Research specializations include:

- Agroecology
- Crop Physiology, Nutrition & Management
- Forage Nutrition & Management
- Plant Breeding - Genetics & Genomics
- Statistical Methods
- Weed Science & Ecology - Terrestrial & Aquatic

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OFFERINGS IN AGRONOMY

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science
  Thesis
  Non-thesis

Concentration options
  Ph.D.  *Global Systems Agroecology* (campus residency)
  M.S.  *Agroecology* (Non-thesis 100% Distance or Campus Residency)
  Ph.D. or M.S.
    *Geographic Information Systems*
    *Tropical Conservation Development*

Graduate Certificates
  *Sustainable Agroecosystems*
  *Global Agroecology*

A separate handbook listing departmental requirements of the Agroecology curriculum and fulfillment of the degrees with associative concentrations is available at:
  http://uf-agroecology.com/students/student-handbooks/
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Agronomy Department: http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu

Graduate Courses and Student Forms:
http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/students/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UF Agr

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Agroecology at UF: http://uf-agroecology.com/
Collaboration between the Agronomy and Soil and Water Sciences Departments for concentrations or certificates: http://uf-agroecology.com/programs-offered/

Concentrations offered:
Agroecology (M.S.)
Global Systems Agroecology (Ph.D.)

Graduate Certificates offered:
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Graduate Certificates: http://uf-agroecology.com/students/certificate-programs/

Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants: http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/

IT Support: http://helpdesk.ufl.edu

International Center: www.ufic.ufl.edu
Immigration; I-20; Studying Abroad
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UFIC International Student Handbook:
https://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss/handbook.html

UF Admissions: Hand carry academic credentials to 201 Criser Hall

SPEAK Test (TA prerequisite)
http://ase.ufl.edu/testing.html

Gatorlink - UF email (required)
http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/self-help/

Graduate Assistants:
GatorGradCare insurance http://www.hr.ufl.edu/benefits/gatorgradcare/default.asp


HR Contact: Refer to Letter of Appointment

UF Graduate School: www.graduateschool.ufl.edu
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Graduate School Academic Calendar of Deadlines

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:
www.cals.ufl.edu

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CALS Travel Grant: http://www.cals.ufl.edu/current_students/travel_grants.shtml

University of Florida: www.ufl.edu
Use the search engine within this website to find nearly anything in the UF system.

UF Registrar Hub: http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/hubstudents.html
Forms (e.g., University Petition); Residency Reclassification Form; Exam Schedules; Academic Calendar

ONE.UF
Your hub for UF - Registration; Clearing Holds; Ordering Transcripts; and more!

Career Resource Center: http://www.crc.ufl.edu/

U Matter We Care: http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/

UF Athletics: www.gatorzone.com
This publication provides most procedures to be followed in the course of fulfilling departmental requirements towards a major in Agronomy for completion of the M.S and Ph.D. degree. The procedures described herein replicate or are in addition requirements of the UF Graduate School.

The life-cycle of a student is a collaboration between the UF Graduate School and each academic unit that manages each degree attribute of the student. Variations to one’s major in Agronomy might include degree attributes such as: Dual major, Minors, Concentration, and Certificates. The student is responsible to comply with the requirements of each degree attribute, as well as the Graduate School. Students should become familiar with portions of the Graduate School Catalog (available on-line at http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/academics/graduate-catalog) and other documents relative to degree attributes.

*Compliance with appropriate deadlines is the responsibility of each student.*

**Graduate Degrees In Agronomy**

Many students choose a career in Agronomy because of a desire to help others improve the quality of their lives. Graduates of the Agronomy Department have contributed to the well being of people around the world, and they are today's leaders in agricultural science and technology, education, and policy making. Graduate classes offered in Agronomy and related disciplines provide the foundation for the M.S. non-thesis degree and support the research focus of the M.S. Thesis and Ph.D. degrees. Agronomy faculty are internationally recognized as authorities in their disciplines and maintain active graduate education and research programs. The graduate programs emphasize the development and subsequent application of basic principles in each specialization to agronomic plants in Florida and throughout the world.

Tropical agronomy is given special emphasis in research and graduate programs. When compatible with a student's program and permitted by prevailing circumstances, some thesis and dissertation research may be conducted wholly or in part in other countries.

**Research areas include:**

- Agroecology
- Forage Nutrition & Management
- *Plant Breeding - Genetics & Genomics*
- Plant Physiology and Crop Management
- *Statistical Methods*
- Weed Science & Ecology - Terrestrial & Aquatic

**Undergraduate Coursework Foundation**

Candidates for a graduate degree should have a bachelor's degree in agriculture or possess a bachelor's degree with a biological or physical science background and have a basic understanding of agronomic principles and practices. In addition, the general composition of undergraduate course work should be suitable for the proposed area of major study. Satisfactory preparation for graduate study in Agronomy should include a comprehensive two semester biology/botany sequence, two semesters of general chemistry with laboratory, organic chemistry with laboratory, a physics course, a statistics course, and appropriate course work in Agronomy and related disciplines. Undergraduate course work in these areas may be required during the first year of graduate study if deficiencies exist.
Minimum Grades and 3.0 GPA for each Degree Attribute

- **Cumulative 3.0 GPA** within each degree attribute is required throughout the duration of the graduate program. *Failure to maintain an overall 3.0 will be cause for dismissal. Refer to “Academic Progress” page 10.*
- **Grades “C” or higher** are “passing” grades; graduate courses with earned grades below “C” (or “U” grades) are failing grades and require a petition memo from the supervisory committee.
- **Graduate Assistantship** continuance is contingent on performing employment duties as well as maintaining a 3.0 GPA. The policy is petition-able for one semester only. Refer to the UF-GAU Bargaining Agreement for comprehensive policy on Graduate Assistants.
- **Incomplete (I) grades** become a failing grade if not changed to an earned grade in the subsequent term. Continuance is at the discretion of the supervisory committee and graduate coordinator.

First Term Requirements for Conditionally-admitted Students

Courses determined by the Faculty Sponsor and Graduate Coordinator must be completed successfully, and the student must achieve an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- “Scholarly Writing” 6-week course will be required if the student failed to meet standards of proficiency in English. This course is not-for-credit, is not covered by a tuition waiver, and costs $350. Comprehensive details: [http://www.eli.ufl.edu/programs/AcademicWrittenEnglish.html](http://www.eli.ufl.edu/programs/AcademicWrittenEnglish.html)

The Graduate Coordinator and the Faculty Sponsor will determine if Scholarly Writing is necessary for the student’s first term. Incoming students who scored less than 140 on the GRE verbal, 6 on the IELTS, 77 on the MELAB, 213 on the computer TOEFL, 80 on the Internet TOEFL or 550 on the paper TOEFL are required to take the screening test, offered the a few preceding the first day of class.

Teaching Assistant (TA)

Required online trainings for all TAs include “Preventing Harassment” and “FERPA.” Both are accessible via MY UFL/Self Service/My Training portal. The week prior to fall term there are two optional trainings: the *College of Agricultural and Life Sciences* offers an annual workshop for Instructors and TAs; the Graduate School conducts a TA orientation applicable for those with lecturing duties or on a Graduate Teaching Appointment.

Foreign Nationals assigned duties as Teaching Assistants (TA) may be required to take the SPEAK Test to comply with Florida State laws. Compliance policy, test dates and registration are here: [http://ase.ufl.edu/](http://ase.ufl.edu/).

Registration in AGR 6940 *Supervised Teaching* is applicable in the term the duties are performed or a future term, and is usually 1 credit hour. AGR 6940 maximum registration in the degree program is a total of 5 credits. Appropriate faculty supervision is essential. Contact the Academic Program Specialist for registration.

Student Orientation Mandatory Attendance

You are probably receiving this booklet at the department’s required orientation. In addition, UF offers an online overview for all in-coming students. The UF Graduate School provides orientation you are required to attend in person or view an archived session online. For upcoming dates, times, and registration, or to view an archived session, visit: [http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/admissions/orientation/](http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/admissions/orientation/).

