

**FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL
UNIVERSITY**

ADMISSION POLICIES

1. General

For admission into the graduate programs in the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences (CAFS), an applicant must:

- i. Have a baccalaureate or a master's degree in a related field from an accredited college or university;
- ii. Present official scores of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within the last two years.
 - a). For admission to the M.S. degree program, a minimum score of 1,000 points on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the aptitude test or 300 points on the computer based GRE, or/and a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on the last two years of study for the baccalaureate degree or their highest awarded post-baccalaureate degree is required.
 - b). For admission to the Ph.D. degree program, a minimum score of 1,000 points on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the aptitude test or 300 points on the computer based GRE, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on the last two years of study for the baccalaureate degree or their highest awarded post-baccalaureate degree is required;
- iii. Present official copies of transcripts from all universities attended;
- iv. Have at least a GPA of 3.0 on all graduate work (Ph.D applicants);
- v. Present three letters of recommendation from someone familiar with the student's academic performance in their field of study;
- vi. Submit a one-page personal statement, discussing the student's interest in a graduate degree;
- vii. Be approved by CAFS's Graduate Admissions Committee;

Note: The GRE scores will be used in the context of a holistic credential review process and will not be the sole basis for an admission decision.

2. International Students: In addition to the requirements listed above, official scores of 500 (minimum) for MS students or 550 (minimum) for Ph.D students on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a 213 on the computer based TOEFL is required for international students whose native language is not English. Students are required to purchase U.S. health insurance while at the university.