



Agricultural Education, Communications, and Leadership

College of Agriculture

Graduation Requirements

To earn the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, Communications, and Leadership, the student must have a minimum of 128 credit hours with at least a 2.0 grade-point average.

Plan of Study

As an agricultural education, communications and leadership major you are required to develop an acceptable Plan of Study during your sophomore year for your junior and senior years.

If you are an upper division transfer student (from another university or from another UK college or department) then you will submit your plan during the first semester you are enrolled in the program.

Students must complete the following:

College Required Hours

Table with 2 columns: Course Name and Hours. Includes 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).

Note: Students transferring into the college with 30 or more hours take only GEN 200 plus one communications course from the approved sequence in University Studies.

Subtotal: College Required Hours 6-9

University Studies Requirements

See "University Studies Program" on pages 68-72 of the 2003-2004 UK Bulletin for the complete University Studies requirements. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the University Studies Program requirements.

Courses marked with an asterisk (\*) may also be used to satisfy University Studies requirements.

Major Requirements

Table with 2 columns: Course Name and Hours. Includes AEC 101 The Economics of Food and Agriculture (3), RSO 102 The Dynamics of Rural Social Life (3), ACE 302 Leadership Studies (3), ACE 320 Survey of Agriculture and Consumer Media (3), ACE 362 Practicum in Career and Technical Education, Agricultural Communications, and Leadership (3), ACE 501 Principles of Cooperative Extension (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). Subtotal: Major Hours 24.

In addition to the Major Requirements, students choose one of three options:

Option A: Agricultural Communications

Table with 2 columns: Course Name and Hours. Includes JOU 101 Introduction to Journalism (3), 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 449 Social Processes and Effects of Mass Communication (3), AGC 400 Agricultural Communications Campaigns (3), ACE 490 Seminar in Agricultural Communications (3). Subtotal: Option A Hours 24.

Specialty Support Requirements

It is recommended that this specialty area be drawn from (1) news/editorial, (2) advertising/public relations, or (3) electronic media. 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.

Subtotal: Option A Specialty Support 24

Option B: Agricultural Education

Table with 2 columns: Course Name and Hours. Includes CHE 105 General College Chemistry I (3), AED 210 Introduction to Career and Technical Education (3), AED 580 Methods of Teaching Career and Technical Education I (3), AED 586 Methods of Teaching Career and Technical Education II (3), AED 501 Practicum in Career and Technical Education (12), EDP 203 Teaching Exceptional Learners in Regular Classrooms (3). \*Satisfies half of the University Studies natural sciences requirement.

Subtotal: Option B Hours 27

Specialty Support Requirements

It is recommended that students complete at least two courses from five different agricultural areas. The student's advisor will make recommendations, but the specific courses the student takes will depend on his or her interests and academic goals.

Subtotal: Option B Specialty Support minimum of 30

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 Career and Technical 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.

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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.

## Option C: Public Service and Leadership

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| 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 <b>or</b>                       |           |
| SOC 542 Human Relations in Administration of Organizations ..... | 3         |
| SOC/PSY 344 Social Psychology .....                              | 3         |
| ACE 490 Seminar in Agricultural Communications .....             | 3         |
| AEC 305 Food and Agricultural Marketing Principles .....         | 3         |
| AEC 532 Agricultural and Food Policy .....                       | 3         |
| <b>Subtotal: Option C Hours .....</b>                            | <b>24</b> |

## Specialty Support Requirements

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.

**Subtotal: Option C Specialty Support .....** 24

## Electives

Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 128 hours required for graduation.

**Subtotal: Electives .....** minimum of 6

**TOTAL HOURS: .....** 128