Overview

Become a more effective educator and deepen your understanding of agricultural issues and how to communicate them in informal settings. With interdisciplinary courses combining theory and practice, the agricultural Extension education curriculum can be tailored to suit your specific professional goals and interests — whether in the field of Extension education or other professions requiring community education and public contact.

CSU, a leader in agricultural education, offers one of the few Agricultural Extension Education distance education programs of its kind in the nation designed for working professionals.

• Students interact and network with others across the country who are in Extension or similar agencies.
• Advisors help students design plans of study that emphasize immediate career applicability.
• Distance education allows working professionals to obtain a degree without putting their careers on hold.

You may pursue Plan A or B to earn your Master of Agriculture or pursue Plan C to earn your Master of Agricultural Extension Education.

• Plan A requires coursework, applied research, and a thesis.
• Plan B requires coursework and a professional paper.
• Plan C is coursework only, does not require a thesis or paper, and is a terminal degree.

The program is administered within CSU’s College of Agricultural Sciences, which consistently ranks in the top 10 in the country in terms of awards, grants, and contracts received. The faculty in this program are expert instructors and researchers in agriculture, education, and cooperative Extension.

Delivery

Online, correspondence

Credits

Plan A or B – 30 credits
Plan C – 36 credits

Tuition

$605 per credit; financial aid is available

Time Frame

Can be completed in 2 years.

Degree Awarded

Master of Agriculture in Agricultural Sciences or Master of Agricultural Extension Education in Agricultural Extension Education

Offered By

College of Agricultural Sciences

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Minimum Admission Requirements

- A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution (the program is not restricted to students with particular backgrounds or degrees)
- A minimum 3.0 GPA on all undergraduate coursework
- GRE test scores are not required

Completion Requirements (A/B)

- Minimum of 30 course credits at 500-level or above
- 24 credits must be earned at Colorado State University, 21 of which must be earned after formal admission
- 16 credits of formal upper-division coursework excluding seminars, independent or group studies, internships, supervised college teaching, and research
- Up to 6 credits of 400-level coursework related to your program of study may be taken with prior approval from your advisor
- An Extension education internship is required in a county or state Extension office or other advisor-approved setting. An internship requires 45 hours of work per credit.
- Plan A requires a thesis and Plan B requires a professional paper

Completion Requirements (C)

- Minimum of 36 course credits.
- 24 credits must be earned at Colorado State University, 21 of which must be earned after formal admission.
- 21 credits must be 500-level and above in the area of study approved by student graduate advisor.
- 13-14 credits of graduate-level electives.
- With approval by a student graduate advisor, 0-6 undergraduate credits at the 400 level may apply toward this degree.
- No credits less than 400-level accepted and no independent study, research, supervised college teaching, or practicum credits may apply toward the degree.
- An Extension education internship is required in a county or state Extension office or other advisor-approved setting. An internship requires 45 hours of work per credit.

Curriculum

Required Courses
- AGRI 500 – Advanced Issues in Agriculture
- AGRI 546 – Principles of Cooperative Extension
- AGRI 547 – Delivery of Cooperative Extension Programs
- AGRI 587A – Internship
- EDRM 600 – Introduction to Research (Plans A & B)

Additional required courses (select at least six credits)
- AGRI 692 – Seminar (not required, but strongly suggested)
- EDAE 520 – Adult Education
- EDAE 590 – Workshop: Assessment, Evaluation, and Return on Investment
- EDAE 590 – Workshop: Teaching and Learning at a Distance
- EDAE 620 – Processes and Methods
- EDAE 624 – Adult Teaching and Learning
- EDAE 639 – Instructional Design
- EDAE 668 – Cognitive Theory and Learning Transfer
- EDUC 651 – Multicultural and Special Populations

Possible electives

Elective courses include, but are not limited to, the following:
- AGRI 500 – Advanced Issues in Agriculture (Plan C)
- AGRI 631 – Building the Business
- AGRI 632 – Managing for Ecosystem Sustainability (Plans A & B)
- AGRI 637 – Understanding Policy and Emerging Issues
- AREC 478 – Agricultural Policy
- BUS 625 – Organizational Communication
- EDAE 590 – Workshop: Psychology of Learning
- EDAE 629 – Program Development
- EDAE 692 – Seminar: Adult Education: Experiential Learning (Plans A & B)
- EDCT 473 – Communication Strategies
- EDUC 629 – Communications and Classrooms
- EDUC 635 – Educators, Systems, and Change
- FW 575 – Wildlife Habitat Evaluation for Educators
- FW 576 – Wildlife Policy, Administration, and Law
- JTC 413 – New Communications Technologies and Society
- NR 501 – Leadership and Public Communications
- NR 515 – Natural Resources Policy and Biodiversity
- NR 535 – Action for Sustainable Behavior
- NR 440 – Land Use Planning
- NRRT 505 – Environmental Education History and Theory
- RS 500 – Advanced Rangeland Management
- SOC 461 – Water, Society, and Environment

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