MSU Hutson School of Agriculture  
Master of Science  
Suggested Timeline Checkoff Sheet

First Semester

✓ Select face-to-face or online master’s program
✓ Submit application for graduate admissions (HSOA does not require GRE or MAT)
✓ Submit transcripts to Graduate Admissions
✓ Register for classes after admittance
✓ Email, call or set up a meeting with your assigned graduate adviser or the graduate coordinator (Dr. Alyx Shultz- ashultz@murraystate.edu) when you have questions
✓ Select Thesis or Non-Thesis Option

Second Semester

✓ Develop project proposal or thesis topic (you’ll work on this in Agr 735, Research Methods, and AGR 713, Graduate Computer Applications)
✓ Complete the GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR MASTER’S DEGREE FORM. Include your planned 31 hours of course work with the professors’ names for each course. Have the appropriate people sign it, then submit one copy to Tina Haley in the main Hutson School Of Agriculture Office and submit one copy to the Graduation Office, 113 Sparks Hall.
✓ Complete HSOA graduate guidance approval form. This form designates who will serve on your graduate committee. You need a minimum of three graduate faculty members.

Last Semester

✓ Complete Application for Comprehensive Examination (meet grad school deadline)
✓ Enroll in AGR 722
✓ Prepare Oral Presentation according to guidelines (this is discussed in AGR 722)
✓ Schedule oral presentation with Dean’s Secretary
✓ Complete your thesis or capstone. Details for submitting your thesis are available at www.murraystate.edu/finishyourthesis