

Agricultural Extension Education

Master of Agriculture (M.Agr.) in Agricultural Sciences or Master of Agricultural Extension Education

Develop your practical skills and knowledge to communicate today's complex agricultural issues with other educators and the public



Specific 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 course work (a person with a GPA lower than 3.0 may still be considered if they present evidence acceptable to the college of their ability to complete advanced degree requirements)
- GRE test scores are not required

Program Completion Requirements

- Plan A - 30 credits (minimum)
- Plan B - 30 credits (minimum)
- Plan C - 36 credits (minimum)

Time Frame

This program can be completed in two years. Program duration may vary based on financial considerations, intensity of study, and course availability. Summer courses are not required but are available.

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Overview

The Master of Agriculture – Agricultural Extension Education Specialization will make you 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 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.

Colorado State University, a leader in agricultural education, offers one of the only Agricultural Extension Education distance programs of its kind in the nation, specifically 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.



Degree Requirements and Curriculum

With the guidance of an advisor, you select the sequence and combination of courses that best meet your educational and professional goals. This interdisciplinary graduate program offers maximum flexibility and a broader area of study than a typical research-oriented Master of Science.

Required Courses - Plan A and Plan B

- AGRI 500 - Advanced Issues in Agriculture (3 cr.)
- AGRI 546 - Principles of Cooperative Extension (3 cr.)
- AGRI 547 - Delivery of Cooperative Extension Programs (4 cr.)
- AGRI 587A - Internship (1-12 cr.)
- AGRI 692 - Seminar (1 cr.)
- EDRM 600 - Introduction to Research (3 cr.) (or equivalent course)

Additional Required Courses (select at least two courses)

- EDAE 520 - Adult Education (3 cr.)
- EDAE 620 - Processes and Methods (3 cr.)
- EDAE 624 - Adult Teaching & Learning (3 cr.)
- EDAE 629 - Instructional Design and Program Planning (3 cr.)
- EDUC 628 - Models of Teaching (3 cr.)

Possible Electives

- *Elective courses include, but are not limited to, the following:*
- EDAE 590 - Workshop: Teaching and Learning at a Distance (3 cr.)
- EDAE 590 - Workshop: Assessment & Evaluation (3 cr.)
- FW 576 - Wildlife Policy, Administration and Law (3 cr.)
- NR 501 - Leadership and Public Communications (3 cr.)
- NR 515 - Natural Resources Policy and Biodiversity (3 cr.)
- NRRT 505 - Environmental Education History and Theory (3 cr.)
- RS 500 - Advanced Rangeland Management (3 cr.)
- RS 531 - World Grassland Ecogeography (3 cr.)
- RS 552 - Range Animal Production and Management (4 cr.)

Required & Elective Courses - Plan C

Contact Mike Macklin, OnlinePlus Student Engagement Coordinator, for Plan C information at (970) 491-7583 or michael.macklin@colostate.edu.

"The Master of Agriculture is so broad that I can apply to many positions in the agriculture sector and outside of it and still be considered very well qualified for that position."

- Emily Garrison -

Career Opportunities

With interdisciplinary courses that combine theory and practice, you are prepared to establish or advance your education career in a variety of fields, including:

- Agricultural and Youth Extension
- Community development
- Environmental education
- Human development
- Natural resources
- Range science

This degree can advance your career as an Extension education professional or in related agriculture and natural resource careers where public education and communication skills are required. You'll find the skills and training you acquire are applicable to a number of public sector education jobs in agencies such as Cooperative Extension, Bureau of Land Management, USDA, and the Forest Service.

Graduates of this program have followed a variety of career paths, including Extension work, professional sales, technical service, and a variety of informal education settings.

READY TO GET STARTED?

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