

TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT

Degree Requirements

Master of Professional Studies

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The professional master's degree requires 30 credits at the 400, 500, or 800 level, including a final integrative project. A total of 18 credits must be 500 or 800 level, with at least 6 credits of 500-level course work; this Graduate Council requirement is met through the required courses, the capstone project, and at least one 500-level elective course.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Courses | | |
| TURF 850 | Turfgrass Physiology | 3 |
| AGRO 851 | | 3 |
| TURF 852 | Turfgrass Health Management | 3 |
| TURF/PPATH 853 | Interpreting Turfgrass Science Literature | 3 |
| Electives | | |
| | In consultation with their adviser, students also take an additional 15 credits of elective coursework from a list of approved elective courses maintained by the graduate program office to focus on their particular interest within turfgrass facility management. | 15 |
| Culminating Experience | | |
| AGRO 596 | Individual Studies (Capstone Project) | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 30 |

The program culminates with a capstone project which is completed while the student is enrolled in AGRO 596 Individual Studies. In this integrative capstone project, the student demonstrates the capability to integrate and apply concepts, principles, analytical techniques, and interpretation skills learned in the program to a real problem faced in turfgrass facility management.

Transfer Credits

If students have successfully completed courses from another institution that are equivalent to the elective turfgrass courses, these can be applied toward satisfying the M.P.S. degree requirements, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/>).