

Academic Year 2026-2027: Application Information: MS Agriculture, Specializations in Environmental Horticultural Science, Crop Science, or Plant Protection Science

Application Deadlines	
To Start In	Application Deadline
Spring 2027	November 1, 2026
Fall 2027	April 1, 2027
Spring 2028	November 1, 2027

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 for all applicants applying from outside Cal Poly.**
- **Two 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://plantsciences.calpoly.edu/graduate-students>).

Application Process:

Please apply by following the [How to Apply Process at Cal Poly Admissions](#)

- 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.