Students starting an online degree in the Agronomy major are required to view the Agroecology online orientation. Optionally, they are encouraged to attend via video conference the “live” department session. Agroecology supplemental handbook: [http://uf-agroecology.com/students/student-handbooks/](http://uf-agroecology.com/students/student-handbooks/).
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The University of Florida operates on a semester system consisting of two 16-week semesters (Fall and Spring) and two 6-week summer terms (Summer A and B). Students register each semester at specific periods designated by the Registrar's Office (usually Nov 1 for Spring and March 20 for Summer and Fall). Each student should consult their major professor prior to the designated registration time to select and obtain approval for courses to be taken during the ensuing semester. In the Schedule of Courses, a course number, as well as a section number will define a class. If the word “DEPT” appears in the field where a section number typically is shown, then that course is “departmentally controlled.” The student should contact the Academic Program Specialist (352) 294-5186 in the Agronomy Department to register for a departmentally controlled course that Agronomy offers, or the academic unit that offers the departmentally-controlled class.

Any graduate student who is utilizing university facilities and/or faculty time must register for an appropriate course load. Registration for a full-time student not on an assistantship is 9-12 credits. Minimum registration for part-time students is 3 credits (fall or spring) and 2 credits summer. Part-time student status is prearranged during the application process, with the letter of offer clarifying such. Moving from full-time to part-time status requires approval of the Graduate Coordinator. For those on assistantship, full-time status requires registration for 9 credits in Fall and Spring and 6 credit-blend that spans Summer C.

Students on assistantship will receive a Letter of Appointment that allows the tuition fee to be waived. Students are financially responsible for all other fees. The Letter of Appointment’s tuition waiver will be inserted ideally before Add/Drop is over, and before the term’s withdrawal deadline. **It is the student’s responsibility to determine the amount owed and to pay all fees other than the tuition fee. If the student pays his/her portion after deadlines, then the student is responsible to pay any assigned late fee.** Graduate Assistants’ fees are deferred until late in the given semester (Fall - Nov 4, Spring - March 17, and Summer C/mid-July.)

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**Financial Aid** administered by the Office of Student Financial Affairs: [http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/](http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/). Registration requirements listed above do not apply to eligibility for financial aid programs administered by the Office for Student Financial Affairs. Check with Student Financial Affairs in Criser Hall building, room S-107 for financial aid registration requirements.
**Letter of Appointment**

Most graduate students receive financial support from sources other than their own funds. Some graduate assistantships are funded directly by the department. However, most students are supported by extramural funding. Assistantship responsibilities will be outlined for each student in a Letter of Appointment provided by the Graduate Coordinator.

The Graduate Coordinator and Sponsoring Faculty initiate the Letter of Appointment after the UF Admissions Department has formally allowed admission of the student. A Letter of Appointment allows the tuition fee to be waived. Students are financially responsible for all other fees, textbooks, and course material and supply fees associated with the credit hour registration per term.

**Payroll/Human Resources**

*With an appointment, the student enters into an employee-employer relationship with the University.* Sick leave is to be reported via MY.UFL Time Reporting mechanism. As stated in the UF-GAU Bargaining Agreement, an Assistant is permitted five (5) sick days per semester.

Students on a Graduate Assistantship through the Agronomy Department will be contacted by the Shared Service Center to schedule an appointment to become set-up on payroll. International Students will need to be in the U.S. ten days to qualify to obtain a Social Security Card. Once the S.S. card is secured, the International Student may come to the Shared Service Center to complete pay-roll forms. The tuition waiver cannot be inserted until the student’s payroll is set-up. Consequently, the UF system does not recognize that fees are deferred and the system will automatically assess $100 late payment fee if a portion of the student activity fees are not paid by the Bursar’s first payment deadline (usually the second week in the term). It is recommended that one pay a small amount towards fees due to avoid the inconvenience of the petition process required to request waiving the late fee.

Each student receiving remuneration in any form or amount through the University is expected to keep his/her major professor informed at all times of his/her availability and is expected to depart from the Gainesville vicinity only after approval by the major professor.

**Research Registration in Final Term**

All students must register for a minimum of 3 credits (2 if in summer) of either AGR 6971 *Research for Master’s Thesis* or AGR 7980 *Research for Doctoral Dissertation* as appropriate during the semester in which degree completion is expected. Non-thesis student must register for something on the Program of Study, and typically the registration is AGR 6905 - the course associated with the individual project.

Registration in either AGR 6971 *Research for Master’s Thesis* or AGR 7980 *Research for Doctoral Dissertation* is limited to a maximum of 12 credits in any one semester. Registration in AGR 7980 *Research for Doctoral Dissertation* is not permissible prior to the semester in which the qualifying examination is scheduled and subsequent application for admission to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree is filed. Doctoral students should register for AGR 7979 *Advanced Research* when appropriate prior to the semester of their qualifying exam.

If in doubt on your proper registration, refer to your letter of appointment or program of study. Registration questions may also be directed to the Agronomy Academic Program Specialist.

**To register any term for research hours, supervised teaching or individual studies, use the qualtrics survey link:**

https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8BKzo7N6yyvHtU4B
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The above amounts are provided as a convenience, and should not be used as a student’s definitive calculation of fees due. Students admitted in Spring or Summer use the previous “Fall” Fee Tier.

UF Bursar provides a link to help you assess your fees: [http://www.fa.ufl.edu/bursar/current-students/](http://www.fa.ufl.edu/bursar/current-students/)

**Bursar’s deadline:** [http://www.fa.ufl.edu/bursar/critical-dates/](http://www.fa.ufl.edu/bursar/critical-dates/)

**For Fall 2016 term, the Bursar’s deadline is Nov. 4 at 11:59am for online; 3:30pm for drop box.** Every student receives an email from this office with this deadline date. A Graduate Assistant, whose hire has completed the hire pathway, will have a deferred fee deadline usually a week prior to withdrawal deadline. If your payroll is not in the UF system by Add/Drop, we strongly suggest you pay something towards your bill to prevent $100 late payment fee, forced withdrawal, and inconvenience of petition process.
Academic Progress

Satisfactory academic progress (or standing) of any graduate student at any time requires a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. Progress is unsatisfactory for any student whose cumulative GPA is less than 3.0. Grades below “C”, to include “U”, are failing grades. No student with unsatisfactory standing may be admitted to candidacy nor awarded any advanced degree. Therefore, graduate students in Agronomy will be placed on probation whenever their GPA drops below 3.0 and barred from registration if their cumulative GPA is not raised above 3.0 after one semester probation. No student on probation should receive an “Incomplete” (I) grade. The student may appeal to the Department Graduate Committee if extenuating circumstances contributed to the unsatisfactory academic progress.

Time Limitations

All work counted towards a Master’s degree or Graduate Certificate must be completed during the seven years immediately preceding the date on which the degree is to be awarded. All work for the Doctorate’s degree must be completed within five calendar years after the qualifying examination. Graduate students are generally expected to complete requirements and receive these respective degrees in considerably shorter periods of time than allowed in these limitations.

Graduate Seminar Participation

All graduate students in Agronomy are required to attend and participate in AGR 6933 Graduate Agronomy Seminar during all Fall and Spring semesters. Unexcused absences at any time during one’s graduate program will result in a reduction in the grade for the class during the semester in which one is registered for seminar. Any excused absences must be approved by the major professor. There is a re-broadcast link that will be emailed with the announcements so that students who miss seminar, or are at an REC maintain the benefit of participating. Agronomy’s Department Chair expects all students in the Gainesville area, to include CAIP, to attend in person.

Students are required to register for AGR 6933 Agronomy Seminar once during a M.S. Thesis or Ph.D. degree program. The presentation should be a report of the thesis or dissertation research and should be presented during the student’s last semester. One seminar presentation is required for the M.S. Non-thesis degree program. This presentation should be on the analysis paper submitted by the student as part of the degree program, and it will be given to the student’s graduate committee.

Rooms in McCarty Hall B for Agronomy Graduate Students

Computer Room and Study Area - McCarty B room 2103 - The graduate student computer room and study area is in 2103 McCarty Hall B. This room is solely for use by currently enrolled graduate students in the Agronomy Department. If you are doing group work, be considerate of the needs of other students using this facility. To enter the room, you must have a four-digit pass code. To obtain a pass code, send an email message to Jimmy Anuszewski (jski@ufl.edu) requesting access and provide him with your four-digit code. He will then enter the code into the system and you will be able to enter as you wish. Do not share your pass code with others.

