

2011-13 Cal Poly Catalog**Agricultural Education & Communication
Department****MASTER OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION****General Characteristics**

The Master of Agricultural Education program provides students with the opportunity to focus their graduate study in agricultural education, with an emphasis on preparing candidates for positions as teachers of agricultural education in public schools. The degree is a non-thesis, terminal program that provides practitioners with opportunities for professional development. At least one year of successful high school or community college teaching is required for completion of this degree program. Working with their advisor and graduate committee, students generally complete projects for coursework in the program that enhance their employment settings, or assist them to become compliant with statewide standards in agricultural education.

Prerequisites

For consideration as a graduate student, an applicant will have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in the last 90 quarter units. An applicant who meets these standards but lacks prerequisite coursework may be admitted as a conditionally classified student and must make up any deficiencies before advancement to classified graduate standing. An applicant not meeting these academic standards, but who meets the basic CSU standards of a grade point average of 2.5 in the last 90 quarter units attempted, may be conditionally admitted.

All applicants who do not speak and write English as their primary language are required to complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), with a minimum score of 550, and the Test of Written English (TWE), with a minimum score of 4.5.

Program of Study

Graduate students must file a formal study plan for the degree with the Graduate Coordinator of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences no later than the end of the quarter in which the 12th unit of approved courses is completed. The formal program of study must include at least 45 units of committee-approved graduate coursework; at least half of the units required by the committee as reflected on the formal study plan must be at the 500 level. Students should refer to the course descriptions in the catalog for credit limitations of individual courses; for example, total credit for AG 500, Individual Study, is limited to six units. All candidates must meet the current Graduation Writing Requirement.

All students are required to pass an oral comprehensive examination which is normally given during the final quarter of the program of study. A written comprehensive exam is required of all students in the Master of Agricultural Education degree program.

Required Courses

AGED 520 Program Develop/Agric Education	3
AGED 522 Instructional Prog/Agric Mechanics	3
AGED 539 Internship	6

Approved electives..... 33

Any 400- and 500-level courses approved by the student's graduate committee. No fewer than 11 units must be at the 500 level. Students are required to complete one year of successful teaching prior to the comprehensive written and oral examinations.

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