

# AGROECOLOGY, MS

## ADMISSIONS

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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 15  |
| Spring Deadline                    | The program does not admit in the spring.  |
| Summer Deadline                    | The program does not admit in the summer.  |
| GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) | Not required.  |
| English Proficiency Test           | Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ). |
| Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)   | n/a  |
| Letters of Recommendation Required | 3  |

### ADMISSIONS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Agroecology program accepts applicants from a wide range of undergraduate majors, not limited to the social and natural sciences. Because the admissions process is highly competitive, applicants should have a record of strong grades, agroecology-relevant interests and experience, and a commitment to learning in a multidisciplinary program. The deadline for fall semester applications is indicated above. Inquiries at other times may be considered.

The initial application process is outlined below. Prospective applicants should keep in mind, however, that this document-based application is only the first step in the admissions process. Applicants who are deemed admissible on the merits of these documents must then identify an academic advisor and a plan for funding to be fully admitted. The agroecology program will assist admitted applicants in this endeavor. More information on the process of seeking out funding and an advisor is available in the program's Student Handbook ([https://](https://agroecology.wisc.edu/documents/agroecology-handbook/)

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### SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE UW-MADISON GRADUATE SCHOOL:

- Online application and application fee.
- International degree-seeking applicants must prove English proficiency using the Graduate School's requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>).
- Three letters of recommendation
  - When completing the online application, submit the names and email addresses of three people who will provide letters of recommendation. They will receive instructions on how to upload their letters.
- Statement of Purpose (submit electronically; one-page)
  - a. Describe interests and goals and which UW-Madison faculty members student would like to work with.
  - b. Identify which program pathway applicant plans to pursue—Research or Public Practice—and state why applicant is interested in this option. Knowing applicants' intentions will help the program better understand their academic and career goals.
  - c. Indicate if applicant intends to pursue a PhD degree after completing the master's in agroecology. Although funding isn't guaranteed, some fellowships require that students intend to continue at the PhD level.
- Electronically, a curriculum vitae.
- An official copy of transcripts for all undergraduate work (and graduate, if relevant).
  - If recommended for admission, the Graduate School will send an email to the applicant to give directions on how to submit official transcripts.

Frequently asked questions regarding the graduate program are available on the agroecology website (<https://agroecology.wisc.edu/apply/>).