

AGRONOMY, BS

Admissions to the Agronomy BS will be suspended as of summer 2026 and will be discontinued as of fall 2030. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

Students interested in the Agronomy BS may be interested in the Plant Science and Technology BS, a new major as of fall 2025 or the Agroecology BS (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/plant-agroecosystem-sciences/agroecology-bs/>), a new major as of fall 2024.

Creating a healthier, more productive, more resilient agriculture for Wisconsin and the world.

That is the challenge taken up by the faculty, staff, and students of the agronomy program in the Department of Plant and Agroecosystem Sciences.

We generate and apply knowledge about the plants that feed and benefit humankind. Agronomic crops are typically grown for grain to feed people and livestock, or are processed into products. Feed crops are grown specifically to meet the nutritional needs of livestock. Forage crops are grown for their stems, leaves, and other edible plant parts.

We find and implement solutions to problems and opportunities concerning efficiency and sustainability of crop production and in safe and environmentally sound ways.

We generate knowledge on the genetics, genomics, biochemistry, and physiology of plants.

We study the interactions among cropping systems, climate, and the environment. We emphasize sustainable agriculture, whether precision, traditional or organic, in order to reduce the impact on the environment and the inhabitants of our planet.

We work to ensure that agricultural systems and products in Wisconsin and the world are able to meet rapidly-changing needs and those of future generations.

Undergraduates in the agronomy program earn a bachelor of science degree to prepare them for everything from pursuit of a graduate degree to careers in science, education, agriculture, agribusiness, and environment and conservation.