minor in agronomy. Students with interest in gaining training in crop production and management, weed science, agroecosystems, molecular biology, plant physiology and biochemistry or plant breeding to supplement their primary disciplinary program may consider an Option A minor in agronomy.

REQUIREMENTS

Graduate students who wish to pursue a doctoral minor in agronomy must have an agronomy faculty member serve as the minor professor on their research committees (oral preliminary exam committee and final exam committee).

Courses are chosen in conjunction with the minor professor and the committee to provide relevant breadth in the student’s training. A student may earn a doctoral minor in agronomy with 9 credits in exclusively graduate-level agronomy courses (courses numbered 700 and above, or between 300 and 699 marked with the graduate attribute in the Course Guide).

Alternatively, up to 3 graduate-level credits of plant, ecology, or environment-related coursework from other departments could be included in the 9-credit total.

At least 1 credit (and up to 2 credits) must be AGRONOMY 920 Seminar. The proposed course plan to satisfy Option A minor must be approved by the Department of Agronomy Graduate Studies Committee.

PEOPLE

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For full descriptions of each faculty’s research interests, see their individual pages on the Agronomy website (http://www.agronomy.wisc.edu).