Agronomy Conference Room - McCarty B room 2108 - A place for committee meetings, presentations and final exams. Contact Agronomy’s front office to schedule this room.

Agronomy Commons Breakroom - McCarty B room 3123 - A refrigerator, microwave, and eating table are provided for Agronomy personnel and students to take breaks.

Administrative Offices - McCarty B room 3105
Every Student will be evaluated after the First Term and thereafter, every Spring

After your first term grades, complete the information at the top of the evaluation form (see sample below), and forward it to your Committee Chair. The chair will complete the evaluation form, discuss it with you, and you both will sign it. Distribute it to remaining committee members for their signatures. Once everyone has signed it, submit the form to the Academic Program Specialist in McCarty Hall B, room 3105. If you do not yet have a committee appointed, then your major professor will be the only signature on the form. Agroecology supplemental handbook provides a similar form for students in that curriculum track to use.

**GRADUATE STUDENT EVALUATION**

Name: ____________________ UF ID: ____________

Begin date: ____________ End Date ____________

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**Supervisory Committee Names**

Chair: __________________________

Co-Chair: or Member

Member: __________________________

Minor Representative or Member: __________________________

External Member: *(Ph.D. students have this member role)*

Comments: *(Additional room for comments on the back of this form)*

The signature of the graduate student does not mean that he/she agrees with the evaluation, but means only that he/she has seen the evaluation.

Student’s Name/Date: __________________________

*Return completed form (including all applicable committee signatures) to the Academic Program Specialist in MCCB 3105.*
Responsibilities

→ The graduate program for all students is organized by a Supervisory Committee.

→ The Graduate Advisor serves as the Chair of the Student’s Supervisory Committee. If Advisor is at an REC and the student on the main campus, then a Co-chair is selected from the Gainesville Faculty to assist the student while a resident on the main campus.

→ The Committee is responsible for approval of course work and provides guidance and review of the student’s professional development and research project.

→ The Supervisory Committee has primary responsibility for the overall quality of the degree program.

→ The Graduate Advisor assures that adequate resources are available for the student to complete the proposed research project within the allotted time.

→ The Graduate Advisor confirms student compliance with departmental requirements by periodically reviewing the Program of Study (Form 2) with the student.

→ The Graduate Advisor completes an annual academic evaluation for each student and the student presents it to his/her Supervisory Committee for review and authorization.

→ The Supervisory Committee must be appointed by the end of the student’s first term or after 12 credit hours.

The UF Graduate School and Agronomy expect the student’s Supervisory Committee to display in “GIMS” by the end of the first term or after 12 credit hours, whichever comes first.
Committee Appointment Process

_During a student’s first term_, the major professor and student confer to select a minor field of study (if applicable) and to select other members to form a Supervisory Committee. They use this departmental criteria to communicate the proposed committee to the Graduate Coordinator.

Minimum requirement for committee members

_Two faculty from the Agronomy Department must serve on each student’s committee_

**M.S. Non-thesis**  
Chair from Agronomy  
Second Member from Agronomy  
_Agroecology Concentration requires a third member from SWS Dept._

**M.S. Thesis**  
Chair from Agronomy  
Co-chair or Member from Agronomy  
Third Member—any UF Faculty or a representative for a Minor or Concentration  
Fourth Member assigned as “Department Representative” by Agronomy

**Ph.D.**  
Chair from Agronomy  
Co-chair or Member from Agronomy  
Third Member - any UF Graduate Faculty  
External Member - UF Graduate Faculty not in Agronomy  
Fifth Member assigned as “Department Representative” by Agronomy

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1.) **Recruit UF Faculty to serve on the Committee**

2.) **Submit proposed list via email**  
lesollen@ufl.edu (Graduate Coordinator)
   
   Include in that email:  
   Name, Degree, Major, Degree Attributes (minors, concentration certificates), and...
   
   ...A few sentences about your research proposal
   
   ...Names and Roles of Committee Members
   
   ...Student may suggest/recommend a Department Member

3.) **Department Member is appointed by Agronomy Department’s Chair**

4.) **Approval or Return for Corrections**  
Program Director of Agroecology approves Concentration and SWS Member

5.) **GIMS insertion via Academic Program Assistant; student may proofread via ONE.UF**

6.) **Teaching Credit** is accrued by Committee members for involvement in your research program once the committee is listed in GIMS.

*Non-UF Faculty may serve in a Special Member role on a Committee by the four-level petition process.*
Additional definitions and duties of the supervisory committee are within the UF Graduate Catalog.

**Committee Chairperson:** The major professor serves as committee chairperson and must be a member of the UF Graduate Faculty. The major professor has the primary responsibility of ensuring compliance with pertinent university regulations during all phases of the student’s graduate program. One or two minor fields of study may be chosen.

**Committee Co-Chair:** Under justifying circumstances, a co-chair for any Supervisory Committee may be appointed to assume the responsibility for detailed supervision of a particular portion of the student’s program. Co-chairs with Agronomy Faculty status are permitted to substitute for the Chair at exams. Students at a UF campus different from the Chair must have a Co-chair at his/her campus of residency.

**Department-Appointed Member:** For both M.S. Thesis and Ph.D. students, one member of the supervisory committee will be selected by the Graduate Coordinator in consultation with the Department Chairman. Students and Chairs may recommend a Department Member.

**Agroecology SWS Member:** Agroecology curriculum is interdisciplinary with the *Soil and Water Sciences Department* (SWS) and a UF Faculty Member of the SWS Department is required to serve on the M.S. Thesis or Non-thesis committee. Refer to *Agroecology Graduate Student Handbook.*

**Minor Representative:** For each minor selected, one UF Graduate Faculty member representing the student’s minor must be appointed. Faculty holding joint, affiliate, courtesy, or adjunct appointments in the Agronomy department cannot serve as a Minor Representative role.

**External Member:** Ph.D. committees must have a UF Graduate Faculty from a different educational discipline, with no ties to the home academic unit. This member represents the interests of the Graduate School and UF, knows Graduate Council policies, and serves as an advocate for the student at doctoral committee activities. Faculty holding joint, affiliate, courtesy, or adjunct appointments in the Agronomy department cannot serve in an External Member role.

**Non-UF Faculty Member:** Individuals without UF Graduate Faculty status may serve on a student’s committee as a “Special Member” thru the special appointment process if his/her specific expertise contributes to the graduate student’s program of study. The process is this: Chair submits the resume and justification for inclusion on the committee to the Graduate Coordinator to initiate the approval process. Once approved at the department level, the Special Member needs to acquire a UFID from UF. The Academic Program Specialist inserts the data in GIMS, and the Graduate School makes a final decision of inclusion.

**Research Proposal:** For M.S. Thesis and Ph.D. students a written research proposal must be submitted to the Supervisory Committee before the first committee meeting. This proposal should be considered in developing the proposed program of courses and should become a permanent part of the student’s record. *Bring (or email chight@ufl.edu) a copy of your research proposal to 3015 McCarty Hall B for placement in your student file.*

**Certificates and Concentrations:** Compliance oversight for degree attributes in addition to the Agronomy major is the responsibility of the student. In most circumstances a committee member associated with a specific certificate or concentration is not required. Some exceptions apply.
The Supervisory Committee is responsible to help the student as needed and:

- Conduct the qualifying examination if appropriate
- Initiate the application for admission to candidacy for Ph.D. students
- Supervise the research and preparation of the thesis or dissertation if required
- Review the student’s analysis paper if required
- Administer and determines passage of the Comprehensive Written Exam if required
- Conduct the Final Examination

Program of Study (Form 2)

**Definition:** Program of Study is a minimum contract between the graduate student and the Supervisory Committee that defines the coursework required for the degree program.

**The committee should meet when appointed** in order to develop the list of courses for the student’s Program of Study (Form 2) and to review the research proposal.

