

## **Instructions for MS Program Form**

The MS program form is a Microsoft Word document that contains fields where information can be entered. Use the Tab key to move from one field to another (or Shift-Tab to move backwards). These instructions pertain to the M.S. course program form. Type the information on each line or section of the form so that it stays on one line and does not wrap or insert a new line.

- Make sure the form still prints on one page after you have filled it out.
- For course names, use the full or abbreviated names as given in our department course lists or in the MSU catalog.
- Follow the example provided.
- **Do a draft** of this form and get comments from the Director of Graduate Studies before having all your guidance committee members sign it.

### Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE) Field

Quantitative methods courses (math, statistics, econometrics) should not be put here; this applies to AEC 835 also. AEC 845 and 855 may be included, however.

Courses taught in other departments but cross-listed as “AEC” courses should generally not be used here except as the “elective.” Examples are AEC 830 and 838 (really RD 830 and 838) and AEC 885 (really FW 885).

Second Field: Required for Plan B. If you are doing Plan A and taking more than 4 Ag Econ courses, you may either add them in the AFRE Field section, or put them here.

Quantitative Methods: These should be courses devoted to teaching one or more methods of quantitative analysis, such as mathematics, statistics, econometrics, math programming, etc. Courses that apply quantitative methods, such as AEC 845 and 855, cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

Research: Indicate the number of credits you plan to take: 6 for Plan A or 3 for Plan B research.

Collateral Courses: This will usually include preparatory undergraduate courses such as MTH 132 (Calculus I) and EC 301 (Intermediate Microeconomics).

Total Credits: Give the total number of credits excluding collateral courses.

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