The graduate programs of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences are designed to prepare individuals for careers in research, teaching, extension and industry, and management of agronomic enterprises. Agronomy, food science and technology, genetics, molecular and environmental plant sciences, plant breeding, soil science, and water management and hydrological science are majors available to students.

Research-oriented programs in agronomy, food science and technology, genetics, plant breeding, molecular and environmental plant sciences, soil science, and water management and hydrological science lead to the MS or PhD degree in these fields. There is no language requirement at the MS or PhD level. Members of the faculty have expertise in cereal chemistry, crop breeding, crop physiology, environmental agronomy, cytogenetics, plant physiology, protein chemistry, environmental soil science, soil chemistry, soil fertility, soil genesis and classification, soil microbiology, soil mineralogy, soil physics, soil-plant-water relations, turfgrass science, weed science and water microbiology. Recipients of the MS and PhD degrees may obtain a research-, teaching-industry- or extension-oriented position upon graduation.

Research based distance education MS and PhD degrees in Plant Breeding are available.

Multidisciplinary programs can be arranged with other academic departments in the University.

Faculty

Aitkenhead, Jacqueline A, Associate Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of New Hampshire, 2000

Awika, Joseph M, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Texas A&M University College Station, 2018
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2003

Bagavathiannan, Muthukumar V, Assistant Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of Manitoba, Canada, 2010

Baltensperger, David D, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, New Mexico State University, 1981

Carson, Katherine H, Instructional Assistant Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of Arkansas, 1999

Deng, Youjun, Associate Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2001

Finlayson, Scott A, Associate Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of Calgary, 1994

Gentry, Terry J, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of Arizona, 2003

Hague, Steven S, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2000

Hays, Dirk B, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of Calgary, 1997

Heilman, James L, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Kansas State University, 1977

Howe, Julie A, Associate Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of Wisconsin - Madison, 2004

Ibrahim, Amir M, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Colorado State University, 1998

Jessup, Russell W, Associate Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2005

McInnes, Kevin J, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Kansas State University, 1985

Morgan, Cristine L, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of Wisconsin, 2003

Murray, Seth C, Associate Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Cornell University, 2008

Neely, Haly L, Assistant Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2013

Okumoto, Sakiko, Associate Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Tubingen University, 2003

Rajan, Nithya, Associate Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Texas Tech University, 2007

Rooney, William L, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, University of Minnesota, 1992

Schwab, Arthur R, Professor
Soil & Crop Sciences
PHD, Colorado State University, 1981
Septiningsih, Endang M, Associate Professor  
Soil & Crop Sciences  
PHD, Cornell University, 2002

Smith, Ashly Peyton, Assistant Professor  
Soil & Crop Sciences  
PHD, University of Wisconsin, 2018  
BVetM, University of Washington, 2004

Smith, C W, Professor  
Soil & Crop Sciences  
PHD, University of Tennessee, 1974

Stelly, David M, Professor  
Soil & Crop Sciences  
PHD, University of Wisconsin - madison, 1983

Thomson, Michael J, Professor  
Soil & Crop Sciences  
PHD, Cornell University, 2002

Wherley, Benjamin G, Associate Professor  
Soil & Crop Sciences  
PHD, North Carolina State University, 2008

Zhang, Hongbin, Professor  
Soil & Crop Sciences  
PHD, University of California, Davis, 1990

**Masters**
- Master of Science in Agronomy ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/agronomy-ms](http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/agronomy-ms))
- Master of Science in Plant Breeding ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/plant-breeding-ms](http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/plant-breeding-ms))
- Master of Science in Soil Science ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/soil-science-ms](http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/soil-science-ms))

**Doctoral**
- Doctor of Philosophy in Agronomy ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/agronomy-phd](http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/agronomy-phd))
- Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Breeding ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/plant-breeding-phd](http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/plant-breeding-phd))
- Doctor of Philosophy in Soil Science ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/soil-science-phd](http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/agriculture-life-sciences/soil-crop-sciences/soil-science-phd))

**Certificates**
- Certificate in Regulatory Science in Food Systems