

Professional Agriculture

(Interdepartmental Program administered by the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies)

Graduate Study

The Professional Agriculture major is an off-campus non-thesis program leading to the Master of Agriculture (M.Ag.) degree. It is available to students wishing to pursue graduate studies in agriculture, or natural resources through distance education. It is considered to be a professional degree and not preparation for a doctoral program. The program emphasizes agriculture/natural resource information and technology transfer in a variety of settings including education, extension, agencies, and industry training/development.

Graduates have a broad base of knowledge in one or more agriculture disciplines. They have the ability to communicate effectively and make decisions based on knowledge. To earn the 32 credits necessary for graduation, students must complete 28 semester credits of formal coursework, and 4 credits of creative component. Courses are delivered through distance education via the WWW and DVD. On-campus workshops are offered during summer sessions. Specific courses offered in the program are listed on the College of Agriculture's distance education website: www.agde.iastate.edu/.