

Requirements for a Major in Agricultural Business (AGBS)

State minimum core and discipline specific general education requirements:

Communications (6-12 hours)

— Choose from English Core courses (6 hours)

— COMM 1313 Public Speaking

— Choose 3 hours from [an approved list of communications-intensive courses](#)

U.S. History or Government (3 hours)

— Choose from U.S. History or Government Core courses

Mathematics and Statistics (9-13 hours)

[ABMM, PRLW Concentrations \(9 hours\):](#)

— Choose from MATH Core courses

— [MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus](#) or

— MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics

— [AGEC 2403 Quantitative Tools for Agribusiness](#) or

— WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation

AGEC Concentration ([12-13](#) hours)

— MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus

— [MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics](#)

— WCOB 1033 Data Analysis and Interpretation or

— STAT 4003/4001L Statistical Methods and Lab

Sciences (8 hours)

— Choose from Science Core courses

Fine Arts and Humanities (6 hours)

— Choose from Fine Arts/Humanities Core courses

Social Sciences (9 hours)

— PSYC 2003 General Psychology or SOCI 2013 General Sociology or RSOC 2603 Rural Sociology

— AGECE 1103 Principles of Agricultural Microeconomics or ECON 2023 Principles of Microeconomics

— AGECE 2103 Principles of Agricultural Macroeconomics or ECON 2013 Principles of Macroeconomics

AEAB Requirements (18 hours)

— AGECE 2303 Introduction to Agribusiness

— AGECE 3303 Food and Agricultural Marketing

— AGECE 3403 Farm Business Management

— AGECE 3503 Agricultural Law

— AGECE 4143 Agricultural Finance

— AGECE 4613 Domestic and International Agricultural Policy

General Electives ([22-31](#) hours)

Additional Requirements for Agribusiness Management and Marketing Concentration ([30](#) hours):

Choose 3 hours from:

— AGECE 2142/2141L Agribusiness Financial Records or

— [ACCT 2013 Accounting Principles I](#)

And take:

— AGECE 3373 Futures and Options Markets

— AGECE 3313 Agribusiness Sales

— AGECE 3413 Principles of Environmental Economics

Choose [9](#) hours from:

— AGECE 4113 Ag Prices and Forecasting

— AGECE 4163 Agricultural and Rural Development

— AGECE 4313 Agribusiness Management

— AGECE 4323 Agribusiness Entrepreneurship

— AGECE 4373 Basis Trading: Applied Price Risk Management

Choose 9 hours from:

— MATH, STAT, AGECE or courses in WCOB or the Bumpers College.

[120](#) Total Hours

Additional Requirements for Pre-Law Concentration ([33](#) hours):

— AGECE 2142/2141L Agribusiness Financial Records or

— [ACCT 2013 Accounting Principles I](#)

— [AGECE 3373 Futures and Options Markets](#)

— AGECE 3413 Principles of Environmental Economics

— AGECE 3523 Environmental and Natural Resources Law

Choose [6](#) hours from:

— [AGECE 4113 Ag Prices and Forecasting](#)

— [AGECE 4163 Agricultural and Rural Development](#)

— [AGECE 4313 Agribusiness Management](#)

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[AGEC 4323 Agribusiness Entrepreneurship](#)  
[AGEC 4373 Basis Trading: Applied Price Risk Management](#)

Choose 15 hours from at least two areas:

- Area 1  
\_\_\_ BLAW 3033 Commercial Law  
\_\_\_ WCOB 1012 Legal Environment of Business
- Area 2  
\_\_\_ COMM 2303 Advanced Public Speaking  
\_\_\_ COMM 2373 Intro to Debate  
\_\_\_ COMM 3303 Small Group Communication  
\_\_\_ COMM 3353 Argumentation: Reason in Communication  
\_\_\_ COMM 3383 Persuasion  
\_\_\_ COMM 3443 Intro to Rhetorical Theory  
\_\_\_ COMM 4113 Legal Communication
- Area 3  
\_\_\_ PHIL 2003 Intro to Philosophy  
\_\_\_ PHIL 2103 Intro to Ethics  
\_\_\_ PHIL 2203 Logic  
\_\_\_ PHIL 3103 Ethics and the Professions  
\_\_\_ PHIL 4143 Philosophy of Law Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
- Area 4  
\_\_\_ PLSC 3103 Public Administration  
\_\_\_ PLSC 3153 Public Policy  
\_\_\_ PLSC 3243 The Judicial Process  
\_\_\_ PLSC 4193 Administrative Law  
\_\_\_ PLSC 4253 The U.S. Constitution I  
\_\_\_ PLSC 4263 The U.S. Constitution II
- Area 5  
\_\_\_ AGEC (any upper level)

120 Total Hours

3/3 Program

Exceptional students in the Pre-Law concentration may enroll in the Law School in their fourth year provided that the following requirements have been met:

1. completed all University, college, and department core requirements for the pre-law concentration;
2. completed 12 hours in the specialization list for pre-law;
3. attained a cumulative grade-point average in all college or University course work of at least 3.50 without grade renewal;
4. attained a LSAT score of at least 159.

