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 or 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)

ASSISTANT 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.

General Education Foundations
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric
  ENGL 101 & ENGL 102
  or ENGL 103
  Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research
  Accelerated Academic Writing

F2A/F2B - Science & Technology

F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning

F4 - Society & Connections

F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past

F6 - The Arts & Creativity

F7 - Global Studies & Diversity

F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)

Total Hours

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

| 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: Principles of Animal Science 4
AGEE 101: Global Food and Agricultural Industry (GEF 7) 3
AGEE 110: Microcomputer Applications in Agricultural Education 3
or CS 101: Intro to Computer Applications
AGRN 202 & AGRN 203: Principles of Soil Science and Principles of Soil Science Laboratory 4
ARE 110 or ACCT 201: Agribusiness Accounting 3
ARE 150: Introductory Agricultural and Agribusiness Economics (GEF 4) 3
ARE 204: Agribusiness Management 3
HORT 220: General Horticulture 3
PLSC 206: Principles of Plant Science (GEF 2) 4
Electives 5
Total Hours: 60

Suggested Plan of Study

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Major Learning Outcomes

**AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

- Clearly articulate business problems, theories, and arguments related to agriculture or small businesses.
- Demonstrate an understanding of major ideas in marketing, accounting, finance, and management related to agriculture or small businesses.
- Read, analyze, and interpret business statements; utilize computer software in accounting, Excel and similar applications.
- Think carefully, logically, and creatively about problems related to resource management.
- Carefully analyze arguments pertaining to resource management and/or rural economic development.