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Graduate Study. The International Agricultural Development M.S. degree program prepares students for careers in global agricultural and rural development, especially of developing and less-industrialized regions. This is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with knowledge and skills that will enable them to implement, facilitate, and manage programs that enhance agricultural development, resource management, and rural life.

Students are prepared to accomplish biological and technological improvement in agricultural and natural systems to facilitate social innovation. Training in International Agricultural Development includes both breadth and depth components. Breadth components, required of all M.S. students, aim to establish an understanding of the issues in international development as it relates to agriculture and the environment. These include the history and philosophy of development, leadership and management techniques, fundamentals of crop and livestock farming systems, and agricultural economics. Students acquire depth in their own areas of specialization within the agricultural and social sciences. The areas are agricultural and resource economics, agricultural engineering, agronomy, animal science, anthropology, aquaculture, avian science, community development, ecology, economics, entomology, environmental design, environmental toxicology, food science, gender, geography, horticulture, nutrition, plant pathology, plant biology, plant protection and pest management, political science, pomology, preventive veterinary medicine, range science, sociology, soil science, sustainable agriculture, vegetable crops, viticulture, and water science.

Practical and on-site experience with development issues is encouraged and facilitated by guidance from the group's approximately 80 faculty members, who possess a wide range of experience in international development.

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