

Howdy,

Thank you for your interest in our departmental agricultural program. We are one of the top-ranked Biological and Agricultural Engineering departments and graduate students enjoy small class size and frequent one-to-one contact with professors. What's more, our faculty will be actively involved in helping develop your career, from advising you on the selection of your courses to helping you make contact with our many industrial partners, many of whom are among our more than 2,000 Former Students. The Biological & Agricultural Engineering Department offers these advanced degrees in Agricultural Systems Management:

- Master of Science (thesis option)
- Mast of Science (distance education non-thesis option)
- Master of Science (non-thesis option)
- Master of Agriculture

The Master of Science is a non-engineering degree program, primarily for students with a baccalaureate in Agricultural Systems Management, Mechanized Agriculture or a similar degree. It is designed for students who want to pursue more advanced coursework in agricultural systems. You will be expected to plan, conduct and analyze a comprehensive research project and to report findings in a thesis or final examination.

The Master of Agriculture is a non-engineering degree program, primarily for students with a baccalaureate in Agricultural Systems Management, Mechanized Agriculture or a similar degree. It is designed for students who want professional graduate training in agricultural systems with a management orientation. It is intended to emphasize the problem-solving skills involved in the use of science and technology. The Master of Agriculture degree is not a research degree. You must demonstrate problem-solving capabilities, usually gained through a professional internship that is intended to provide applied, practical experiences. You'll prepare a professional paper, which is a scholarly report of a problem-solving accomplishment.

For information concerning details relating to our program please visit the address below. It has details on every major, requirements, funding information and a link to the graduate handbook.

<http://baen.tamu.edu/academics/graduates/>

For information concerning our distance education courses please refer to <http://baen-dl.tamu.edu/DL12/DLFE.html>.

The Texas A&M Catalog has a listing of all courses offered and can be found at

<http://catalog.tamu.edu/>

The first step is to apply to Texas A&M University via EngineeringCAS. Along with your EngineeringCAS application you must also submit the following:

- an application fee
- final transcript from university where Bachelor and/or Master degree was conferred
 - *If a student is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station or Galveston he or she does not have to submit a final transcript as their student record is already on file.*
- approved GRE test scores
- 3 letters of recommendation

- statement of purpose/essay and an updated resume

Once your application is complete our faculty will review your file and your application decision will be made and communicated to you.

Please note: while the TAMU application system and EngineeringCAS may state your file as complete there are several internal procedures that must be completed before your file will be considered complete and ready for graduate committee review. Please be patient during this process as it can take several weeks.

Application opening and closing dates:

| Semester applying for: | Citizenship status: | Date Application opens: | Date application closes: |
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| Fall | domestic students | August 1st | July 1st |
| Spring | domestic students | April 1st | August 1st |
| Summer | domestic students | August 1st | March 1st |
| Fall | international students | August 1st | March 1st |
| Spring | international students | April 1st | August 1st |
| Summer | international students | August 1st | March 1st |

Please remember that ALL applicants to the department MUST have a graduate faculty member advisor prior to acceptance to the program. This means that one of our faculty members must have agreed to being your main point of contact while you are a student here at Texas A&M University. You can access a full list of faculty, their specializations and contact information by visiting <http://baen.tamu.edu/faculty/>.

Also, the Biological and Agricultural Department requires all entering students have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for previous college level coursework upon entering the departments graduate level programs.

International students are required to have a minimum of 400 (146 on new scale) on the GRE verbal score (TOEFL score of 213 computer based, 550 paper based or 80 on iBT); if these minimums have not been met international students will be required to take the English Language Proficiency test and/or enroll in English Language Proficiency classes at Texas A&M University.

Need more information? Here is a list of helpful websites.

For more information regarding graduate admission to Texas A&M University please visit <http://admissions.tamu.edu/graduate/default.aspx>. Click “more” to expand the full list of requirements.

For information about what it is like to be a graduate student at Texas A&M University please visit <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss>. Here you will find information about resources for graduate students such as housing information, clubs for adult students, guides for living off campus and more.

For more information about the program or other programs we offer please refer to our departmental website which can be found at <http://baen.tamu.edu> or contact Stormy Kretschmar at 979.845.6658 or stormyk@tamu.edu

For information regarding tuition and fees please visit <http://sbs.tamu.edu/accounts-billing/tuition-fees/cost-attendance/>. Once you are in the pdf document we are the “AG Total” line.

For information regarding average costs of attendance visit <https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Cost.aspx>.

For information regarding financial aid and scholarships please visit <https://financialaid.tamu.edu/>.

For more information regarding fellowships in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences please visit <http://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/academics/graduate/funding-opportunities/>.

For more information regarding fellowships through the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies please visit <http://ogs.tamu.edu/funding-information/>.

For more information regarding fellowships through the College of Engineering please visit <http://engineering.tamu.edu/graduate/funding/college-fellowships>.

For a list of general funding opportunities please visit <http://baen.tamu.edu/academics/graduates/graduate-funding/>.

For more information regarding travel awards please visit <http://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/academics/graduate/funding-opportunities/> or <http://ogs.tamu.edu/funding-information/> or <http://gsc.tamu.edu/>.

For more information regarding international students and Texas A&M University please visit <http://iss.tamu.edu/>.

For information concerning ApplyTexas please visit <http://www.applytexas.org>.

For more information about international students studying in the United States visit the Institute of International Education for helpful resources and a list of advisors who can help answer your questions. <http://www.iie.org/>.