Soil Science (PhD)

Degree Requirements

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Core Courses: 34

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Elective Courses: tbd

"Elective Course" will be determined in conjunction with the academic committee.

Total Hours: 72

1. Students must take at least one credit of SSC 801 Seminar.
2. Students are required to take a minimum of two credits of SSC 893 Doctoral Supervised Research or SSC 895 Doctoral Dissertation Research.

Additional Requirements

All Doctoral students must demonstrate competence in the five soil science sub-disciplines listed below.

- Soil Chemistry
- Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition
- Soil Genesis and Classification
- Soil Microbiology and Biochemistry
- Soil Physics

The required competencies can be achieved by any combination of the following:

1. relevant course work from previous undergraduate and/or graduate degree programs;
2. prior professional experience in the major sub-discipline(s); and
3. graduate courses included in the student’s Plan of Work (POW) for their current degree program.

- Completion of at least 72 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor’s degree
  - If the student has an MS degree from another institution, a maximum of 18 hours of relevant graduate credit from that degree may be applied toward this minimum, upon the recommendation of the student’s Graduate Advisory Committee, and the minimum required will be 54 semester credit hours

- Completion of preliminary written and oral examinations must be completed within six calendar years from the date of admission
- Successful completion of an original research program
- Success completion of the final oral examination
- Completion of a non-credit exit seminar

Faculty

Professors

Aziz Amoozegar
**Area of Research:** Environmental Soil Physics

Stephen W. Broome
**Area of Research:** Environmental Soil Science

David A. Crouse
**Area of Research:** Soil Science Education

Owen W. Duckworth
**Area of Research:** Soil Biogeochemistry

Alan J. Franzluebbers
**Area of Research:** Soil Ecology and Management

John L. Havlin
**Area of Research:** Soil Fertility

Joshua L. Heitman
**Area of Research:** Soil Physics & Hydrology

Richard A. McLaughlin
**Area of Research:** Urban Soil & Water Management

Michael D. Mullen
**Area of Research:** Soil Biology & Soil Science Education

Deanna L. Osmond
**Area of Research:** Soil Fertility & Watershed Management

Wei Shi
**Area of Research:** Soil Microbiology & Ecology

Michael J. Vepraskas
**Area of Research:** Wetland Soils & Pedology

Associate Professors

Luciano C. Gatiboni
**Area of Research:** Soil Fertility & Nutrient Management

Alexandria K. Graves
**Area of Research:** Soil Microbiology
Assistant Professors

Kevin Garcia
**Area of Research:** Plant-Microbe Interactions & Nutrient Transport

Amy M. Johnson
**Area of Research:** Soil Science

Stephanie B. Kulesza
**Area of Research:** Nutrient Management and Animal Waste

Hui Li
**Area of Research:** Environmental Soil Chemistry

Ekrem Ozlu
**Area of Research:** Soil Management

Matthew C. Ricker
**Area of Research:** Pedology

Alex L. Woodley
**Area of Research:** Sustainable Agricultural Systems

Practice/Research/Teaching Professor

Robert E. Austin
**Area of Research:** Geospatial Information and Analytics in Soils, Agriculture and Environmental Science