

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE M.S.
AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE ECONOMICS
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Credits:

- Total Credits required are:
 - Plan A – 30 credits including a thesis (maximum of 6 credits for thesis)
 - Plan B – 33 credits including a technical paper (maximum of 3 credits for technical paper)
- A Minimum of:
 - 24 credits must be earned at Colorado State University
 - 21 credits must be earned after admission to the Agricultural and Resource Economics Graduate Program.
 - 18 Credits must be in 500-level or above courses.
 - At least 12 credits must be from formal AREC or ECON courses (i.e., not independent studies or research).
- No student-option pass-fail grading is permitted in the program of study (i.e., GS Form 6)
- Students must maintain an overall GPA at 3.0 or above to remain in good academic standing

Required Courses:

- The following classes must be completed with a minimum grade of B:
 - **EITHER** ECON 506: Microeconomic Analysis I **OR BOTH** AREC 505: Agricultural Production Economics **AND** AREC 510: Agricultural Product Marketing
 - AREC 535: Applied Econometrics I
 - AREC 572: Social Benefit Cost Analysis **OR** AREC 678: Agricultural Policy

Students must retake any required course if they receive a B- or below.
- **Students are expected to have mathematical skills equivalent to ECON 501 prior to taking ECON 506.**
- ECON 504, Macroeconomics, is strongly recommended, especially for students going on to a Ph.D. program.

Courses Not Counted

- The following courses are considered prerequisite to the M.S. and should be completed before starting your program at CSU. These courses may not be counted as part of the student's program of study (i.e., GS Form 6):
 - AREC 335: Introduction to Econometrics
 - ECON 304: Intermediate Macroeconomics
 - ECON 306: Intermediate Microeconomics
 - STAT 301: Introduction to Statistical Methods
 - STAT 304: Multiple Regression Analysis
 - All 100 and 200 level courses
- All background courses required by the department must be taken with traditional grading, even though they may not count towards the student's formal program of study.
- Proposed exceptions to these policies must be submitted in writing to the Graduate Curriculum Committee for consideration, usually via the student's academic advisor.