Agricultural and Extension Education

Dual-Titles
Dual-Title M.Ed., M.S., and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education and Comparative and International Education

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-title-graduate-degree-programs/).

M.Ed., M.S., and Ph.D. students with research and educational interests in schooling and education around the globe may apply to the dual-title program in Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE) and Comparative and International Education (CIED). Comparative and international education is a field devoted to the systematic analysis of the operation and effects of the world’s education systems. The goal of the dual-title graduate program is to enable graduate students from AEE to acquire the knowledge and skills of their primary area of specialization in AEE, while at the same time gain the perspectives, techniques, and methodologies of comparative and international education. Graduate study in this program seeks to create opportunities for a range of people—administrators and policy makers in social welfare, health education, and development; school leaders; and scholars of education. Graduates of the dual-title program in AEE and CIED will be able to compare, analyze, and make policy recommendations for agricultural and extension education at both national and international levels.

Admission Requirements
Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in AEE and The Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the CIED dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements tab on the CIED Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/comparative-international-education/). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in CIED prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program.

Degree Requirements for the Dual-Title M.Ed. and M.S.
To qualify for this dual-title degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the AEE Master of Science or Master of Education degree program, listed on the Degree Requirements tab. In addition, they must satisfy the CIED program requirements for the dual-title master’s degree. Refer to the Degree Requirements tab on the CIED Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/comparative-international-education/). Some courses may satisfy both the graduate primary program requirements and those of the CIED program. Final course selection is determined by the student after consulting, in advance, with their AEE and CIED advisers.

For the dual-title M.S. degree in AEE and CIED, the thesis must reflect the student’s education and interest in both AEE and CIED. For the dual-title M.Ed. in AEE and CIED, the student’s capstone experience and professional paper must reflect the student’s education and interest in both AEE and CIED. All members of the student’s committee for both the M.S. and the M.Ed. must be members of the Graduate Faculty. The master’s committee must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from CIED. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. A Degree Committee form should be filed upon selection of the committee members.

Degree Requirements for the Dual-Title Ph.D.
To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the degree they are enrolled in AEE, listed on the Degree Requirements tab. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title Ph.D. in CIED, listed on the CIED Bulletin page. (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/comparative-international-education/)

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title Ph.D. degree will be composed of Graduate Faculty from AEE and must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from the CIED program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both AEE and CIED. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/phd-dissertation-committee-formation/), the Ph.D. committee of an AEE and CIED dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the CIED Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in CIED, the member of the committee representing CIED must be appointed as co-chair. The CIED representative on the student’s Ph.D. committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of the comprehensive examination.

Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in AEE and CIED. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School.

Dual-Title M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education and International Agriculture and Development

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M.S. and Ph.D. students with research and educational interests in international agriculture extension and education may apply to the dual-title program in Agricultural and Extension Education and International Agriculture and Development. The goal of the dual-title graduate program is to enable graduate students from AEE to acquire the knowledge and skills of their primary area of specialization in AEE, while at the same time gain the perspectives and methods needed to work internationally. Graduate study in this program seeks to prepare students to assume leadership roles in developing contemporary curricula and programs, conducting high-quality research and development activities, and disseminating new knowledge in these areas in both national and international settings. Students are required to write research proposals and expected to write grants to support their research activities reflecting
both research areas of the dual-title degree. As part of their professional development presentations, publication of research articles and active participation in professional societies is expected. Emphasis is placed upon the professional development of the student.

Admission Requirements
Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in AEE and The Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the INTAD dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements tab on the INTAD Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/international-agriculture-development/). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in INTAD prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program.

Degree Requirements for the Dual-Title M.S.
To qualify for this dual-title degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the AEE Master of Science degree program, listed on the Degree Requirements tab. In addition, they must satisfy the INTAD program requirements for the dual-title master’s degree. Refer to the Degree Requirements tab on the INTAD Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/international-agriculture-development/). Some courses may satisfy both the graduate primary program requirements and those of the INTAD program. Final course selection is determined by the student after consulting, in advance, with their AEE and INTAD advisers.

For the dual-title M.S. degree in AEE and INTAD, the thesis must reflect the student’s education and interest in both AEE and INTAD. All members of the student’s committee must be members of the Graduate Faculty. The master’s committee must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from INTAD. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. A Degree Committee form should be filed upon selection of the committee members and must be approved by the INTAD Academic Program Committee Co-chair.

Degree Requirements for the Dual-Title Ph.D.
To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the Ph.D. in AEE, listed on the Degree Requirements tab. In addition, students must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title in INTAD, listed on the INTAD Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/international-agriculture-development/).

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title Ph.D. degree will be composed of Graduate Faculty from AEE and must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from the INTAD program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both AEE and INTAD. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

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