

# REES

Resource Economics & Environmental Sociology

## Master of Agriculture (M.Ag)

### Overview

The Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology offers a course-based M.Ag program, with two possible areas of specialization:

- Agricultural Economics
- Rural & Environmental Sociology

The M.Ag is a master's degree that provides graduate training in agricultural resource economics or rural sociology for professionals. The program's focus is on interpretation, adaptation, and application of research findings, rather than carrying out research. In addition, the program content can be individually tailored to meet the special needs of each student within the overall program framework, based on previous experience, interests, and professional needs. The M.Ag degree can be completed in one to two years.

### Admission Requirements

1. A four year undergraduate degree in a relevant field with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0 in the last 2 years (approximately 60 credits) of post-secondary study
2. Satisfaction of the English Language Requirement
3. Appropriate academic background in the undergraduate program:

Undergraduate course requirements vary for each specialization, and are available in the REES Graduate Program Handbook ([here](#) or in <https://www.ualberta.ca/agriculture-life-environment-sciences/programs/graduate-programs/current-students> under "Graduate Program Manual"), under course requirements for the Master of Agriculture Degree in Agricultural Economics/ Rural Sociology.

### Degree Completion Requirements

1. Completing 8 three-credit graduate-level courses and maintaining the required grade point average
2. Successfully completing a project that is equivalent to a one-term course
3. Successfully completing the Ethics, Professionalism, and Academic Integrity Program
4. Meeting all departmental and FGSR requirements

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## Specializations

### Agricultural Economics

Agricultural economics is an applied field that typically explores issues related to agriculture, food production and consumption. Resource economics seeks to understand the supply and demand of natural resources, their role in the economy, and how to manage them for long term sustainability. These fields also make significant contributions to environmental issues. Research in REES has focused on resource, environment, and development economics; agriculture and food markets/policy; production economics and development; agricultural business; international agriculture; international development and trade.

### Rural & Environmental Sociology

Rural sociology examines social structure and social change in rural areas, as well as issues such as food and agriculture, forestry, mining and energy development. Researchers in REES examine wide-ranging, interdisciplinary and international issues such as international development, globalization, food security, climate change, gender, and indigenous community development. Environmental sociology examines societal-environmental interactions, often focusing on environmental problems, environmental risk, environmental values, consumption, waste, and consumer behaviour.

NOTE: This brochure provides a simplified overview of program requirements.

For comprehensive policies and procedures, see the REES Graduate Program Handbook

