CROP SCIENCES, MS

for the Master of Science in Crop Sciences (on campus & online)

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Graduate Degree Programs in Crop Sciences
Crop Sciences, MS (p. 1) (on campus & online)
Bioinformatics: Crop Sciences, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/concentration/crop-sciences/bioinformatics)
Plant Biotechnology, MS - Professional Science Master's (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/plant-biotechnology-ms-professional-science-masters)
Crop Sciences, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces/crop-sciences-phd)

Admission
Applicants are considered for admission to the Master of Science program if they have a bachelor’s or equivalent degree comparable to that granted by the University of Illinois. Admission to the Ph.D. program will be considered for applicants with the M.S., those nearing completion of the M.S., and in some cases, those with the B.S. Because of the diversity of programs in the Department of Crop Sciences, the preparation that is needed varies considerably. Strong letters of reference, evident motivation to undertake graduate study, and good preparation in basic science courses enhance an applicant’s credentials. For some programs, greater emphasis is given to previous training in plant sciences, chemistry, or mathematics. A grade point average equivalent to at least a B in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate course work plus any graduate level work completed is required. All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit the results of the TOEFL or IELTS as evidence of English proficiency. Official scores are required to be submitted directly from TOEFL/ETS or IELTS to the University. Additional information for international applicants can be found at: https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/begin/international. Results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are required for applicants to all programs except the Online Master of Science degree program.

Graduate Teaching Experience
Experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

Faculty Research Interests
Please refer to the following webpage for a detailed listing of our faculty and their areas of interest https://cropsciences.illinois.edu/people/

Financial Aid
Fellowships and assistantships are available to outstanding on campus MS students on a competitive basis. Awards for financial assistance are based principally on a candidate's academic record, statement of plans, letters of reference, and GRE scores.

This degree program can be completed either on campus or online; with or without a thesis, the requirements are listed below:

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### Other Requirements

**Requirement**

- Other requirements and conditions may overlap
- Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 5
- Minimum 500-level Hours Required overall: 12
- Minimum GPA: 3.0