

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology offers a program leading to the degree of Master of Science in Agricultural Economics.

For the Fall 2021, this degree will be offered fully online. It will be the first fully online master degree at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus. The new online master's degree will emphasize the application of agricultural economic knowledge to problems facing farms, agribusiness and the food industry. This master's degree will develop leaders in the agricultural sector that will have knowledge and skill in new technologies.

In addition to the admission requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies, a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics or its equivalent is required. There are no specific program requirements above those of the Office of Graduate Studies. All students are required to conduct an original research and to write a thesis. A strong knowledge of macroeconomics, microeconomics, and quantitative methods is needed for every candidate willing to pursue the degree.

It is possible for students to focus their thesis research on the department's research projects. Research facilities of the Agricultural Experiment Station are available to students.

The program includes course offerings and research opportunities in the following areas: Agricultural Production Economics, Farm Management, Marketing, Natural Resource Economics, Global Marketing and others.