



Agricultural & Applied Economics

The University of Wisconsin–Madison’s Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics addresses global issues involving the environment, land use, economic development and the allocation of natural resources. Learn from world-class faculty conducting research on environmental and resource economics, international development, agricultural economics and community economic development.

Program Overview

Experience the Agricultural & Applied Economics (AAE) Thematic Track VISP Program! Choose from a variety of courses in areas that interest you. Develop valuable skills as you learn from our prestigious faculty members.

After their first year as a nondegree visiting student, VISP students participating in the Quantitative and Applied Economics (QAE) concentration area who successfully complete their coursework with a B or better have the option to apply for preferred admission to the AAE Master of Science Professional Option (MSPO) graduate degree program. If admitted, up to 15 credits of VISP coursework can count towards the master's program requirements.

Student Support

From the time you apply to the end of your stay, the VISP staff is here to assist you. As a VISP participant, you have full access to all of UW–Madison's academic and student support services, such as libraries, computer labs, clubs and sports facilities. You are also encouraged to attend VISP-sponsored social and cultural events. Upon completion you will receive an official UW–Madison transcript.

Academics

Agricultural and applied economics faculty and staff will advise you as you select courses and plan your academic program. You may apply to study at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Concentration areas include:

- General Cohort, for students wishing to customize their learning within AAE
- Quantitative and Applied Economics
- International Development (ID)

Students in our QAE and ID concentration areas should plan to study for both the fall and spring semesters to allow for a fully immersive academic experience. Students in the General Cohort can participate for one semester or more.

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