

## Degree Requirements

### THESIS AND NON-THESIS OPTIONS

The following requirements apply to each of our online graduate programs in the College of Agriculture. The thesis option leads to a Master of Science degree, and the non-thesis option leads to a Master of Agriculture degree. Both thesis and non-thesis options are available for the master's program in Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences.

#### THESIS

#### NON-THESIS

##### MASTER OF SCIENCE

- [CROP, SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES >](#)

##### MASTER OF AGRICULTURE

- [CROP, SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES >](#)

### MINIMUM BACKGROUND COURSES

There are no background course requirements to be admitted into our online degree programs. However, in order to succeed it is suggested students have general background courses in the subjects listed below, and students lacking these courses may be required to take these courses prior to or following admission into their program.

NOTE: a student's graduate committee may require additional courses.

See also our [COURSE PREREQUISITE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE >](#)

### MASTER OF SCIENCE – CROP, SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

#### MINIMUM:

##### SOIL SCIENCE OPTION

Chemistry – 2 semesters

Biology – 2 semesters

*if taking Soil Physics:* Physics – 1 semester

#### RECOMMENDED:

Calculus I – 1 semester

Organic Chemistry – 1 semester

##### CROP/WEED SCIENCE OPTION

Chemistry – 2 semesters

Biology – 2 semesters

#### RECOMMENDED:

Calculus I – 1 Semester

Organic Chemistry – 1 semester

Plant Physiology – 1 Semester

Botany – 1 semester

Genetics – 1 semester

## MASTER OF AGRICULTURE – CROP, SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

### MINIMUM:

#### SOIL SCIENCE OPTION

Chemistry – 2 semesters

Biology – 2 semesters

*if taking Soil Physics:* Physics – 1 semester

#### CROP/WEED SCIENCE OPTION

Chemistry – 2 semesters

Biology – 2 semesters

#### RECOMMENDED:

Plant Physiology – 1 semester

Botany – 1 semester

### RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Auburn Agriculture Online master's students are not required to come to campus. However, they are expected to interact on a regular basis with their major professor and graduate committee, and to participate in other ways in the department such as in seminars as well as online classes.

### TIME REQUIRED

Although a Master's degree in Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences may take a full time student up to two years to complete, distance education students who do not take a full load will require more time. Those with scholastic deficiencies of any sort may also require additional time. For those doing a Master of Science degree, research is unpredictable and frequently requires more time than anticipated.

### LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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[DISTANCE GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK >](#)

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