



## Distance Education in Agronomy and Soils @ Auburn University



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# The Department of Agronomy and Soils @ Auburn University

is developing distance education courses and a distance education graduate degree program in Agronomy and Soils. The program will give working professionals the opportunity to improve their qualifications while remaining in the work force. Students may take individual courses or enroll in a Master of Science (M.S.) or Master of Agriculture (M.Ag.) degree.\*

The target date for launching the distance-ed master's program is August 2010, but individual courses already are offered for continuing education credits or to get a head start on graduate studies. Graduate-level courses may be taken for credit for up to two semesters before enrolling in the M.S./M.Ag. graduate programs. Students must achieve a grade of B or better in these courses and must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student by the third semester in order for these courses to count toward the M.S. or M.Ag. degree.

## Courses Currently Available or in Development

### Undergraduate level courses:

- Basic Crop Science
- Basic Soil Science\*\*
- Turfgrass Management

### Graduate or undergraduate level courses:

- Soil Resources and Conservation
- Soil Microbiology Lecture
- Soil Microbiology Lab\*\*
- Plant Genetics and Crop Improvement
- Soil Chemistry
- Bioenergy and the Environment

### Graduate level-only courses:

- Experimental Methods
- Soil Physics

## Additional Courses Planned

### Undergraduate level course:

- Principles of Weed Science

### Graduate or undergraduate level courses:

- Nutrient Management
- Soil Morphology

### Graduate level-only courses:

- Crop Physiology
- Soil and Plant Analysis
- Principles of Plant Nutrition

\*In addition to their coursework, candidates pursuing the M.S. degree must carry out original research and write a thesis, while those in the M.Ag. degree program must take additional course work and submit a literature review in lieu of a thesis.

\*\* A campus visit is required in order to complete the laboratory exercises in Basic Soil Science and Soil Microbiology courses.