The courses selected should be listed on the Program of Study form and grouped into categories of Major, other attributes - Minor, Concentration, Certificate, and Foundation and Supporting Work. Courses are limited to graduate level (5000 and above) Agronomy courses for the Agronomy major or others specifically approved for this purpose. (A list of Agronomy courses is found in this handbook, on Agronomy’s websites, and in the Graduate Catalog.) Courses for satisfying major, minors, concentration, or certificates must be numbered 5000 and above. Undergraduate courses must receive approval from the Supervisory Committee and might be applicable for prerequisite or language requirements associated with research needs.

Obtain form here: [http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/students/#forms](http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/students/#forms)

Include on the form courses required by the Supervisory Committee, courses that fulfill degree attributes (the major and/or minor, certificate, or concentration) and credit hour requirements (30 for the M.S. and 90 post-B.S. for the Ph.D.). Additional courses can be taken without modification of the Form 2, but if courses listed on the Form 2 are to be deleted or substituted this requires committee approval and written notification to the Graduate Coordinator. (Dual degree or dual majors have additional paperwork. Contact the Agronomy academic office.)

From a practical perspective it is generally a good idea to have at least 3 credits more than the minimum on the form to provide a buffer should it become impossible to take one of the listed courses.

**Deadline**

The Program of Study (authorized by the Supervisory Committee) must be submitted to the Graduate Coordinator for the student’s file during the second term of residency. The student will not be allowed to register in the third term without having a signed Program of Study on file.

Students may email the signed program of study to chight@ufl.edu for insertion in his/her student file.
Process of the Program of Study
a. The student and major professor agree on a list of courses to fulfill degree requirements.
b. The student should list courses on Agronomy’s template [http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/students/#forms](http://agronomy.ifas.ufl.edu/students/#forms) and submit this draft to the Graduate Coordinator for proofreading.
c. This proposed Program of Study is presented to the Supervisory Committee for its consideration at a meeting of the Supervisory Committee.
d. The program of study is revised according to the wishes of the Supervisory Committee, and this revised version is submitted to the Graduate Coordinator for review.
e. Upon completion of this review it is returned for suggested modification or request to begin signature collection.
f. Student or Chair requests “Special Member” process to begin for non UF-faculty who might be added to the committee as a “Special Member.”
g. Signature collection begins on the form, and Adobe date/time-stamped signatures are acceptable. It is preferred, but not mandatory, that all signatures be on a single sheet rather than multiple sheets.
h. After all members have signed the form, it should be submitted Academic Program Specialist for placement in the student’s file.

Procedure to make changes on the Form 2
If the student is unable to take a required course listed in the plan, it is the student’s and adviser’s responsibility to acquire committee approval for this change. The adviser should send to the Graduate Coordinator written notice of this change and confirmation that it has been approved by the committee. This should be done well in advance of the final exam. Failure to do so could result in a delay in meeting requirements for graduation.

Courses that count towards Major or Minor
The Graduate Catalog displays two lists of approved courses that satisfy the Agronomy major: Agronomy department courses, and “College of Agricultural and Life Sciences” courses (e.g., ALS 5932, a course number used for ALS 5932 Intro to Applied Statistics). Course work towards the major (e.g., course prefix BCH) prohibits the student from obtaining a minor from that academic unit.

For course work outside the major, up to 6 credit hours of courses numbered 3000 or above may be taken if part of an approved program of study and independent of satisfying a degree attribute.

Minor is defined in the Graduate Catalog as a block of course work completed in any academic unit outside the major, if approved for master’s or doctoral programs listed in the graduate catalog. If a student earns more than one course from an academic unit contributing to the major of another, the students is not eligible to earn a minor from the contributing academic unit. If a minor is chosen, the supervisory committee must include a representative from the minor field. A minor requires at least 6 to 15 credits depending on the program. The minor appears on the student’s transcript along with the program name and the degree awarded. Two minors may be taken as part of the M.S. program with the major academic units’ permission. A 3.00 (truncated) GPA is required for minor credit. The academic unit may place higher standards than those listed here for fulfillment of a minor. For students pursuing a Ph.D., 12 credit hours are required for one minor.

Certificates
Certificates are rapidly replacing minors on the UF campus. The credit hours vary from 9-15 credit hours of a specialized area and do not require a committee member. It may be completed independent of the degree. Any graduate student regardless of major may apply to a certificate program. Application does not guarantee acceptance. The student applies via Admissions or ONE.UF and enrollment in the certificate program must be done prior to the student earning a grade in any coursework towards the certificate.

Agronomy offers two graduate certificates, “Sustainable Agroecosystems” and “Global Agroecology.” Coursework is 100% online and most applicants are not pursuing an Agronomy major.
Core Curriculum Requirements

Minimum 3-credit hours from each category during your graduate education:
- Genetics and Plant Breeding
- Plant Physiology/Biochemistry
- Plant Ecology/Management/Nutrition

Courses that count toward this requirement are listed in these three tables. **Bold face** indicates courses that satisfy the Agronomy major. (Other non-listed courses may meet these requirements; contact Graduate Coordinator to confirm.)

The objective is to ensure that all Agronomy students have a common knowledge base that will enhance their overall understanding of Agronomy, their interaction with students and faculty during the graduate program, and their value as future collaborators after they complete their graduate work.

**Genetics and Plant Breeding courses have AGR 3303 Genetics or its equivalent, as a prerequisite.**

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Note: The student estimates 30 credits transferring from a University (other than UF) to show that he/she has at least 90 credits post Bachelor's degree.

UF Graduate School will determine if the full 30 credits will be transferred based on 1.) Final Transcript with UF Admissions; 2.) Letter grades “B” and higher, 3.) Coursework within last 7-years

Transfer of Credit paperwork will be provided to your Chair in the first term.
Note: Credit hours in the minor are not counted toward the Agronomy major.

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**Program of Study – Form 2 for MS Degree in UF IFAS Agronomy**

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Graduate Students should submit a draft copy of the Program of Study-Form 2 to 3105 McCarty Hall B for preview by the Agronomy Department’s Graduate Coordinator.
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**Student:**

**Chair:**

**Co-chair, if applicable:**

**Minor Rep, if applicable:**
Master of Science Non-thesis

Purpose: To meet the needs of individuals desiring graduate study in Agronomy as preparation for jobs in such areas as production agriculture, agribusiness, consulting, extension, and education that do not have research components.

Pre-requisites: PLS 3004C Principles of Plant Sciences.
SWS 3022 Introduction to Soils in the Environment or equivalent.
Other courses as specified by the Supervisory Committee.

General Requirements: At least 30 total credit hours with a maximum of 6 credits in S/U graded courses.
Registration in AGR 6971 Research for Master's Thesis is not permitted.
Course selection from core curriculum or Agroecology Concentration
Fifteen letter-graded credit hours towards the Agronomy major (no substitutions permitted)

Required Courses: At least 1 credit in AGR 6933 Graduate Agronomy Seminar.
3 credits (2 credits for the Agroecology Program), for an analysis paper in AGR6905.
Other courses as specified by Supervisory Committee. The Agroecology program requires that students complete a group of required courses, and complete electives from an approved list of electives. Refer to the Agroecology handbook.

Comprehensive Written Exam: A comprehensive written exam, taken prior to the midpoint of the term of graduation, is required. Questions for the exam can be solicited from all faculty within the Agronomy Department. The exam and guidelines for passage of the exam will be determined by the Supervisory Committee.

Oral Final Exam: Passage of an Oral Final Exam will be determined by the Supervisory Committee. All committee members must sign the “Report on Thesis or Dissertation and/or Final Examination” form which is then submitted to the Graduate Coordinator. The Final Exam must be passed by the Graduate School’s final submission deadline. The Graduate Coordinator should be informed of the scheduling of the exam at least 10 working days prior to the exam date.

Supervisory Committee: Details on pages 12-14 in this handbook.

First Semester Goals (even if enrolled part-time as a place-bound professional):

Month 1
Discuss non-thesis project ideas with Committee Chair
Form a Program of Study draft selecting courses to support project and career goals
Verify in ONE.UF official academic transcripts are with UF Admissions
Request initiation of Transfer of Credit paperwork

Months 2-3
Recruit a Supervisory Committee and submit list to Graduate Coordinator
Present in a committee meeting the Non-thesis Proposal and Program of Study; collect signatures

Month 5
Complete “First Term Evaluation” and provide a signed copy for the student file
Supply for student file the signed Program of Study and non-thesis proposal
Verify via ONE.UF degree attributes in GIMS and transfer of credit on transcript

Students in the Agroecology Concentration should refer to the Agroecology Graduate Student Handbook.
Master of Science Thesis

Purpose: To meet the needs of individuals desiring graduate study in Agronomy as preparation for jobs in research oriented and/or technical positions.

