Hutson School of Agriculture Graduate Fact Sheet

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Admissions:
Unconditional Admission – (based 4.0 = A) a student must have a minimum of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework, must have an undergrad area or minor completed in agriculture.
Conditional Admission – may be granted to a student with GPA between 2.75 and 2.9 (needs 2.75 in last 60 hours of course work)

Facts:
• HSOA does not require an entrance exam - GRE (Graduate Records Exam), MAT (Millers Analogy Test).
• For students coming to us from outside the United States please refer to the International Students Graduate Admissions website for specific admission requirements.
• Applicants must have an undergraduate major, area, or minor completed in agriculture or substantive work experience within agriculture. Students without an undergraduate degree in agriculture should clearly explain their agriculture work experiences in their application letter.
• Students should fill out a “Graduate Program for Master’s Degree” during their first semester of graduate courses. This form is available on the Murray State support site.
• Students wanting admission into the HSOA to complete a thesis when no advisors are available have the option of being accepted into the program under the non-thesis option. If a thesis advisor comes available during their time here they may be able to switch to thesis option.
• Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 overall GPA while completing the master’s degree.
• Students must complete and pass a final oral presentation and complete a thesis or research/creative component.
• A letter grade of “D” in a class counts as an “E” (failing); both count as zero cumulative points.
• D or an E grades repeated are not erased but averaged. Example: Make an E repeated as an A is now averaged to a C.
• Full time student course load is 9 hours, 13 is the max hours you can take without special permission.
• There are no grants for graduate students.

Graduate Assistant:
• Applications on-line and must be submitted to Dean’s secretary.
• Can work 25 hours per week; 20 hours is a normal work load.
• Cannot work both grad hours and student worker hours.