

## **Master of Agriculture in Agricultural Development**

The M.Agr. in Agricultural Development degree is a non-thesis degree intended to emphasize the problem solving skills involved in the use of science and technology to benefit humanity. The degree does not require original research and is generally regarded as a terminal degree.

The Master of Agriculture (M.Agr.) degree program at a distance is designed to prepare individuals for leadership roles in education, natural resource management, and other professional careers in agriculture and the life sciences. The program is ideally suited for teachers, employees of state and federal agencies, extension agents, and employees of private businesses who need to expand their knowledge and skills to the master's degree level.

The M.Agr. degree is a 36 semester hour non-thesis program that emphasizes the development of problem-solving skills and the practical application of theory and research. All core courses within the program are available through web-based instruction to meet the needs of students unable to enroll in on-campus degree programs.

The Agricultural Development program area incorporates courses in educational program delivery strategies, distance education techniques, educational technology, and selected courses from other education and life sciences disciplines.

## **Admission Requirements**

All M.Agr. program applicants must meet the minimum entrance requirements for admission as a graduate student to Texas A&M University and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The fundamental requirements include a bachelor's degree, recent GRE scores, and a completed application. Satisfying the minimum criteria qualifies an applicant for consideration, but does not guarantee admission to the M.Agr. program. Departmental faculty will review undergraduate academic records, GRE test scores, and other application items to determine if an applicant is qualified for admission to the program.

## **Distance Education Delivery Platforms**

Web-based courses are the primary delivery method for course materials and communication between students and professors. Successful distance education students typically have access to reliable and up-to-date computer and internet resources. Some courses use the Texas A&M University Blackboard (<http://elearning.tamu.edu>) system, while others use individual web sites to present course materials.

## **Contact Information**

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