General Requirements: A total of at least 30 credits approved by the Supervisory Committee, Department, College, and Graduate School.
A maximum of 6 credits in AGR 6971 Research for Master’s Thesis.
A minimum of 12 credits in 5000 level or higher of Agronomy courses and others specifically approved for this purpose as listed in the Graduate Catalog, exclusive of AGR 6971.
One course from each of the core curriculum (or Agroecology concentration)

Required Courses: One credit in AGR 6933 Graduate Agronomy Seminar.
Other courses as specified by the Supervisory Committee
One Course from each of the three core curriculum areas (page 15)
(Students in Agroecology concentration are exempt from core curriculum requirements.)
Other courses are specified by the Supervisory Committee.

Final Examination: After course work is substantially completed and the thesis is in final form, the Supervisory Committee will give an Oral Final Exam to the student on the thesis, major subjects, minor subjects, and matters of a general nature pertaining to the discipline area of the student. The student and Committee Chair must be present for the examination. All other committee members must participate but may do so using media. UF requires official exam papers to be signed by committee members, and the Academic Program Specialist will oversee sending the exam documents to the committee members who are present at the examination. The Final Exam may not be scheduled earlier than the semester preceding graduation. An announcement of the Final Examination must be submitted to the Academic Program Specialist at least 10 working days prior to the date of the examination date.

Supervisory Committee: Details on pages 12-14 of this handbook.

First Semester Goals:

Month 1
- Discuss thesis ideas with Committee Chair; read literature on the subject
- Form a Program of Study draft selecting courses to support thesis research
- Verify in ONE.UF official academic transcripts are with UF Admissions
- Request initiation of Transfer of Credit paperwork

Months 2-3
- Recruit a Supervisory Committee and submit list to Graduate Coordinator
- Present in a committee meeting the Thesis Proposal and Program of Study; collect signatures

Month 5
- Complete “First Term Evaluation” and provide a signed copy for the student file
- Supply for student file the signed Program of Study and Thesis Proposal
- Verify via ONE.UF degree attributes in GIMS and transfer of credit on transcript
**Doctor of Philosophy**

**Purpose:** To meet the needs of individuals desiring graduate study in Agronomy as preparation for faculty positions in academic institutions or as research scientists in federal agencies or in the private sector.

*Refer to the Graduate Catalog for comprehensive details on each topic below.*

**General Requirements:** A minimum of 90 total credit hours. Contributing to that total may be credit hours earned in the previous seven years. Transfer of Credit from M.S. degree and non-degree seeking courses allowable as applicable to new degree program. Restrictions include earned grades “B” and higher. (Program of Study should have a single line item of credit transferred from each institution with projected credit hours.)

Minor requirements vary per department, and are usually 12 credit hours. Coursework towards a minor cannot be transferred from a previously-earned M.S. degree. The number of credit hours in the major should exceed that of any minor(s).

Dual degree pursuit begins with an approval process. Two examples: Ph.D. in Agronomy major and M.S. non-thesis in Statistics; Doctor of Plant Medicine and M.S. Thesis in Agronomy. Graduate Assistants interested in dual degree pursuit must first have approval of supervisor and an amended letter of appointment indicating allowance for dual degrees. Approval includes support of the Supervisory Committee, Graduate Coordinators and College Academic Deans of each department, and the UF Graduate School. Student accessibility to the prescribed Form 2 template for Non-Traditional Degree must be obtained by the Academic Program Specialist in the Agronomy Department, and proofread by the Graduate Coordinator (similar to the Agronomy major’s program of study). Applying for dual degree does not guarantee acceptance. Once the Graduate School makes its decision, GiMS will display “Non Traditional Degree” in the student’s record.

All candidates for the Ph.D. degree will normally obtain teaching experience, the specifics of which are determined by the Supervisory Committee. It is recommended that at least one credit of AGR 6940 Supervised Teaching be included in the program of study. Concurrent with TA classroom duties, a formal Course Teacher Evaluation is available with permission of instructor of record.

**Required Courses:**

- One credit in AGR 6933 Graduate Agronomy Seminar
- One Course from each of the three core curriculum areas (see page 17)
- Other courses as specified by the Supervisory Committee and fulfillment of each degree attribute (minors, concentration, certificates).

**Residency:**

UF campus residency requirement of 30 credit hours minimum and as specified by the Supervisory Committee and/or letter of appointment. (Refer to Graduate Catalog for comprehensive details.)

**Foreign Language:**

No foreign language is required for Agronomy major. However, the Supervisory Committee (or the TCD Concentration) may require a foreign language if the members believe the language study would enable the student to be better prepared for his/her site research or anticipated career objective.
Doctor of Philosophy continued...

**Supervisory Committee:** Details on page 14 of this handbook.

**Qualifying Examination:** The qualifying examination should be given as soon as the Supervisory Committee believes a student has completed an appropriate portion of course work, generally not earlier than the last semester of their first full year. Scheduling the qualifying exam early in a program allows the committee to recommend remedial course work if the student performs marginally on the qualifying exam. The qualifying examination must be held at least two semesters prior to the receipt of the degree by a full-time student or a calendar year before receipt of the degree if the student is on less than a full-time basis. The semester in which the qualifying examination is passed is counted for this purpose if the examination is held and the Admission to Candidacy form is submitted during the first half of that semester.

The examination should consist of a written portion given by each committee member and an oral examination by all members of the Supervisory Committee in assembly. All Agronomy Graduate Faculty Members and Deans of the Graduate School, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and IFAS Research also may participate in the oral portion. Such examinations cover all major and minor subjects. The student and Committee Chair must be physically present for the examination. All other committee members must participate but may do so using media. UF requires official exam papers be signed by committee members, and the Academic Program Specialist will oversee sending the exam documents to committee members who were not present at the examination. The Final Exam may not be scheduled earlier than the semester preceding graduation. Contact the Academic Program Specialist to announce the exam.

**Final Examination:** A final comprehensive oral examination given by the Supervisory Committee must be passed by all candidates no later than the deadline for each semester as published by the Graduate School. A list of deadline dates may be obtained at http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/editorial/thesis-and-dissertation/. The examination will cover the candidate’s dissertation as required, his/her field of specialization, and other such areas as considered appropriate by the Supervisory Committee. An announcement of the final exam must be submitted through the Graduate Coordinator’s office at least 10 working days prior to the examination date. The exam should normally be scheduled during the semester in which the student receives the degree and in no event can this examination be held earlier than six months before the degree is conferred.

The student and Committee Chair must be physically present for the examination. All other committee members must participate but may do so using media. UF requires official exam papers be signed by committee members, and the Academic Program Specialist will oversee sending the exam documents to committee members who were not present at the examination.

The student and Committee Chair must indicate an embargo period on the Publishing Agreement, sign and submit to accompany the Final Exam signature page. The ETD signature page submission may be reserved until the dissertation document satisfies the committee.
Research Performed Elsewhere for Thesis or Dissertation

Most research for thesis and dissertation as part of the requirements for the M.S. Thesis and Ph.D. is done within the Agronomy Department, including appropriate Research and Education Centers of IFAS. However, both foreign and domestic graduate students at times present justifiable requests to perform the required research elsewhere. Some agencies that support foreign graduate students endorse the concept that research performed in the student's home country will be of maximum educational value to the student.

A request to conduct research at an international location should be made to the Graduate Coordinator and each request will be considered based on merit. In addition to consideration of all details pertaining to the individual request, the following general guidelines will influence the departmental decision on each request:

1. Demonstrated ability of the student to work alone.
2. Availability of adequate research facilities and qualified supervisory assistance at requested research location.
3. Opportunity for major professor to visit the student and the research location sufficiently to insure maintenance of quality.
4. Ability of subject to spend not less than 1 semester in residence at the University of Florida, after doing research elsewhere, to complete requirements and defend the thesis or dissertation. This will require permission from the student's country plus continued support from the granting agency (or personal funds). Research requests from international agencies without this provision will be denied.
5. Fulfillment of requirements of a concentration (Global Systems Agroecology or TCD).

