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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES
AGRICULTURAL AND
APPLIED ECONOMICS
VIRGINIA TECH.

TRADITIONAL SEATED MASTER'S PROGRAM

We **empower learning** through experiential, hands-on activities using real-world data to address real-world problems

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

As a proud land-grant institution, our master's program in agricultural and applied economics equips you with essential skills for the modern business world.

You can enhance your expertise in:

Managerial decision-making

- Policy analysis
- Forecasting
- Data analytics
- Econometrics

The program offers both thesis and non-thesis options. Thesis students have the chance to conduct research aligned with their interests, while non-thesis students focus on coursework.

What sets our program apart is the flexibility it offers. You can take courses:

- On-campus as a traditional student or
- 100% Online, catering to your professional and personal commitments

Department snapshot

Ranked in the top ten percent worldwide of Institutions and Economists in the Field of Agricultural Economics.

Our world-class faculty hold awards for superb teaching and research and are published in top journals with many serving as editors.

- Award spotlight: AAEA 2023-2024 back to back wins for Distinguished Teaching Award for Graduate Teaching 10+ years.
- 30 faculty, 29 adjunct and affiliated faculty
- 55+ master's and Ph.D. students

4+1 pathway

We know you have BIG dreams and career goals for your future. Our 4+1 program will help get you there sooner—and save you money.

Most undergraduate degrees take four years to complete, and most master's degrees take two years to complete. In a 4+1 program, you're on a path to complete both degrees in five years.

Requirements

- Junior standing (entering senior year)
- 3.3 in-major / overall GPA
- Completed application through the VT Graduate School

How does it work?

- Students take graduate-level classes during their senior year
- Up to 12 credits can double for both B.S. and M.S. degrees
- Students earn a B.S. after the fourth year and an M.S. after the fifth year
- The fifth-year can be 100% online

• **Virginia Tech Facts and Figures**

Enrollment (Fall 2023)

More than 38,000 on and off campus

- 80 percent undergraduate;
20 percent graduate
- 57 percent male; 43 percent female

Research

- Top 6 percent of universities in the nation for research expenditures
- Ranked No. 54 in the National Science Foundation's Higher Education Research and Development Survey
- 142 invention disclosures, 25 license deals, and \$80 million in corporate and foundation philanthropy in fiscal year 2023

Other

- 13:1 student-faculty ratio
- Facilities across the state and around the globe, including a strong presence in the greater Washington, D.C. metro area



Master's Job Placements

> aaec.vt.edu/academics/graduate/masters-job-placement.html

- Commodity Risk Management Analyst, Dairy Farmers of America
- Economist, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Research Associate, Virginia Tech
- Grain Originator, Perdue Farms
- Ph.D. Student, University of Minnesota
- Commodity Specialist at Virginia Farm Bureau
- Data Analyst A2F Consulting
- Commodities Analyst, Citi
- Ph.D. Candidate, NC State
- Economic Research Analyst, Virginia Economic Development Partnership
- Crude Trading Analyst, ExxonMobil

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics is committed to creating an inclusive and diverse environment that fosters learning, teaching, research, Extension, and personal growth.

> aaec.vt.edu/About/dei.html

Support resources

- Help with library research and resources specific to areas of study
- Research, teaching, writing, and publishing services and discount software through the Graduate School

> graduateschool.vt.edu/academics/what-you-need-to-graduate/academic-support-resources.html

Our events

- Graduate Student Assembly
- Seminars and Metrics Mixers
- Breakfasts and lunches with faculty

Funding opportunities

> aaec.vt.edu/academics/graduate/funding.html

Housing and apartment rentals

> apartments.com/blacksburg-va
> <https://offcampus.vt.edu>

Blacksburg Transit

> <https://ridebt.org>



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