AGROECOLOGY, M.S.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

**Requirement Detail**

- **Minimum Credit Requirement:** 34 credits
- **Minimum Residence Credit Requirement:** 16 credits
- **Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement:** 23 out of 34 total credits must be completed in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (https://public.my.wisc.edu/web/expanded/). Please refer to Agroecology Learning Plans.
- **Overall Graduate GPA Requirement:** 3.00 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements:

- Students must earn a B or above in all core curriculum coursework.

Assessments and Examinations:

- The research track requires a formal thesis and public defense; the public practice track requires a comprehensive report and public presentation.

Language Requirements:

- No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

**Research Track**

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**Cross Training Electives**

Students will select courses to fulfill their cross-training electives in the categories below. Per Graduate School requirements, at least 5 of the 12 cross training electives must be from UW-Madison at the 700 level or above OR from UW-Madison courses in the 300–699 range that have the "graduate attribute." By time of graduation, the student will have taken courses in:

**Ecology**

- **BOTANY/F&W ECOL/ZOOLOGY 460** General Ecology
- **ENVIR ST 506** Modeling and Analysis of Environmental Systems
- **AGRONDONY/BOTANY/SOIL SCI 370** Grassland Ecology

**Social Science**

- **C&E SOC or A A E courses on food systems, agricultural technology, the agricultural environment, or agricultural policy**

**Data Analysis**

- **Graduate-level GIS, statistics, or qualitative methods course**

**Agricultural Science**

- **AGRONDONY 300 Cropping Systems**
- **SOIL SCI 301 General Soil Science**

**Research and Thesis**

AGROECOL 990 Research 12

**Total Credits** 34
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### Public Practice Track

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#### Ecology

The following are examples of courses in this category:

- BOTANY/F&W ECOL/ZOOLOGY 460
- ENVIR ST 506
- AGRONOMY/BOTANY/SOIL SCI 370

#### Social Science

The following are examples of courses in this category:

- C&E SOC or A A E courses on food systems, agricultural technology, the agricultural environment, or agricultural policy

#### Community Process

The following are examples of courses in this category:

- PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI/ URB R PL 874
- URB R PL/A A E/ REAL EST 520
- URB R PL 814

#### Agricultural Science

The following are examples of courses in this category:

- AGRONOMY 300
- SOIL SCI 301

#### Project

- AGROECOL 990 Research 6

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