Editorial Standards

Every candidate for the M.S. Thesis is required to prepare and present a thesis reporting his/her individual research in a form acceptable to the Supervisory Committee, the Department of Agronomy, the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and the Graduate School. Likewise, each Ph.D. candidate is required to prepare a dissertation showing independent investigation in form and content acceptable to his/her Supervisory Committee, the Department, College, and Graduate School. Each thesis and dissertation should be prepared in accordance with standard procedures outlined by the Graduate School and available either in the Graduate Catalog or at http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/editorial/.

Students are required to submit an electronic thesis or dissertation and must complete all requirements imposed by the Department, College, and Graduate School.

The Department requires submission of an electronic copy/PDF of the complete thesis or dissertation document once it obtains “Final Clearance” from the Graduate School’s Editorial department. Non-thesis projects must be submitted in PDF form and before the final semester is over once the supervisory committee approves the final version. The PDF must consist of a single file unless an exception is approved by the Graduate Coordinator.
Request a “Graduation Check” of the Academic Program Specialist 2-4 months prior to your final term.

Verify GIMS profile for accuracy. Visit ONE.UF and select “GIMS” to proofread committee and degree attributes. Inform Academic Program Specialist for changes prior to the final term mid-point.

Format the thesis or dissertation using UF Editorial standards; use the UF Help Desk for assistance.

Register correctly in the final term. Once registered, one is permitted to “Apply to graduate” for the degree or certificate completion.

Apply to graduate via ONE.UF by the Graduate School’s published deadline (visit http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/editorial/2015---2016-deadlines/. This is a hard deadline and cannot be petitioned. The university will email details about graduation ceremonies.

**Ph.D. - Commencement Escorts** for Ph.D. students may be selected in advance of the term’s mid-point; inform the Academic Program Specialist the name for insertion in GIMS.

**Ph.D. - Transmittal Letters** are provided to Ph.D. chairs (and co-chairs) for signature collection and submission in GIMS. It enables the Ph.D. student to upload a first submission prior to the deadline.

**Ph.D. - UMI Publishing Agreement** choices are on the Publishing Agreement paperwork provided at the final examination. If the student agrees to use UMI, then separate paperwork is supplied to UF Editorial, and the student has the option to add embargo time to the dissertation using this paperwork.

Schedule an Exit Seminar via registering in AGR 6933 in your final spring or fall term. In some instances, the exit seminar is the same day as the final exam.

Schedule the final exam. Your entire committee must participate in your Final Exam. Communicate with your Committee Chair and Committee about possible day/time/place and schedule the room.

**Exam Announcements** are made to Agronomy faculty and graduate students. At least two weeks before your Final Exam, contact the Academic Program Specialist and email the title of your non-thesis project, thesis or dissertation, exam location/time/day, and (optional) a photograph. It is helpful to send email addresses of Special Members on the committee. Examination signature pages will be prepared, and emailed to the chair. The student might be asked to pick up the Final Exam, EDT Signature Page, and Publishing Agreement signature forms from the Academic Program Specialist in 3105, McCarty Hall B on the day of the exam. When ready to submit the final copy of the Thesis/Dissertation to editorial, students should visit the Graduate School website to make sure all requirements have been satisfied of the Graduate School. **When Final Clearance** is provided by UF Editorial, send a PDF of the approved document to the Academic Program Specialist.

An Exit Interview with the Graduate Coordinator is required and students on track to graduate will be sent a form to complete.

Return Agronomy and UF property (e.g., keys and books) before leaving campus.
AGR 5230C - Florida Grassland Agroecosystems (4) A comprehensive overview of planted and native grassland ecosystems in Florida emphasizing their growth, species diversity, management, and utilization by ruminant animals. Offered every spring semester on campus or WEB delivery.

AGR 5266C: Field Plot Techniques (3) Prereq: STA 6166 or ALS 5932 Intro to Applied Statistics. Techniques and procedures used in design and analysis of field plot, greenhouse, and laboratory research experiments. Application of research methodology, the analysis and interpretation of research results. Offered every fall semester on campus or WEB delivery.

AGR 5277C - Tropical Crop Production (3) The ecology and production practices of selected crops grown in the tropics. Emphasis placed on crops and systems utilized in programs for developing regions. Offered every fall semester.

AGR 5307 - Molecular Genetics for Crop Improvement (3) Prereq: AGR 3303. Concepts, methodologies and applications of molecular genetics, plant transformation, RNA interference and precision genome editing used in crop improvement. Offered spring semester in even-numbered years.


AGR 5444 - Ecophysiology of Crop Production (3) Prereq: AGR 3005 or equivalent. Physiological, ecological, and environmental responses that impact growth, development, and yield formation of cultivated crops. Offered every spring on campus or WEB delivery.

AGR 5511 - Crop Ecology(3) Prereq: AGR 4210, BOT 3503, PCB 3043C, or consent of instructor. Relationships of ecological factors and climatic classifications to agroecosystems, and crop modeling of the major crops. Offered fall semester on campus and WEB delivery.

AGR 6233 - Tropical Grassland Agroecosystems (3) Prereq: AGR 4231C and ANS 5446 or consent of the instructor. Potential of natural grasslands of tropical and subtropical regions. Development of improved pastures and forages and their utilization in livestock production. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years.

AGR 6237C - Research Techniques in Forage Evaluation (3) Prereq: STA 6166. Experimental techniques for field evaluation of forage plants. Design of grazing trials and procedures for estimating yield and botanical composition in the grazed and ungrazed pasture. Offered summer C semester in odd-numbered years.

AGR 6322 - Advanced Plant Breeding (3) Prereq: AGR 3303, AGR 4321, AGR 6311 and STA 6167. Theory and use of biometrical genetic models for analytical evaluation of qualitative and quantitative characteristics, with procedures applicable to various types of plant species. Offered fall semester during even years.
AGR 6325L - Plant Breeding Techniques (1; max: 2) Prereq: AGR 3303 or equivalent; coreq: AGR 6322. Examination of various breeding techniques used by agronomic and horticultural crop breeders in Florida. Field and lab visits to active plant breeding programs, with discussion led by a specific breeder each week. Hands-on experience in breeding programs. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years.

AGR 6932 - Plant Chrom & Genomes (3) Prereq: AGR 3303. New Course offered Spring ‘15 and ‘16. Genetic variability with emphasis on interrelationships of cytologic and genetic concepts. Check with department about subsequent years.

AGR 6932—Aquatic Weed Control (3) Identification of Florida’s aquatic weed problems and methods of chemical, biological, mechanical and physical weed control. Offered fall semester during even years. Check with department of availability in future semesters.

AGR 6422C - Environmental Crop Nutrition (3) Prereq: BOT 3503. Design of cost-effective and environmentally sound crop nutrient management strategies. Diagnostic nutrient analysis, nutrient uptake, BMPs, and sustainable agriculture. Offered every fall semester on campus and WEB delivery.

AGR 6905 - Agronomic Problems (1-5 credits per semester) Prereq: minimum of one undergraduate course in agronomy or plant science. Special topics for classroom, library, laboratory or field studies of agronomic plants. Offered every semester.

AGR 6932 - Topics in Agronomy (2-3) Critical review of selected topics in specific agronomic areas. Courses vary, so check the Agronomy Department for current offerings.

AGR 6933 - Graduate Agronomy Seminar (1) Current literature and agronomic developments. See page 10 for participation details. Offered every spring and fall semester on campus and WEB delivery.

AGR 6940 - Supervised Teaching (1-5 Credits per semester) Offered every semester

AGR 6971 - Research for Master's Thesis (1-9 Credits per semester) Offered every semester.

AGR 7979 - Advanced Research (1-9 Credits per semester) Research for doctoral students before admission to candidacy. Designed for students with a master's degree in the field of study or for students who have been accepted for a doctoral program. Not open to students who have been admitted to candidacy. Offered every semester.

AGR 7980 - Research for Doctoral Dissertation (1- 12 Credits per semester) Prereq: Passing of Qualifying Exam. Offered every semester.

