



Agricultural Education, Communications, and Leadership

College of Agriculture

Degree Requirements

In addition to satisfying University Studies requirements and the college requirements listed previously, each student must complete the following:

College Requirements

ENG 203 Business Writing 3
GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture: The Development of Modern Agriculture\* 3
GEN 200 Issues in Agriculture: Contemporary Problems in Agriculture and Natural Resources\* 3

Core Requirements

AEC 101 The Economics of Food and Agriculture\* 3
RSO 102 The Dynamics of Rural Social Life\* 3
ACE 320 Survey of Agriculture and Consumer Media 3
ACE 362 Practicum in Vocational Education, Agricultural Communications, and Leadership 3
GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture: The Development of Modern Agriculture 3
GEN 200 Issues in Agriculture: Contemporary Problems in Agriculture and Natural Resources 3
ACE 302 Leadership Studies 3
ACE 501 Principles of Cooperative Extension 3

Option Requirements

Agricultural Communications Option

JOU 101 Introduction to Journalism 3
or
ISC 161 Introduction to Integrated Strategic Communication 3
JOU 204 Writing for the Mass Media 3
JOU 301 News Reporting 3
JOU 485 Community Journalism 3
COM/SOC 249 Mass Media and Mass Culture 3
COM/SOC/EDC 449 Social Processes and Effects of Mass Communication 3
AGC 400 Agricultural Communications Campaigns 3
ACE 490 Seminar in Agricultural Communications 3

Specialty Support Requirements: 24-35 hours

During the sophomore year each student will develop a Plan of Study, with his or her advisor's approval, that details the course work the student will take during his or her third and fourth years, including that course work in support of a specialty area (24-35 hours).

Electives

Electives should be selected to complete the 128 hours required for graduation.

Agricultural Education Option

CHE 105 General College Chemistry I\* 3
AED 210 Introduction to Vocational Education 3
AED 580 Methods of Teaching Vocational Education I 3
AED 586 Methods in Teaching Vocational Education II 3
AED 501 Practicum in Vocational Education 12
EDP 203 Teaching Exceptional Learners in Regular Classrooms 3

\*Satisfies half of the University Studies natural sciences requirement.

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Teacher Certification

Besides receiving the B.S. in Agriculture students completing the requirements can obtain a letter of endorsement to teach agricultural education. Requirements for teacher certification are as follows:

To be certified you must be admitted to the teacher education program (TEP). To be admitted, you must have completed, or complete during the semester in which you apply, 60 semester hours of course work and AED 210 Introduction to Vocational Education and have at least a 2.5 grade-point standing (on a 4.0 scale).

Applicants are evaluated on an interview, recommendations, scholastic achievement, demonstrated skills, and professional commitment and goals. In addition, you must have three years of agricultural experience since the age of 14.

You must also complete at least 50 hours in agriculture courses, including six hours in each of the following areas: animal sciences, plant sciences, soils, agricultural engineering, and agricultural economics (including Farm Management or Agribusiness Management). A professional education component is also required.

You must successfully complete assessment items and portfolio items as required. Further, you must successfully complete the three basic sections of the PRAXIS Exam and a technical agriculture exam, scoring above cutoff scores specified by the State Board of Education for each exam. After completing these exams, students hired by Kentucky schools will complete a one-year paid internship as a first-year teacher and will be evaluated at least three times by a three-person committee before certification is completed.

Other agriculture majors can also qualify to teach agricultural education provided they meet current certification requirements.

Note: Because graduation and teacher certification requirements change frequently, students should obtain more complete information from their advisors.

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## **Public Service and Leadership Option**

SOC/PSY 344 Social Psychology .....	3
PS 101 American Government .....	3
PS 487G Introduction to Public Administration .....	3
PS 489G The Analysis of Public Policy .....	3
SOC 342 Organizations in Society .....	3
SOC 542 Human Relations in Administration of Organizations .....	3
ACE 490 Seminar in Agricultural Communications .....	3
AEC 305 Food and Agricultural Marketing Principles .....	3
AEC 532 Agricultural and Food Policy .....	3

## **Specialty Support Requirements: 24-35 hours**

During the sophomore year each student will develop a Plan of Study, with his or her advisor's approval, that details the course work the student will take during his or her third and fourth years, including that course work in support of a specialty area (24-35 hours). It is recommended that this specialty area be drawn from (1) community and natural resources development, (2) legal and administrative studies, or (3) youth and family studies. Students are to take at least twelve hours in the College of Agriculture. The student's advisor will make recommendations, but the specific courses the student takes will depend on his or her interests and academic goals.

## **Electives**

Electives should be selected to complete the 128 hours required for graduation.