



Agricultural Economics

College of Agriculture
and School of Human
Environmental Sciences

The Agricultural Economics program enables graduates to pursue careers in agribusiness and food industries, international marketing and trade, or farm management and production. Opportunities are also available in public policy for agriculture and rural America and environmental economics. These career opportunities may be found in both the private and public sectors. Economic theory is applied to problems concerning the production, marketing, and distribution of agricultural and food products and also to public policy and natural resource and environmental issues facing rural communities.

Agricultural Economics students choose one of two options – Option A: Agricultural Economics, and Option B: Agribusiness Management and Food Marketing.

Graduation Requirements

To earn the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, the student must have a minimum of 120 credit hours with at least a 2.0 grade-point average in one of the two program options. A student must earn a minimum grade of **C** in each of the four agricultural economics courses required in the major. A minimum of 45 credit hours must be from upper division courses (300 and above). Remedial courses may **not** be counted toward the total hours required for the degree. In addition to University Studies requirements, students must complete college, departmental and support requirements.

Plan of Study

As an agricultural economics major you are required to develop an acceptable **Plan of Study** in your chosen area of emphasis for your junior and senior years. Submit the plan for approval to the department's Undergraduate Program Committee and the Director of Undergraduate Studies during the second semester of your sophomore year.

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

Consult your academic advisor in developing your Plan of Study.

College Required Hours

GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture	3
Subtotal: College Required Hours	3

University Studies Requirements

Hours

See "University Studies Program" on pages 75-79 of the 2006-2007 UK Bulletin for the complete University Studies requirements.

The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill University Studies areas. 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.

Math

MA 109 College Algebra	3
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Inference-Logic

MA 123 Elementary Calculus and Its Applications	3
or	

MA 113 Calculus I	4
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Social Sciences

ECO 201 Principles of Economics I	3
One course other than economics from University Studies Program list	3

OPTIONS

Option A: Agricultural Economics

This option provides a program of study for students interested in careers in rural public policy analysis, rural economic development, natural resource and environmental economics, cooperative extension, or a more individualized program.

Premajor Requirements

Hours

*ECO 201 Principles of Economics I	3
ECO 202 Principles of Economics II	3
*MA 113 Calculus I	4
OR	
*MA 123 Elementary Calculus and Its Applications and	
MA 162 Finite Mathematics and Its Applications	6
STA 291 Statistical Method	3
ECO 391 Economic and Business Statistics	3
ENG 203 Business Writing	3
Subtotal: Premajor Hours	19-21

Major Requirements

Hours

Note: Students must receive a grade of C or better in each of the following four agricultural economics courses required for graduation:	
AEC 302 Agricultural Management Principles	4
AEC 303 Microeconomic Concepts in Agricultural Economics	3
AEC 305 Food and Agricultural Marketing Principles	3
AEC 490 Quantitative Methods and Price Analysis	3
plus 12 additional hours in the major	12
Subtotal: Major Hours	25

Specialty Support

Hours

ACC 201 Financial Accounting I	3
ACC 202 Managerial Uses of Accounting Information	3
plus 15 additional hours of courses at the 200 level or higher to fulfill the student's area of interest and selected with advisor's approval from the following departments: ACC, AEN, ASC, BAE, COM, CS, DIS, ECO, ENT, FIN, FOR, MA, MGT, MKT, PLS, PS, PSY, SOC, VS	15
Subtotal: Specialty Support Hours	21

Electives

Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.

Subtotal: Electives	minimum of 16
TOTAL HOURS:	120

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Option B: Agribusiness Management and Food Marketing

A student in this option should be qualified for careers in marketing, sales, and management of farms or firms involved in production, financing, processing, marketing and distribution of food and agricultural products, depending on the electives chosen.

Premajor Requirements	Hours
CS 101 Introduction to Computing I	3
*ECO 201 Principles of Economics I	3
ECO 202 Principles of Economics II	3
ECO 391 Economic and Business Statistics	3
*MA 113 Calculus I	4
OR	
*MA 123 Elementary Calculus and Its Applications	
and	
MA 162 Finite Mathematics and Its Applications	6
STA 291 Statistical Method	3
ENG 203 Business Writing	3
Subtotal: Premajor Hours	22-24

Major Requirements Hours

Note: Students must receive a grade of **C** or better in each of the following four agricultural economics courses required for graduation:

AEC 302 Agricultural Management Principles	4
AEC 303 Microeconomic Concepts in Agricultural Economics	3
AEC 305 Food and Agricultural Marketing Principles	3
AEC 422 Agribusiness Management	3

plus 12 additional hours in the major

Subtotal: Major Hours

Specialty Support Hours

ACC 201 Financial Accounting I	3
ACC 202 Managerial Uses of Accounting Information	3

plus completion of the requirements of a Minor in Business, plus 3 additional hours of courses at the 200 level or higher selected with advisor's approval from the following departments: ACC, AEN, ASC, BAE, COM, CS, DIS, ECO, ENT, FIN, FOR, MA, MGT, MKT, PLS, PS, PSY, SOC, VS

Subtotal: Specialty Support Hours

Electives

Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.

Subtotal: Electives

TOTAL HOURS: