Agribusiness, MS

ASU is not currently accepting applications for this program.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Agribusiness

The Morrison School of Agribusiness at the Polytechnic campus offers the MS in agribusiness. This degree program is designed to prepare students from a variety of backgrounds with a set of critical and analytical business skills, while recognizing the unique demands of the agribusiness and resource management sectors. Graduates are well prepared for successful administrative or managerial careers with either government or private-sector organizations in either field.

Students are able to select either a research-oriented program, which leads to the completion of a supervised thesis, or a program consisting of coursework only (nonthesis option). The nonthesis option allows students to develop an area of specialization and apply these skills to a real-world environmental and resource management problem through an integrative capstone course experience. Both the thesis and nonthesis options require the completion of a common set of core courses.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** W. P. Carey School of Business
- **Location:** Polytechnic campus

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours and a thesis, or
30 credit hours including the required capstone course (AGB 589)
Core requirements for this program include 18 credit hours of coursework. Thesis students fulfill the remaining 12 credit hours by taking three research credits, six thesis credits and three hours of electives. Nonthesis students fulfill the remaining hours by taking 12 hours of electives.

It is suggested that students take a coherent sequence of courses such as those indicated below, but considerable flexibility is possible based on individual backgrounds and interests.

**Thesis and Nonthesis Master's Degree in Agribusiness**

**Semester I**
- AGB 528 Advanced Agribusiness Marketing (3)
- AGB 561 Applied Econometrics (3)

**Semester II**
- AGB 511 Advanced Agribusiness Management (3)
- AGB 532 Advanced Agribusiness Finance (3)
- AGB 570 Managerial Economics for Agribusiness (3)

**Semester III**
- 500-level AGB emphasis electives (6)
- AGB 589 Agribusiness Capstone (3)

**Semester IV**
- 500-level AGB emphasis or other electives (9)

**Thesis Option**
- AGB 592 Research (3)
- AGB 599 Thesis (6)

**Admission Requirements**

Students must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the W. P. Carey School of Business.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.
All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. official GRE general exam, Miller Analogies Test or GMAT scores
4. statement of purpose
5. current curriculum vitae
6. three letters of recommendation (optional)
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. Complete information on the English proficiency exams and other required documents can be found on the the Graduate College's website [https://students.asu.edu/graduate/international](https://students.asu.edu/graduate/international).

Applicants must submit all the items above to complete an application file. Incomplete files will not be reviewed or considered until complete.

An explanation of the applicant's basic skills in economics, accounting, statistics, computer use and some experience or knowledge in an area related to agribusiness should be addressed in the statement of purpose.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

The Morrison School of Agribusiness awards assistantships to selected candidates. These support ongoing research and teaching activities. The awards are made on the basis of availability and according to the needs of the faculty and interests of the students. Scholarships are also available on a competitive basis for qualified candidates.

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