No matter where you live, you have the opportunity to earn a graduate degree from the UF/IFAS Soil and Water Science Department. The Distance Education Graduate Program uses state-of-the-art online learning tools and course management systems to bring the classroom to your home. Using high-speed internet connections, students interact with classmates and instructors in real time from anywhere in the United States as well as around the world. Chat sessions connect students to instructors and allow the discussion of course material facilitated by Adobe Connect. Learning tools include quizzes, white boards, virtual computer labs and more. Course materials are provided in the form of eLectures, digital reading material, Reusable Learning Objects (RLOs) and blogs. Research can be conducted at one of the UF/IFAS Research and Education Centers, or at accredited academic research institutions elsewhere.

The Distance Education Graduate Program is designed specifically for place-bound students with full-time jobs, families or other obligations that consume a large portion of their lives.

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Master of Science
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE TRACK
This distance education program is designed for students interested in environmental issues related to soil and water quality of agricultural lands, forested lands, range lands, urban lands, wetlands or aquatic systems.

Master of Science
AGROECOLOGY CONCENTRATION
This distance education program is designed for students interested in courses that emphasize sustainability, resource management, valuation of ecosystem services, system productivity and profitability. It provides students with the opportunity to enroll online courses in agriculture and production systems and valuable skills for a future profession in agricultural science.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
The Soil and Water Science Department also offers several graduate-level certificate programs for those wishing to increase their knowledge of environmental solutions without applying to or committing to a graduate degree program. These certificates are designed to accommodate working professionals, students pursuing other majors and the general public interested in non-degree coursework.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND ADMISSION STANDARDS
The master's degree (thesis and non-thesis) requires a minimum of 30 credit hours. Students determine the pace of study and registration of credits. Admission criteria include a bachelor's degree (B average or better for the last two years) from an accredited college or university, with majors in environmental science, soil and water science, or an equivalent degree in an allied field such as geology, biology, natural resources, ecology, hydrology, microbiology, entomology, criminal justice, conservation, engineering, agricultural engineering or agronomy.

TRANSFER CREDIT
Only graduate-level (5000-7999) work with a grade of B or better is eligible for transfer of credit. A maximum of 15 transfer credits are allowed. These can include no more than 9 credits from institutions approved by UF, with the balance obtained from postbaccalaureate or non-degree work at the University of Florida. Acceptance of transfer of credit requires approval of the student's supervisory committee and the Dean of the Graduate School.

HOW TO REGISTER
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SOIL AND WATER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
The Soil and Water Science Department at the University of Florida offers excellent research and educational opportunities for students seeking careers in soil and water science in land and water resource management, so as related to food security, water quality, climate change, ecosystems restoration, and public health. Our department is one of the few in the nation that offers comprehensive programs involving terrestrial, wetlands and aquatic ecosystems of the landscape. Research in the form of thesis projects is facilitated by University of Florida main campus and multiple Research and Education Centers in Florida, as well as in collaboration with accredited academic research institutions and universities around the globe.

Graduates and postdoctoral fellows have worked at universities, state and federal agencies, and private industry.

The general test of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) is required for admission.

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