

Application and Admission to the MS Agriculture, Specializations in Environmental Horticultural Science, Crop Science or Plant Protection Science Programs (Academic Year: 2020-2021)

Cal Poly Application Deadlines

Fall 2020:

Application process opens 1 October 2019

Application deadline: 1 April 2020

Winter 2021:

Application process opens 1 June 2020

Application deadline: 1 November 2020

Spring 2021:

Application process opens 1 August 2020

Application deadline: 1 February 2021

Admission Requirements:

In addition to Cal Poly's university-wide admissions guidelines, admission into the MS Agriculture, Specializations in Environmental Horticultural Science, Crop Science or Plant Protection Science programs requires the following:

- A minimum G.P.A. of 2.75 in the last 90 quarter units (60 semester units) taken as an undergraduate.
- ~~Satisfactory scores on the General Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test. Scores should be at least 150 in each of the verbal and quantitative sections for the "new" GRE, and 1000 for the "old" GRE. Candidates with lower GRE scores are considered only with extenuating circumstances. (This requirement has been waived for AY 20-21)~~
- Three letters of reference from persons familiar with recent academic or work performance of the applicant.
- A Statement of Purpose describing your reasons for pursuing graduate study, your specific areas of interest (including the name(s) of your prospective faculty research advisor(s) if applicable), and any other information you consider pertinent.
- Curriculum vita (optional but encouraged).
- Applicants to the MS program are strongly encouraged to contact prospective advisors. Admission to the regular MS program requires that an advisor agree to supervise an applicant. Faculty research interests can be found by browsing faculty profiles (<https://aeps.calpoly.edu/graduate-students>).

Application Process:

Please apply through Cal State Apply via the Cal Poly Graduate Education Website (<http://grad.calpoly.edu/apply.html>).

An FAQ guide is available at (<http://grad.calpoly.edu/faqs.html>).

- Once your application has been submitted you will receive an email confirmation from Cal Poly confirming that your application has been received.

- Your application is later loaded to the student database and you will be emailed instructions on accessing Cal Poly's university portal (MyCalPoly.edu). Applicants will need to access MyCalPoly to view further application requirements and, later, the admission status.
- You will be notified by the Admissions Office at Cal Poly by email once a decision has been made on your application.
- Applicants will only be able to submit one application, to one graduate program, per term. Applications cannot be changed from one program to another.