The Agricultural Education degree is a graduate degree and licensure program with the primary mission to prepare qualified agricultural educators for a variety of roles in education and agriculture. The department provides a primary source of teachers of agriculture and offers service and leadership to the teaching profession.

The Agricultural Education doctoral option has a primary focus of preparing candidates to assume faculty positions in colleges or university agricultural education programs. Candidates assemble an individual program of study that provides a comprehensive knowledge of the teaching and learning process with a strong theoretical foundation and practical research experience in agricultural education.

Agricultural Education | M.S./M.A.I.S.
Teacher Preparation Program and thesis option – A Master’s Degree in Agricultural education embodies a lot! It combines leadership development, experiential learning, and teaching instruction to teach others the importance of agriculture, food, and natural resources. Agricultural educators teach (both formally and informally) these subjects using a variety of content areas such as science, communication, leadership, math, and technology. Students in this program can apply for a one-year teacher preparation program (specifically for students interested in high school agricultural education or Extension Education). OR students can apply for a two-year master’s degree with a research thesis which allows them to focus in a specific area of agricultural education.

Agricultural Education | PhD
The Department of Agricultural Education and Agricultural Sciences works closely with the College of Education to offer a valuable degree program that allows our students to be well prepared for faculty and administrative positions in universities, cooperative extension, supervisory, and administrative positions in state departments of education; as well as numerous positions in government and related industries. The program takes 3 years on average for degree completion if entering the program with a master’s degree.

This PhD in education, with an emphasis in agricultural education, was co-developed by both colleges and provides our PhD students with an unique and diverse program. Our graduates are highly sought after and are high performers in their careers. econometrics and other quantitative methods, and in their uses and applications in the student’s concentration areas.
Graduate Student Support

➜ We partner with the Oregon FFA Foundation to provide competitive scholarships to students in the teacher preparation program.

➜ The department and University also award several graduate fellowships and scholarships to outstanding students. For more information see the Graduate School’s Financing Your Education website at gradschool.oregonstate.edu/finance.

➜ Our department offers graduate teaching assistantships to students pursuing doctoral and master’s degrees. Assistantships are 9-month, part-time positions with the opportunity for summer teaching employment.

➜ The Coalition of Graduate Employees (CGE) represents the interests and rights of Oregon State University’s graduate employees through the bargaining and maintenance of a fair working contract. CGE strives to create a community of graduate employees empowered to advocate for collective issues.

➜ Professional Associations American Association of Agricultural Education (AAAE) and North American College Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), offer the opportunity to network with Agricultural Education faculty across the US.

Program Requirements

• The program consists of a fall student teaching experience (approximately one month), fall term coursework (15 credits), winter term student teaching experience (approximately 11 weeks) and coursework (15 credits), and spring term coursework (10-15 credits).

• Required for Licensure: Praxis II: Agriculture 5701 exam.

• ORELA Protecting Student and Civil Rights in the Educational Environment.

• 1040 hours of documented experience in agriculture.

More information
agsci.oregonstate.edu/ag-ed/degrees/our-graduate-degrees

How to Apply

The online application, a downloadable application form, and contact information are available from the Graduate School. You may also write to the Graduate School, Oregon State University, 2900 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, Oregon 97331; telephone them at 541-737-4881, or email at graduate.school@oregonstate.edu.

A student wishing to be admitted to any graduate program at Oregon State University must complete an application form, pay the application fee, and submit photocopies of all official transcripts. International students must also submit recent TOEFL scores and certify sufficient funding to complete the required degree. The Office of Admissions provides a more complete listing of required documents and application steps. Detailed information for both domestic applicants and international applicants is also available.

Alumni Spotlight

Tyson Sorenson (PhD) is an Assistant Professor of Agriculture Education and Program Leader for Agricultural Education at Utah State University. He prepares pre-service agriculture teachers and teaches courses for graduate degrees and research. In addition to teaching, he has a research and service role and secures and manages various grant funded projects. Tyson also developed and supervises 2 study abroad programs. His dynamic role also includes advising the Collegiate FFA and Ag Education club at USU. His degree at Oregon State prepared him well for his current contributions.