ALS 5155 - Global Agroecosystems (3) Prereq: SWS 3022, SWS5050, AGR 4214C and ALS 3153 or instructor’s permission. This course focuses on the principles of agroecology and presentation of topics that integrate ecological with agricultural principles to optimize resource conservation, productivity, societal benefit, and profitability. Offered every fall semester on campus and WEB delivery.
IPM 5305 - Principles of Pesticides (3) Provides opportunities for students to gain a basic knowledge of pesticides and their use. The course is not designed for students to memorize chemical structures, but to gain a practical working knowledge of all types of pesticides used primarily in agricultural and horticultural settings. Offered every spring semester. WEB delivery only.

PLS 5632C - Integrated Weed Management (3) Overview of weed science principles and practices, with particular emphasis on strategies for Southeastern cropping systems. Situations unique to the state of Florida. Offered fall semester on campus or WEB delivery. Lab fee $15.00.

PLS 6626 - Invasive Plant Ecology (3) Mechanisms and hypotheses to explain non-native plant invasions. Impacts of invasions on communities and ecosystems, including natural and agricultural areas, management approaches, and design and analysis of experiments. Offered spring semester.

PLS 6655 - Plant/Herbicide Interaction (3) Prereq: PLS 4601 and BOT 3503. Herbicide activity on plants: edaphic and environmental influences, absorption and translocation, response of specific physiological and biochemical processes as related to herbicide mode of action. Prereq: introductory plant physiology and biochemistry; introductory weed control and knowledge of herbicide families. Offered on campus spring semester in odd-numbered years and WEB-delivery spring even years.

The following are courses offered in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and qualify to contribute to Agronomy major. Students are advised to contact the department offering the course to learn when and how the course is offered prior to including it on the program of study.

ALS 5156 - Agricultural Ecology Principles and Applications (3) Introduction to agroecosystems. Ecological principles with examples and applications from agriculture.

ALS 5364C - Molecular Techniques Laboratory (2) Current protocols in molecular biology techniques.

ALS 5932 - Special Topics
Includes ALS 5932 “Intro to Applied Statistics” (3 credits) offered each Fall and Spring, WEB only. International students have required physical presence final examination on main campus.

ALS 6046 - Grant Writing (2) Prerequisite: admitted to doctoral program. Preparation, submission, and management of competitive grants, including operations of national review panels and finding sources of extramural funding. Offered spring.

ALS 6925 - Integrated Plant Medicine (4) Prerequisite: all core courses for DPM degree. Review and synthesis of the principles of plant-problem prevention, diagnosis, and management.

BCH 5046 - Graduate Survey of Biochemistry Prerequisite: inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, biology. Introduction to plant, animal, and microbial biochemistry for graduate students who have not had biochemistry. Integration and regulation of biochemical processes stressed; limited discussion of some biochemical techniques.
Graduate Certificates
Agroecology at the University of Florida is a collaboration between the Agronomy and the Soil and Water Sciences Departments. The core curriculum of each certificate emphasizes the interdisciplinary studies and global perspectives in agriculture, environment and society. Interested applicants who are current students must apply prior taking the courses. Applicants who are non-degree seeking

Sustainable Agroecosystems Certificate  12+ Credits
Curriculum provides an understanding of current global issues related to agriculture and production systems and valuable skills for a future profession in the agricultural sciences. A comprehensive final written exam of core courses is required for completion.

Three Core Courses:
- ALS 5155 Global Agroecosystems
- AGR 5444 Ecophysiology of Crop Production
- SWS 5050 Soils for Environmental Professionals

One Elective from one of the following:
- AGR 5111 Crop Ecology
- AGR 6422C Environmental Crop Nutrition
- SWS 5208 Sustainability Ag & Urban Land Mgmt
- SWS 5246 Water Sustainability
- PLS 5632C Integrated Weed Management

Global Agroecology Certificate  10+ Credits
The curriculum provides an international exposure in meeting the challenges of food and farming systems with agroecological approaches. Courses and the research at a partner institution emphasize sustainability, resource management, crop eco-physiology, environmental nutrient and water management, system productivity and profitability. A comprehensive final exam of core courses is required for completion. Final exam includes an oral seminar presentation to Agroecology Faculty of the research at the Partner Institution.

Two Core Courses:
- ALS 5155 Global Agroecosystems
- AGR 6905 3-6 month International Internship
- Partner Institution* (4 credits)

One Elective from one of the following:
- AGR 5111 Crop Ecology
- AGR 5230C Florida Grassland Ecosystems
- AGR 5444 Ecophysiology of Crop Production
- AGR 6422C Environmental Crop Nutrition
- SWS 5050 Soils for Environmental Professionals
- SWS 5208 Sustainability Ag & Urban Land Mgmt
- SWS 5246 Water Sustainability
- IPM 5305 Principles of Pesticides
- PLS 5632C Integrated Weed Management

*Partner Institutions http://uf-agroecology.com/what-is-agroecology/partner-institutions/

Australia  University of New England, Armidale - Innovation Center (SMART Farm)
Australia  Western Sydney University - Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment
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Fall and Spring Classes meet for 50 minutes with a 15-minute break between classes.

Key:
M = Monday  
R = Thursday  
T = Tuesday  
F = Friday  
W = Wednesday  
S = Saturday (applicable during Final Exam week)  
E = Evening  
(Tuesday - UF does not schedule classes or final exams on Sundays or Holidays)
TBA = To Be Arranged: Contact Department (A code also used for WEB-delivered courses)
WEB = WEB-delivered, no physical presence required. (Some classes are a blend of physical presence plus 1 or more meet time via WEB-delivery)

PERIOD | CLASS OR FINAL EXAM BEGINS
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1 | 7:25 am
2 | 8:30 am
3 | 9:35 am
4 | 10:40 am
5 | 11:45 am  
   Agronomy Graduate Seminar meets M Period 5 in MCCD G001 Fall ‘16 term
6 | 12:50 pm
7 | 1:55 pm
8 | 3:00 pm
9 | 4:05 pm
10 | 5:10 pm
11 | 6:15 pm
E1 | 7:20 pm
E2 | 8:20 pm
E3 | 9:20 pm

For Final Exam day/time/location, refer to the Registrar’s Fall and Spring term final exam schedule

Summer A and B Classes meet for 75 minutes with a 15-minute break between classes.

Summer C classes meet for 65 minutes within the 75-minute regular summer period.

PERIOD | CLASS BEGINS
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1 | 8:00 am
2 | 9:30 am
3 | 11:00 am
4 | 12:30 am
5 | 2:00 pm
6 | 3:30 pm
7 | 5:00 pm
E1 | 7:00 pm
E2 | 8:30 pm

Summer term final exams are held in the classroom on the last day of scheduled class.
Applicant process for competitive awards

1. OCT - JAN Applicant recruits faculty advisor
2. DEC - JAN Applicant applies to UF and is responsible to provide UF Admissions official credentials and test scores before Agronomy is permitted to offer formal admission.
3. DEC - FEB Applicant applies to other UF funding such as Water Institute, TCD, McNair, McKnight, CALS. A nomination letter from proposed chair is required for some of these applications.
4. JAN Applicant ensures packet is complete.
5. FEB Agronomy Faculty nominate GSF & CALS Match. Possible Skype interviews, campus visit, and other evaluation processes might be included.
6. FEB Agronomy Admissions Committee reviews packets concurrent with UF Admissions review. (Other possible funding with similar deadlines might include McNair, McKnight, TCD, CALS Scholarships, Water Institute, BHEARD Fellowships, Fulbright, or via another unit - PMCB, DPM, SNRE - for GSF awards.)
7. FEB-MAR UF Admissions refers or denies applicant. Petition for admission addressing deficiency may be addressed.
8. MAR Graduate Coordinator works with Faculty on admission and LOA job duties

An applicant’s "complete" packet contains:
- UF application and $30 application fee
- GRE test score
- Resume/CV
- Statement of Purpose one page essay
- Three letters of recommendation
- Transcript copies from all previous universities

In addition, international applicant packets contain:
- TOEFL or similar English proficiency test
- Transcript and Diploma copies in original language and official English translation

Admissions permits temporary evaluation and admission with conditions, and prior to enrollment in first term, the international student would hand-carry academic credentials to UF Admissions.

