Graduate Study

Rooted in the mission of the land-grant university, the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences at Delaware State University provides a superior education to students seeking to further their education with advanced degrees in animal science, food science, family consumer science education, natural resources or plant science. CARS faculty are experts in their fields and are involved in research relevant to today’s world. More than 92 percent of the College’s faculty are involved in research, which creates an outstanding opportunity for graduate students to partner with research faculty.

Master of Science ~ Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, housed in the James W.W. Baker building, offers advanced degree programs that prepare students for terminal degrees and careers in their chosen fields. The Agriculture program offers Master of Science (MS) degree options in Animal Science, Natural Resources and Plant Science. Masters candidates must complete at least 30 hours of coursework toward these degrees, which includes research and the completion of a thesis.

Master of Science ~ Department of Human Ecology

The Department of Human Ecology, housed in the Agriculture Annex building, provides advanced study opportunities for students seeking terminal degrees and careers in the food industry and in family and consumer sciences. The Department of Human Ecology offers Master of Science (MS) degrees in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Food Science. Masters candidates must complete at least 30 hours of coursework toward these degrees, which includes research and the completion of a thesis.

Master of Arts in Teaching (Agriscience) ~ Department of Education

The Master of Arts in Teaching - Agriscience is housed in the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and is granted by the College of Education, Health and Public Policy. This degree prepares masters candidates, who have bachelor’s degrees in either agriculture, environmental sciences, or a related field, to teach agriscience as middle and secondary educators. The degree is conferred upon completion of 30 credit hours of coursework, student teaching, and requirements for licensure. The Education Department is National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredited. For more information, contact Mrs. Stacey Hofmann, Agriculture Education Program Leader; (302) 857-6493; shofmann@desu.edu
Facilities

Besides classrooms, greenhouses and state-of-the-art research laboratories, the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences is home to several facilities that increase research capacity.

The Agriculture Annex houses the Dean's suite, Human Ecology department, Center for Integrated Biological and Environmental Research and state-of-the-art laboratories.

Farms – Delaware State University has two working farms that are used for teaching, research and extension activities. The 192-acre Outreach and Research Center, located in Smyrna, DE, provides for agronomic, vegetable crop and ornamental research. Hickory Hill Farm is a 75-acre facility that provides for forage crop, beef cattle, and livestock research.

The Claude E. Phillips Herbarium is a globally recognized botanical resource center located at Delaware State University. The Herbarium houses an extensive collection of pressed and dried plant specimens, some dating back to 1799, and functions as an active center for education and research of the world’s botanical diversity.

The Woodland Trail at Delaware State University follows a 1/3-mile loop through a beautiful section of deciduous forest. This trail is located in the northern portion of the 76-acre College Woods, which is part of the Delaware estuary watershed.

The Aquaculture Research and Demonstration Facility is the only one of its kind in the State of Delaware. The College’s environmentally controlled wet laboratory is a major component of the aquaculture research and development facility. The aquaculture facility occupies approximately 13 acres of land and includes 34 ponds and a 14x20m temperature controlled wet laboratory.

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Make your mark on the world

The College of Agriculture and Related Sciences at Delaware State University provides graduate students with research opportunities at partner institutions and USDA laboratories, and with opportunities to present their research during regional, national and international conferences. Many CARS students have returned to campus from such conferences with awards and notoriety for their work.

The objective of these programs is to provide students with transformative experiences as graduate students at Delaware State University. These experiences prepare masters candidates for doctorate programs and careers in their respective fields.

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