

Agricultural Education and Human Sciences

Our graduate programs offer flexibility and enable graduates to pursue diverse career options. Prepare for a career teaching agricultural education to middle or high school students, or become an Extension agent helping farmers and families succeed in their communities. Pursue other rewarding positions such as agricultural museum curators, environmental educators, agricultural missionaries, agricultural public relations representatives, or congressional officers.

Master's Degree Requirements

The Department offers a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, which requires a thesis, and a Master of Agricultural and Extension Education (M.R.E.) as a non-thesis track. The M.S. degree requires a total of 36 credit hours, whereas the M.R.E. degree requires 30 credit hours. The student's advisory committee will meet with the student to determine the appropriate elective courses for their degree audit. M.S. students have the option of adding a minor which requires a minimum of 9 credit hours.

Graduate Certificate Requirements

The Department also offers graduate certificates in Agricultural and Extension Education, Family Life Education and Coaching, Leadership in Agricultural and Human Sciences, Leadership and Volunteer Management, and Youth Development and Leadership. More information can be found on our website (<https://cals.ncsu.edu/agricultural-and-human-sciences/masters-programs/certificates-minors/>).

Sixth-Year Certificate

The Department offers an array of courses that are recognized by the NC Department of Public Instruction as comprising a Sixth-Year Certificate. Students are required to complete 24 hours of advanced graduate work past the Master's degree. Contact the Director of Graduate Programs for details.

Doctoral Degree Requirements

A Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Agricultural Education and Human Sciences is offered. A minimum of 72 hours past the Bachelor's degree is required. At least six hours of statistics is required as well as six hours of additional research breadth coursework. Twelve hours of credit is earned for writing the dissertation. The student's advisory committee will meet with the student to determine the appropriate elective courses for their degree audit.

Student Financial Support

A limited number of research and/or teaching assistantships are available on a competitive basis and are listed on our website (<https://cals.ncsu.edu/agricultural-and-human-sciences/graduate-programs-apply/#Assistantships>). Applications for open positions are due February 1 for the following academic year. Other financial aid is available from the Office of Financial Aid and on a competitive basis from the Graduate School.

More Information

Agricultural Education and Human Sciences website (<https://cals.ncsu.edu/agricultural-and-human-sciences/>)

Distance Website (<https://online-distance.ncsu.edu/program/agricultural-education-and-human-sciences/>)

Admission Requirements

- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0; a minimum graduate GPA of 3.5 for Doctoral applicants
- Three letters of recommendation (at least one academic reference)
- Personal statement – Perspective students should describe their career goals and research interests, as well as their work experience and academic achievements, and how they demonstrate their potential for graduate study. You may also write about the key learning objectives you hope to achieve in your studies and highlight how your talents, experiences, and interests will contribute to the enrichment of the university community.
- Research Interest Statement – Applicants who intend to complete a thesis (MS) or dissertation (PhD) should indicate the nature of potential research work, including possible topics or questions, and minimally two professors from the agricultural and human sciences department whose research areas potentially align with those possible research topics. MS and PhD applications missing this will be considered incomplete.
- Relevant experience – for doctoral applicants
 - 1 year required experience, 3 years recommended
 - Relevant experience in extension, teaching, industry, leadership, or other closely related field

Applicant Information

- **Delivery Method:** On Campus, Online, Hybrid
- **Entrance Exam:** None
- **Interview Required:** None

Application Deadlines

- **Fall:** February 1 for assistantship consideration and international students, June 15 for US students
- **Spring:** July 15 for international students, Nov. 1 for US students
- **Summer I:** Dec. 15 for International students, March 25 for US students
- **Summer II:** Dec. 15 for International students, May 10 for US students

Application Information

Applicants must submit their application and all supporting documents to the Graduate School by 11:59 pm EST on the stated deadlines. Students apply to the Agricultural Education and Human Sciences graduate program online through the Graduate School. All applications are reviewed after the stated deadlines.

- Agricultural and Extension Education (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/agricultural-extension-education/agricultural-extension-education-certificate/>)
- Agricultural Education and Human Sciences (Minor) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/agricultural->

education-human-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences-minor/)

- Agricultural Education and Human Sciences (MR) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences-mr/>)
- Agricultural Education and Human Sciences (MS) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences-ms/>)
- Agricultural Education and Human Sciences (PhD) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences-phd/>)
- Family Life Education and Coaching (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences/family-life-education-coaching-certificate/>)
- Leadership and Volunteer Management (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences/leadership-volunteer-management-certificate/>)
- Leadership in Agriculture and Human Sciences (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/graduate-certificate/leadership-agriculture-human-sciences-certificate/>)
- Youth Development and Leadership (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/agriculture-life-sciences/agricultural-education-human-sciences/youth-development-leadership-certificate/>)

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