

Program Advising Guide

MS in AG – General Agriculture – Non Thesis

Course	Online Course Title	Credit	Semester Generally Offered	Instructor
MS in AG Non-Thesis Core Requirements (6 cr)				
AGRI 587	Research and Extension Communications in Ag	3	Fall, Summer	C. Perillo
STAT 412	Statistical Methods in Research I	3	Fall, Spring, Summer	varies
Additional Graded Credits (20 cr)				
An additional 20 graded credits minimum are required on the program of study. Six of these additional credits may be at the 300-400 level but the balance of these credits needs to be at the 500-level. Please visit http://msag.wsu.edu/courses/ to view a list of program approved courses to determine (with your advisor) the remaining courses you wish to take in order to fulfill your program of study requirements.				
Research Credits (4 cr minimum)				
AGRI 702 Master's Special Problems, Directed Study, and/or Examination: A <u>minimum</u> of four credits are required; you must be enrolled in 2 credits of 702 in the term of your final exam. Project and examination requirements are explained here in detail: http://msag.wsu.edu/handbook-4/ .				
NON-THESIS OVERALL MINIMUM CREDIT REQUIREMENT: 30 (26 graded credits, and 4 research credits)				

- **Background:** Students should have a background in a related area, such as agriculture, plant science, biology, entomology, plant pathology, horticulture, or food science; or documented evidence of coursework or work experience in these areas. Without this relevant background, students may need or be required to complete 6 to 9 semester credits of prerequisite courses at the beginning of their degree program, and these courses may or may not be counted toward the degree program requirements. Please review your preparedness or concerns regarding specific coursework in advance with your advisor and/or instructor.
- **Pre-Requisites:** The registration system(s) does not recognize external transcripts in determining if prerequisites have been met. In these cases, students who meet the prerequisites may contact the instructor to request a prerequisite override exemption.
- **Program of Study (POS):** The Program of Study document (confirming your committee and outlining your coursework) must be prepared by you and approved by your advisor and committee, as well as the MSAG director by the end of your first semester. The form is located here: <http://gradschool.wsu.edu/facultystaff-resources/18-2/> See also **MSAG Handbook** – <http://msag.wsu.edu/handbook-6d-2/>
- **Enrollment and Continuous Enrollment:** Degree-seeking students must maintain continuous enrollment in the Graduate School by enrolling for a **minimum of 2 credits per semester** (excluding summer sessions). A student who is not on approved graduate leave or internship leave status, and who is absent for one semester or two consecutive semesters (excluding the summer) must complete the reenrollment form (\$25) before the student can register for classes. A student not enrolled for three consecutive semesters will be dropped from the Graduate School.

Thesis option: Enrollment in a MSAG thesis option is by exception only via permission of the MSAG director.

The requirements are slightly different than the non-thesis option. The thesis option requires STAT 512 vs STAT 412, and AGRI 700 vs AGRI 702. The overall credit requirement for the thesis option is 30 (21 vs 26 graded credits, and 4-9 research credits). Only 6 vs 9 of the graded credits may be at the 300-400 level. Project and examination requirements are explained here in detail: <http://msag.wsu.edu/handbook-5/>.