



Agricultural Education, Communications, and Leadership

College of Agriculture and School of Human Environmental Sciences

NOTE: At the time of publication, the B.S. in Agricultural Education, Communications, and Leadership was undergoing revision. Consult your advisor for more information.

Graduation Requirements

To earn the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, Communications, and Leadership, the student must have a minimum of 120 credit hours with at least a 2.0 grade-point average. A minimum of 45 credit hours must be from upper division courses (300 level and above). Remedial courses may not be counted toward the total hours required for the degree.

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. The plan must be signed by your advisor and returned to the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

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, Hours. Includes GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture: 3. Subtotal: College Required Hours 3.

University Studies Requirements

See "University Studies Program" on pages 71-75 of the 2005-2006 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, Hours. Lists major requirements like \*AEC 101, \*ACE 102, ACE 302, ACE 320, ACE 362, ACE 501, \*GEN 100. Subtotal: Major Hours 21.

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

Option A: Agricultural Communications

Table with 2 columns: Course Name, Hours. Lists Option A courses: JOU 101, ISC 161, JOU 204, JOU 301, JOU 485, COM/SOC 249.

Table with 2 columns: Course Name, Hours. Lists COM/SOC 449, ACE 400, ACE 490. 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, Hours. Lists \*CHE 105, AED 210, AED 580, AED 586, AED 501, EDP 203. Subtotal: Option B Hours 27.

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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.

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.

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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 120 hours required for graduation.

**Subtotal: Electives .....** minimum of 4

**TOTAL HOURS: .....** 120