

Agribusiness Management, A.A.

Degree Offered

- Associate of Arts

Nature of the Program

This curriculum includes five areas of concentration: general agricultural economics, agribusiness management, farm management, rural development, and resource economics. The general agricultural economics area of concentration provides a basic background for a variety of agriculturally-related careers.

Career Opportunities

Agribusiness and farm management areas provide specialized training for careers in agribusiness, credit, government and farming. Rural development and resource economics areas of concentration provide training for careers in community development, rural planning and management of natural resources. Employment opportunities exist with agribusiness firms, extensions, local, state, and national and international agencies.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Dr. Heidi B. Samuels - Ed.D Educational Leadership
Year @ PSC (2006)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

- Robert Cheves - M.S. Agriculture Education
Year @ PSC (2007)

Admissions

Entering freshmen are admitted directly into the major.

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef/>)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
GEF Elective Requirements (5, 6 and 8)		12
AGRL 191	First-Year Seminar	1
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research (GEF 1)	6
STAT 111	Understanding Statistics (GEF 3)	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics (GEF 8)	3
A&VS 251 & 251L	Principles of Animal Science and Principles of Animal Science Laboratory	4
AGEE 101	Global Food and Agricultural Industry (GEF 7)	3
AGEE 110 or CS 101	Microcomputer Applications in Agricultural Education Intro to Computer Applications	3
ARE 110 or ACCT 201	Agribusiness Accounting Principles of Accounting 1	3
ARE 150	Introductory Agricultural and Agribusiness Economics (GEF 4)	3
ARE 204	Agribusiness Management	3
ESWS 202 & 202L	Principles of Soil Science and Principles of Soil Science Laboratory	4
HORT 220 & 220L	General Horticulture and General Horticulture Laboratory	3
PLSC 206 & 206L	Principles of Plant Science and Principles of Plant Science Laboratory (GEF 2)	4
Electives		5
Total Hours		60

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ARE 150 (GEF 4)		3 ENGL 102 (GEF 1)	3
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)		3 ARE 204	3
PLSC 206 & 206L (GEF 2)		4 ECON 202 (GEF 8)	3
GEF 8		3 HORT 220 & 220L	3
AGRL 191		1 GEF 5	3
Elective		1	
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
STAT 111 (GEF 3)		3 A&VS 251 & 251L	4
AGEE 101 (GEF 7)		3 AGE 110 or CS 101	3
ARE 110 or ACCT 201		3 ESWS 202 & 202L	4
GEF 8		3 GEF 6	3
Elective		3 Elective	1
	15		15

Total credit hours: 60

Major Learning Outcomes

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

1. Demonstrate an understanding of basic knowledge and skills in business management for agricultural businesses.
2. Utilize basic oral, written and computer knowledge and skills in agricultural business management for clear and precise communication.
3. Develop effective solutions to problems or issues in agricultural business management using theories and skills.