

AGROECOLOGY, M.S.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

ADMISSIONS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The agroecology program accepts students from a wide range of undergraduate majors, not limited to the social and natural sciences. Because the admissions process is highly competitive, applicants should have a record of strong grades, agroecology-relevant interests and experience, and a commitment to learning in a multidisciplinary program. The deadline for fall semester applications is December 15. Inquiries at other times may be considered.

The initial application process is outlined below. Prospective students should keep in mind, however, that this document-based application is only the first step in the admissions process. Students who are deemed admissible on the merits of these documents must then identify an academic advisor and a plan for funding to be fully admitted. The agroecology program will assist students in this endeavor. More information on the process of seeking out funding and an advisor is available in the program's Student Handbook (<https://agroecology.wisc.edu/documents/agroecology-handbook/>). Students who are interested in applying should contact the program administrator.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE UW-MADISON GRADUATE SCHOOL:

- Online application and application fee.
- International applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the TOEFL or IELTS. All test scores must be submitted electronically by the Educational Testing Service to UW-Madison (ETS code 1846). Copies or faxes cannot be accepted.
- Three letters of recommendation. When completing the online application, submit the names and email addresses of three people who will provide letters of recommendation. They will receive instructions on how to upload their letters.
- Electronically, a one-page Statement of Purpose. In the statement, students should describe their interests and goals and which UW-Madison faculty members they would like to work with. In addition, students should identify which program track they plan to pursue—Research or Public Practice—and state why they are interested in this option. Knowing students' intentions will help the program better understand their academic and career goals. Finally, students should indicate if they intend to pursue a Ph.D. degree after completing the master's in agroecology. Although funding isn't guaranteed, some fellowships require that students intend to continue at the Ph.D. level.
- Electronically, a curriculum vitae.
- An official copy of transcripts for all undergraduate work (and graduate, if relevant). Many schools are able to send electronic versions of official transcripts directly to the Graduate School. For the initial application, an unofficial version will suffice but must be followed with an official transcript.

Frequently asked questions regarding the graduate program are available on the agroecology website (<https://agroecology.wisc.edu/apply/>).