

# AGRONOMY, PHD

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### 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	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a> ).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/</a> ).
Other Grade Requirements	n/a

**Assessments and Examinations** Doctoral students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination after they have cleared their record of all incomplete and progress grades (other than research and dissertation).

As a PhD student you must take your final oral exam within five years of passing the preliminary examination or you will be required to take another preliminary examination and be admitted to candidacy for a second time. All PhD candidates are required to present an exit seminar. This often is most convenient just prior to the final examination, or you may present the seminar as part of the agronomy colloquium. The final examination ordinarily covers your dissertation and the general fields of your major and minor studies.

Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.

**Language Requirements** none

**Graduate School Breadth Requirement** All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

The coursework for completion of the breadth requirement is decided at the time of certification, with approval of the minor or certificate advisor. The minor or certificate department sets the requirements for completion. In both options, one course cross-listed with the major may be used for the minor or certificate, so long as it is staffed by the minor or certificate department and is not applicable to any requirements of the major.

The type and completion of the minor or certificate is reported to the Graduate School on the preliminary examination warrant.

### REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Complete three semesters of one or both of the following:		
PLANTSCI 920	Seminar in Plant Science and Technology	1
PLANTSCI 957	Seminar in Plant Breeding and Plant Genetics	1

The Agronomy graduate program requires two full-time semesters in residence for a PhD. Your certification committee can petition the graduate studies committee for a deviation from the residence requirement under unique circumstances.

Teaching experience is not required, but is highly recommended and the time for completion of this recommended experience should be included on the certification form.