

TROPICAL PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCES  
GRADUATE PROGRAM ASSESSMENT  
2004-2005

MS in Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences:

1. A diagnostic exam is required for all students. The exam is used to determine appropriate course work for the student.
2. Plan A students must pass a final oral exam and complete original research culminating in a thesis.
3. Plan B students complete an original project culminating in a Plan B paper.
4. Plan C students take a final exam to complete the program.
5. Master's degree students are not required to pass any comprehensive examinations.

PhD in Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences

1. A diagnostic exam is required for all students. The exam is used to determine appropriate course work for the student.
2. Students take oral comprehensive examinations covering all subjects relevant to the concentration.
3. Students complete original research, culminating in a dissertation.
4. A final oral exam, which includes a public dissertation defense, is required.

The work of the graduate student is assessed at each step of the process noted above to insure satisfactory progress in meeting program expectations and information regarding needed program changes is referred to and discussed by the graduate faculty.

(per email with R. Paull, 6/24/05)