A student who has satisfied these requirements may substitute law school course work for the remaining total hours required for the bachelor's degree in agricultural business. It is a requirement of the Law School's accrediting standards that no student be admitted to Law School until they have completed at least three-fourths of the work necessary for the baccalaureate degree. The requirements embodied in the 3/3 program satisfy this requirement.

Additional Requirements for Agricultural Economics Concentration (27 hours):

[AGEC 2142/2141L Agribusiness Financial Records or](#)  
[ACCT 2013 Accounting Principles I](#)

- \_\_\_ ECON 3033 Microeconomic Theory  
\_\_\_ ECON 3133 Macroeconomic Theory  
\_\_\_ AGEC 3373 Futures and Options Markets

Choose 6 hours from:

[AGEC 4113 Ag Prices and Forecasting](#)  
[AGEC 4163 Agricultural and Rural Development](#)  
[AGEC 4313 Agribusiness Management](#)  
[AGEC 4323 Agribusiness Entrepreneurship](#)  
[AGEC 4373 Basis Trading: Applied Price Risk Management](#)

Choose 9 hours from MATH or STAT or upper division electives from AGEC or WCOB.

120 Total Hours

The approved list of courses, check sheet, and degree program for all concentrations is available in the Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness departmental office.

Agricultural Business B.S.A. with Management and Marketing Concentration  
Eight-Semester Degree Program

Students wishing to follow the degree plan in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness should see page 41 in the Academic Regulations chapter for university requirements of the program. The Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness major has three

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concentrations: Agricultural Business Management and Marketing, Pre-Law, and Agricultural Economics.

Fall Semester Year 1

- 3 University Core ENGL 1013 Composition I unless exempt
- 3 University Core MATH 1203 College Algebra
- 3 History University Core Elective
- 3 AGEC 1103 Principles of Ag Microeconomics
- 3 AGME 2903 or [General Elective](#)
- 0 WCOB 1120 Computer Competency Requirement (if not AGME 2903 Application of Microcomputers)

15 Semester hours

Spring Semester Year 1

- 3 University Core ENGL 1023 Composition II unless exempt
- 3 COMM 1313 Public Speaking
- 3 AGEC 2103 Principles of Ag Macroeconomics
- 3 AGEC 2303 Intro to Agribusiness
- 3 [MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus](#) or MATH 2053 Finite Math

15 Semester hours

Fall Semester Year 2

- 3 Social Science University Core Elective
- 3 Fine Arts/Humanities University Core Elective
- 4 Science University Core Elective
- 3 AGEC 2142/2141L Agribusiness Financial Records or WCOB 1023
- 3 General Elective

16 Semester hours

Spring Semester Year 2

- 3 AGEC 2403 Quantitative Tools for Agribusiness or WCOB 1033
- 4 Science University Core Elective
- 3 AGEC 3303 Food and Agri Marketing
- 3 [AGEC 3373 Futures & Options Markets](#)

3 General Elective

16 Semester hours

Fall Semester Year 3

- 3 General Elective
- 3 Communication Intensive Elective
- 3 AGEC 3403 Farm Business Management
- 3 AGEC 4143 Agriculture Finance
- 3 Specialization Elective

15 Semester hours

Spring Semester Year 3

- 3 Fine Arts/Humanities University Core Elective
- 3 AGEC 3503 Agriculture Law
- 3 AGEC 3413 Principles of Environmental Economics
- 3 AGEC 3313 Agribusiness Sales
- 3 [AGEC 4113 Ag Prices and Forecasting with lab component \(odd years\) OR AGEC 4373 Advanced Price Risk Management OR AGEC 4323 Agribusiness Entrepreneurship OR Specialization Elective](#)

15 Semester hours

Fall Semester Year 4

- 3 AGEC 4613 Domestic & International Ag Policy
- 3 AGEC 4313 Agribusiness Management or [AGEC 4163 Agricultural & Rural Development](#) or Specialization Elective
- 3 [AGEC 4313 Agribusiness Management or AGEC 4163 Agricultural & Rural Development or Specialization Elective](#)

6 General Electives

15 Semester hours

Spring Semester Year 4

- 3 AGEC 4113 Ag Prices and Forecasting with lab component (odd years) OR AGEC 4373 Advanced Price Risk Management OR AGEC 4323 Agribusiness Entrepreneurship
- 3 AGEC 4113 Ag Prices and Forecasting with lab component (odd years) OR AGEC 4373 Advanced Price Risk Management OR AGEC 4323 Agribusiness Entrepreneurship OR Specialization Elective

7 General Electives

13 Semester hours

120 Total Hours

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