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Off-Campus Graduate Studies Program

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Applying to Graduate College for an Online M.S. in Crop Sciences through the Off-Campus Graduate Studies (OCGS) Program

The Master of Science degree in Crop Sciences through the Off-Campus Graduate Studies (OCGS) Program is a non-thesis degree that does not require GRE scores for admission at this time. A thesis option is possible with the necessary consultations.

There are two ways you can approach obtaining an M.S. degree in Crop Sciences: (1) try out the program by taking a few classes as a non-degree student, then apply for admission to the Graduate College; or (2) apply immediately for admission to the Graduate College before you take your first graduate-level course. Both options are described below.

Enrolling as a Non-Degree Student

Graduate students can transfer up to 12 credit hours into the M.S. degree program. These 12 hours can be taken as a non-degree student or they can be transferred, with appropriate approval, from another institution. So you can take a few graduate-level courses as a non-degree student before you apply for admission to the Graduate College. If you take this approach, you can apply to the Graduate College before you sign up for your third course as a non-degree student. There is an online enrollment form on the Academic Outreach website at <http://www.continuinged.uiuc.edu/occe-sites/outreach/Registration.cfm> Registering for graduate-level courses will ensure that credit for those courses, if taken as a non-degree student, can be applied toward an M.S. degree in Crop Sciences.

Applying to the Graduate College

You can apply online for admission to the Graduate College at <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/admissions/apply/>.

Personal statements, official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate university course work, and three letters of reference should be mailed to **Dianne Carson**, the Graduate Secretary in Crop Sciences, who processes graduate student applications. Your application to the Graduate College will be processed as quickly as possible. You can call or email Dianne to check on the status of your application. Her phone number is 217-244-0396, and her email address is sdcarson@uiuc.edu.

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The following is some information that might be needed when completing the application form:

Department: Crop Sciences
Dept. Code: 1802
Proposed Program: MS:Crop Sciences –UIUC
Program Code: 10KS0030MSU

The following are some possible areas of specialization that might be required on the application form. If you are unsure which to use, you can indicate Crop Production, which is used by many students as an area of specialization.

Biometry • Bioinformatics • Crop Production • Environmental Sciences • Integrated Pest Management • Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Cytogenetics • Plant Molecular Biology and Physiology • Plant Pathology • Weed Science