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Degree Information

The Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications offers five graduate degree programs. These are:

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – This research-oriented degree provides comprehensive knowledge of agricultural leadership, education, and communications. Minimum 64 semester credit hours, required research course sequence.

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) – Designed for practitioners in the field to prepare the top echelon of administrative, management, and supervisory personnel who conduct educational programs in a variety of settings. Minimum 64 semester credit hours. Available on campus, or at a distance through the Joint Ed.D. Program with Texas Tech University.

Master of Agriculture (M.Agr.) – Prepares individuals for leadership roles in professional agricultural settings. Non-thesis, 36 semester credit hours, on campus or distance option.

Master of Education (M.Ed.) – Prepares individuals for careers in formal or informal educational settings. Individuals interested in agricultural science teacher certification may seek this degree. Non-thesis, 36 semester credit hours.

Master of Science (M.S.) – Prepares individuals to be professionals in national and international agricultural settings employed as instructional designers, Extension agents, human resource managers, communications specialists, and organizational program coordinators. Thesis required, 32 semester credit hours.

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UNIVERSITY

Graduate Studies

in

**Agricultural
Leadership, Education,
and Communications**

Agricultural Education

**Agricultural
Development**

**MS
MAgr
MEd
EdD
PhD**

**Department of Agricultural
Leadership, Education, and
Communications**

**College of Agriculture
and Life Sciences**

The Department

The Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications at Texas A&M University is by far the largest program of its kind, and ranked as the second most distinguished program in agricultural education in the United States. Faculty members in the Department provide leadership to national and international organizations within the discipline. Students benefit from the faculty members' different professional interests, perspectives, and knowledge, and learn from their experience in the classroom.

Admission

Admission is based on a vote of the graduate faculty. Applicants' GRE and GPA are used to establish a criterion score, and this score must exceed the established minimum to be considered. The applicant's résumé, letters of recommendation, and statement of career and professional goals are considered during formal review. Doctoral applicants must document at least three years of professional work experience. A departmental graduate faculty member willing to serve as an interim major advisor is required.

The deadline for submitting application materials is October 1 for Spring. Summer and Fall admission materials are due by mid December to meet an early January deadline. Individuals interested in financial support or assistance should submit applications materials as early as possible. Final decisions are made by a majority vote of the faculty and are indicated by a letter to the candidate.

A Prospective Graduate Student Day is arranged every fall and spring in which interested individuals are invited to come to campus to obtain degree program information, meet faculty and mingle with other graduate students.

Financial Support

Assistantships are available on a competitive basis to qualified individuals. Specific assignments are made based upon the needs of the Department and the experience of the students. Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis and available from Texas A&M or private sources. The Texas A&M financial aid office has a support team to assist students with questions regarding financial assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.financialaid.tamu.edu>.

Study Abroad/Study Away Opportunities

- Belize, Costa Rica, Greece, Haiti, Namibia, Mexico, California, Nashville, Washington, D.C.

Extra-Curricular Opportunity

- ALEC Graduate Student Society (AGSS)

Career Opportunities

- Academia
- Agricultural Science Teacher
- Agrilife Extension
- Communications management
- Instructional Designer
- International Development Specialist
- Leadership Consultants
- Public relations
- Sales/Marketing Representative
- Social & Public Service

Certification Opportunities

- Certificate in Advanced Pedagogy in Agriculture; 14 credit hours
- Certificate in Agriculture eLearning Development; 14 credit hours
- Certificate in Extension Education; 14 credit hours
- Certificate in Leadership, Education, Theory, and Practice; 12 credit hours

All certificates may be obtained as academic credit on-campus or by continuing education (\$525.00 per course). The Advanced Pedagogy, Agriculture eLearning Development, and the Leadership certificate all may be completed at a distance.

Alternative Teaching Certification

The *Accelerate Online - Agricultural Science* certification program is an innovative approach to preparing secondary Agricultural Science teachers in the State of Texas.

- Provides the flexibility to complete teacher certification through a hybrid program including online instruction, in 12-18 months. It includes a 40-hour field experience, and a year-long paid internship as a secondary Agricultural Science teacher in a public school program in Texas.
- Enrollment at Texas A&M University is not required to participate in Accelerate Online.

For information visit: <http://accelerate.tamu.edu>.

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