AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, MS

for the degree of Master of Science in Agricultural Education (on campus & online)

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college website: https://aces.illinois.edu/
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Graduate Degree Programs in Agricultural Education

Graduate Major:
Agricultural Education, MS (on campus & online) (p. 1)
The M.S. in Agricultural Education is a professional degree for training
classroom-based educators and community and organizational
developers to address issues as they pertain to teaching and learning
in and about the agricultural, life, and environmental sciences.
Students are typically interested in either furthering their career in
Extension, agricultural classrooms in secondary education, professional
organizations in training and supervisory roles, or community
development. We also work with students interested in gaining licensure
for teaching agriculture in Illinois public schools for grades 9-12.

Agricultural Education can be pursued as an online degree. Please refer
to http://aged.illinois.edu/grad/online-MS for more information.

Admission

We are looking for highly motivated students with strong academic
records. Students with backgrounds in agriculture, education, behavioral
or social sciences are especially encouraged to apply. The minimum
undergraduate grade-point average for admission is 3.0 (A = 4.0).
Applicants for the online/off-campus program are not required to take the
Graduate Record Examination (GRE). International applicants from non-
English-speaking countries must have official TOEFL scores of at least
575 (written version) or 233 (computer-based version) to be eligible for
admission. To receive full consideration for admission (and financial aid
opportunities if you are applying for the full-time, on-campus program),
please apply by February 15 for possible admission the following fall
semester or September 15 for possible admission to the following spring
semester.

Each applicant’s undergraduate transcript will be evaluated for
completion of general education courses required for certification by
the Illinois State Board of Education. Students with deficiencies may be
admitted with the stipulation that these be met before completion of the
master’s program.

Financial Aid

We are committed to funding as many of full-time on-campus students
who are making timely progress as possible. The duration and amount
of our commitment varies. Funding may include fellowships, research
assistantships, and/or teaching assistantships. These opportunities
typically include stipends and tuition waivers. In some cases, fees
are also waived. All applicants are automatically considered for all
department funding opportunities; there is no separate application
process. Federal and state financial aid is completely separate from the
support provided by our department. For information regarding federal
and state financial aid, please refer to www.osfa.illinois.edu/ (http://
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Instructional Methods & Design

AGED 430 Youth Development Programs 4
or AGED 490 Adult Learning Principles

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Other Requirements 4

Requirement

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 12, 8 must be in the unit
Minimum GPA: 2.75

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If waived, student may substitute this credit requirement with an
agricultural education or technical subject matter elective.

2 Students may take up to four credit hours in agricultural education
to fulfill the technical subject matter course requirements. This is only
recommended for students completing a thesis (AGED 599 credits) or for
students who desire to take an agriculture content course for teachers
(i.e. AGED 500).

3 The applied research option requires the completion of a thesis, and
the program development and online options require the completion
of a project in the area of agricultural education, broadly defined, and
submission of a research/professional paper.

4 For additional details and requirements refer to the
department’s Graduate Program Information (http://aged.illinois.edu/
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Non-Thesis Option

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