

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOAGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, PLAN B, PEST MANAGEMENT SPECIALIZATION

The M.S. in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan B, Pest Management Specialization is a coursework and internship-based program that prepares students to work to sustain our food and fiber supply, provide agricultural biosecurity, and protect our natural ecosystems from pests, plant diseases, and weeds. Students complete coursework, an internship, and a professional paper. There is a great need for people with advanced training in agriculture and food systems. The number of people currently prepared to work in these fields is lower than the number of jobs available.

Insects, plant diseases, and weeds cause major annual losses in food production worldwide. The Pest Management M.S. degree is the only internship-based M.S. in the United States that provides training on all biotic stresses faced in food production, including entomology, plant pathology, and weed science. This program prepares students to work as extension educators, import/export inspectors, crop advisors, or in multiple industry roles focused on management of insects, plant diseases, and weeds in agricultural systems. Overall, employment of students from our graduate programs is nearly 100%.