The agriculture graduate program has provided me with knowledge and critical thinking skills necessary to transition into a new career field; one that is diametrically different from my previous career.

– Rosalie J. Kelley, current M.Ed. student at Texas State University

The mission of the agriculture education graduate program is to provide a field of study that prepares a diverse student body for advancement into agricultural careers through innovative approaches. The program introduces students to basic and applied research along with advanced agriculture knowledge with scientific, social, and economic foundations. Students develop and complete world-renowned research projects with faculty in state-of-the-art laboratory facilities. The department provides student-centered learning and research endeavors that will lead to students developing the critical thinking and analytical skills necessary to advance in an agricultural society.

Students will learn both conceptual and practical applications of teaching methodologies specific to the agriculture industry.

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Why choose Texas State?
Texas State University’s location provides an ideal site for the study of agriculture. The campus is situated in the heart of Central Texas, between Austin and San Antonio. It is also located near Freeman Ranch, a 3,500-acre, university-operated teaching and research ranch that provides a unique learning environment.

The department has a diverse student body and provides student-centered learning that will lead to students developing critical thinking skills regarding agriculture and society.

Course Work
The M.Ed. curriculum includes an emphasis in teaching and leadership. Course topics range from research methods, technological change, perspectives on adult education, energy and systems management, curriculum development, and educational technology.

The curriculum consists of 36 hours, with 21 hours in agricultural education and 15 hours in an integrated minor. The thesis counts as six hours toward the 21-hour agricultural education requirement. In addition, three hours are required in research and analysis as part of the 21 hours. The major and supportive courses are to be taken on the recommendation and approval of the student’s advisory committee, which consists of three or more faculty selected with the help of the graduate advisor.

Faculty
Because of the exceptionally diverse faculty and ongoing research, the Department of Agriculture offers courses in many areas, such as research methods, technological change, perspectives on adult education, energy and systems management, curriculum development, and educational technology. The faculty are engaged in a variety of research areas, such as animal reproduction, urban horticulture, use of advanced statistical procedures to assess international commodities, assessment of technical agricultural competencies and many more.

Career Options
Graduates gain employment in agricultural education enterprises such as the AgriLife Extension Service, USDA agencies, human resource development and other leadership positions. Many also obtain teacher certification to teach agriculture science and technology in secondary schools or adult education. Others continue their education by pursuing doctoral studies.

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Fall: June 15
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Summer: April 15
Summer midterm: June 1
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