First Term Expectations of Students

1. Discuss with Chair research focus
2. Program of Study formation
3. Recruit Committee
4. Maintain grades “B” and higher
5. Develop a research proposal
6. Meet with Committee to present proposal and accompanying Program of Study
7. Initiate First Term Evaluation after first term grades are displayed.

Evaluations for each student you chair

First term after grades are displayed
Each spring

Graduate Assistants are employees

The UF-GAU Bargaining Agreement has within it comprehensive details on policy that is summarized and highlighted here.

Evaluations: Graduate assistants must receive an employment evaluation, and completion of our template in this handbook will satisfy that requirement if you evaluate the GA each Spring.

Sick leave: GAs are permitted five (5) sick days per semester on appointment. Although they do not have to report time each pay period, they need to insert sick leave. Discuss Extenuating circumstances with the appropriate office: U Matter We Care (Dean of Students), HR, Agronomy Academic Program, etc.

Vacation: There are no paid vacation days.

FTE: The weekly FTE is an average. Hence, if you agree to time off (like UF holidays) then it’s expected the GA will discuss the expected work week with you. On days UF is closed, due to the needs of plant and/or animal care, a GA might be asked to work a day UF is officially closed.

Grievances: GAs have a right to grieve.

U MATTER WE CARE is the Dean of Students’ office and is a resources for faculty and students.
Your student is ready to defend . . . Now what?

Exit Seminar

If the student is graduating Summer term, the Exit Seminar in AGR 6933 must be performed in Spring term.

Final Exam and Final Exam Form

Physical Presence is required of the Committee Chair and Student at a UF Facility; all other committee members may participate by media. A co-chair, if a member of the same academic unit as the chair, may substitute in a qualifying or final exam. If the student passes the examination, then the committee marks the paperwork accordingly. If the student does not pass, then indicate that on the form and communicate with the Graduate Coordinator about whether the student will remain in the Graduate Program.

Extenuating Circumstances and Substitutes at the Exam

If a committee member has extenuating circumstances that prevents participation in the exam, then there are multiple options to retain the examination date. The committee member may participate remotely—even by telephone. If a substitute is arranged, then the absent member is still responsible to read the thesis or dissertation and must sign all forms to include the Final Exam and ETD signature pages. The substitute will sign ONLY the Final Exam form, and sign next to the place where the absent member would sign. In other words, two signatures will be on that signature line.

A substitute must be UF Faculty and of the same academic unit as the committee member who will be absent. Every effort needs to be shown the student to fulfill completion of the exam commitment.

If the student has the extenuating circumstance, then immediately contact the Academic Program Specialist for guidance. There are multiple resources on campus to intervene and prevent current term fee liability or next-term registration. The process involves multiple departments, such as the Dean of Students, and usually extenuating circumstances is a referral process that can take weeks to
Publishing Agreement

The Committee Chair and the Student complete and sign the publishing Agreement form. Note the embargo choices for release: Immediate; 6 Month; 1 Year; 2 Year; and Secret for 2 Years.

Students are given a caution prior to the exam to read the UMI Agreements in preparation for making a choice on the Publishing Agreement. Any embargo time the student selects in UMI is time added to that which he/she selects on the paperwork.

ETD Signature Page

All Members sign the ETD Signature Page if the thesis/dissertation meets the satisfaction of the committee. If it needs significant revisions, then the committee chair is encouraged to withhold his/her signature until the revisions meet the satisfaction of the committee. The other committee members may choose to sign or not sign at the final exam.

Deadlines set by the UF Graduate School are “hard deadlines” and cannot be addressed via the petition process, even if there are extenuating circumstances. If all regular deadlines are met, with exception of ETD page, then the student might qualify for Clear Prior, if the committee is agreeable to it. (The consequence to the Chair is that he/she works during the UF Holiday period to assist the student with changes to the document! Finale Clearance must be obtained prior to first day of class of the new term. Pursuit of Clear Prior does not guarantee UF Editorial will grant it.)

Submit signed forms to Academic Program Specialist in 3105 McCarty Hall B after the exam is over.
The Qualifying Exam is announced to Agronomy Faculty and Graduate Students two weeks prior to the oral examination.

If the student passes the Qualifying or Final Exam, then the Academic Program Specialist will submit the completed forms on-line in GIMS and retain the hard-copy (per the Graduate School requirements).

The Academic Program Specialist will not submit forms on-line until ALL signatures are on the page. If members have participated from remote areas, the Academic Program Specialist can help collect signatures. Digital signatures are allowable. ALL the signatures need to be acquired prior to the online submission.

Once the student passes, he/she is allowed to change AGR 7979 Advanced Research to AGR 7980 Doctoral Research, and in subsequent terms register in AGR 7980. (Appropriate registration is encouraged because UF receives more money from the State of Florida when students are registered in AGR 7980.)

If the student fails the Qualifying exam, then the Supervisory Committee needs to discuss and make a choice about degree continuance, and convey that decision when the Qualifying Examination paperwork is returned. Examples:

The student is still Ph.D. quality, chair should provide justification to Graduate Coordinator and a projected date of retaking the exam. If the student is a graduate assistant, the projected month and year to retake the second exam should be included in the letter of appointment as a “Special Condition” of this milestone completion.

The student is not Ph.D. quality but research is thesis quality or non-thesis project quality, and committee recommends an M.S. degree or different degree and major.

The student has failed in research and/or academics and the committee recommends cessation of Ph.D. degree pursuit in the Agronomy major. If the student is a graduate assistantship a second process is required for assistantship cessation and specific dates on when that is allowed apply. Contact Academic Program Specialist for dates and cessation paperwork/process.

Recommendation of cessation does not remove the student’s ability to pursue a different major, funding, or degree at UF, but does imply any funding support will be changed. The exam paperwork should be marked the student “failed” and the signature page submitted as soon as possible to the Graduate Coordinator and/or Academic Program Assistant.
Various UF websites have the most up-to-date directory information on faculty, staff and students.
Agronomy Photo Consent

The University of Florida’s IFAS Agronomy Department uses photographs in the following media to promote our Graduate and Undergraduate programs as well as our research mission. The photos can be individual or candid photographs. Please indicate your consent for the Agronomy Department to use photographs containing your image by initialing next to the medium below.

Complete this form and submit to Agronomy’s main office MCCB 3105.

Name:__________________________________________________________

M.S. Degree Institution: __________________________________________

Research Area:____________________________________________________

Major Professor: _________________________________________________

Mobile Phone Number: _____________________________________________

Personal statement about your research:

Your consent is requested to post your photo at the following locations:

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☐ Award Recipient Announcements (via email, bulletin boards, and websites)
☐ UF IFAS Agronomy and Agroecology websites
☐ UF - Agroecology website to include “Today in Agroecology” and “Student Profile”
☐ UF IFAS Agronomy Facebook
☐ Student Club (AGSA) Promotions
☐ UF IFAS Agronomy Slide Shows for use in recruiting students from other campuses

*If the box does not have a check mark please do not use my photo.*

Print Name  Sign Name  Date (required)
Emergency Medical Contact Information
UF/IFAS Agronomy

UF/IFAS Agronomy request the following information that will enable us to contact appropriate persons in the event that you are incapacitated. Should a medical emergency situation arise during your graduate program, providing this information allows us to respond very quickly to contact someone you would want to know about your emergency situation. This is entirely voluntary, and doing so is strongly encouraged due to the field work and equipment you might be using. This information will be kept strictly confidential, and referenced in the unlikely event of a medical emergency requiring contact with the person(s) you have identified.

Type/Print Your Name: ________________________________________________

UFID:______________________ Date: __________________________

Your Personal Contact Information:

Cell Number: ____________ Other Number: _________________

*Emergency Medical Contacts:*

Name: __________________________________________________________

Location: (city/country) ________________________________

Relationship: ________________________________________________

Phone Numbers: Cell ____________ Other: ________________

Name: __________________________________________________________

Location: (city/country) ________________________________

Relationship: ________________________________________________

Phone Numbers: Cell ____________ Other: ________________

By signing this document, I agree to allow a representative from Agronomy to share details of my emergency situation with the person(s) named above.

Signature/Date ___________________________________________________