

# UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Program:	B.S. in Agricultural Economics		
Formal Option :	Agricultural Economics (new option) (if applicable)	or Specialty Field	
Department (if applicable):	Agricultural Economics		(if applicable)
College (if applicable):	Agriculture		
Degree title:	B.S. in Agricultural Economics	Bulletin pp:	75-76
CIP Code:	01.0103	UK ID No.:	00198900
		HEGIS CODE:	
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):			

## I. PROPOSED CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Particular University Studies Requirements or Recommendations for this program

	Current	Proposed
English writing		
Communication:	No change	No change
Mathematics:		
Area I (Natural Science)		
Area II (Social Science)		
Area III (Humanities)		
Area IV (Cross-disciplinary component)		
Area V (Non-western cultural component)		

2. College Depth and Breadth of Study Requirements (if applicable) (including particular courses required or recommended for this program) NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 2. through 6. involve additional courses offered in another program, please submit correspondence with the program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

Current	Proposed

Premajor or Preprofessional Course Requirements (if applicable)

Current	Proposed
See Exhibit 2	See Exhibit 2

Total Hours:	128
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4. Credit Hours Required	<u>Current</u>			<u>Proposed</u>				
	128			128				
a. Total Required for Graduation:	128							
b. Required by level:								
	100	15	200	18	300	48	400-500	3
c. Premajor or Preprofessiona (if applicable)	16-18			f. Hours Needed for a Particular Option or Specialization (if applicable)				25 +21
d. Field of Concentration (if applicable)	25			g. Technical or Professional Support Electives (if applicable )				15
e. Division of Hours Between Major Subject and Related Field (if applicable)				h. Minimum Hours of Free or Supportive Electives (Required)				28

### 5. Major or Professional Course Requirements

<u>Current</u>		
See Exhibit 2		See Exhibits 2 and 3

### 6. Minor Requirements (if applicable)

<u>Current</u>		

CHANGES IN STUDENT INTEREST, THE STUDENT POPULATION, THE GRADUATES' WORKPLACE, AND FACULTY RESOURCES MAKE IT TIMELY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PROGRAM EMPHASIS AREAS FROM SEVEN TO THESE TWO OPTIONS. THIS WILL BETTER SERVE THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS. THIS OPTION IS FOR THOSE STUDENTS PURSUING CAREERS IN RURAL PUBLIC POLICY, NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMICS, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, GRADUATE STUDIES, ETC. GRADUATES AND CURRENT STUDENTS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES. BECAUSE OF THE PROPOSED MINIMUM GRADE REQUIREMENTS IN MAJOR REQUIREMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES ITS OWN SET OF GRADE DESCRIPTIONS. SEE EXHIBIT 3.

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8. List below the typical semester by semester program for a major.

Current	Proposed
See Exhibit 4	See Exhibit 6

Will this program be printed in the Bulletin?

Yes:  No:

Signatures of Approval:

*J. Watkins*  
Department Chair

2/4/04  
Date

*Lyn R. Walker*  
Dean of the College

2/23/04  
Date

*Jesse Hays*  
\*Undergraduate Council

Date of Notice to the Faculty  
3/2/04  
Date

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\*University Studies

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Date

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\*Graduate Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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\*Academic Council for the Medical Center

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Senate Council

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Date of Notice to Univ. Senate

\*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

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ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL:

## Exhibit 2    Current/Proposed Degree Requirements in the B.S. in Agricultural Economics

### Current: Agricultural Economics

Includes seven Emphasis Areas:  
 Agribusiness Management and Food Marketing  
 International Agricultural Marketing and Trade  
 Farm Management  
 Agricultural Financial Management  
 Agricultural and Rural Public Policy  
 Environmental and Resource Economics  
 Individualized Program

**Pre-Major:** **10-12**  
 ECO 201/202  
 MA 113 or MA 123/162

**Major Requirements:** **28**  
 Required: 16  
 AEC 302                      4  
 AEC 303                      3  
 AEC 304                      3  
 AEC 305                      3  
 AEC 490                      3  
 Major electives            12

**Specialty Support** **27**  
 ACC 201                      3  
 STA 291                      3  
 ECO 391                      3

Depending on the student's area of interest and subject to his/her academic advisor's approval, an additional 18 hours selected from the following departments: ACC, AEN, ASC, COM, DIS, ECO, ENT, FIN, FOR, MA, MGT, MKT, PLS, PS, PSY, SOC, VS to fulfill the student's area of interest.

**Free Electives** **25**

**Total Program** **128**

### To Be Included in UK Bulletin—

### Proposed Option: 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.

**Pre-Major:** **16-18**  
 ECO 201/202  
 MA 113 or MA 123/162

STA 291  
 ECO 391

**Major Requirements:** **25**  
 Required: 13 #  
 AEC 302                      4  
 AEC 303                      3  
 AEC 305                      3  
 AEC 490                      3  
**plus 12 additional hours in the major**

**Support** **21**  
 ACC 201                      3  
 ACC 202                      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.**

# Must receive a minimum grade of "C" in each required agricultural economics course for graduation

**Free Electives** **28**

**Total Program** **128**

## **Exhibit 3**

### **Grade Descriptions**

Proposed definitions for grades assigned in Agricultural Economics courses:

- Grade A**      Represents exceptionally high achievement as a result of aptitude, effort, and intellectual initiative.
- Grade B**      Represents greater than satisfactory achievement as a result of ability and effort.
- Grade C**      A grade of C represents satisfactory achievement of knowledge/performance skills in the subject matter to pursue competently the next level of course work or to utilize effectively the subject matter in relevant societal roles.
- Grade D**      A grade of D indicates unsatisfactory achievement of knowledge/performance in *required* courses within the major and will not give credit for graduation. The grade indicates the student is not competent to pursue the next level of course work or to utilize effectively the subject matter in relevant societal roles. For other elective departmental courses, a grade of D indicates minimal acceptable achievement of knowledge/performance skills.
- Grade E**      Unsatisfactory performance and indicates failure in the course.

Exhibit 4

**SEMESTER PLAN**  
**Current Agricultural Economics Major**

<b>Course Number/Title; First Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Course Number/Title; Second Sem.</b>	<b>Hours</b>
AEC 101 (USP elective)	3	GEN 100 (USP communication)	3
ENG 101	3	ENG 102	3
MA 123	3	MA 162	3
Natural Science elective	3	Natural Science elective	3
Humanities elective	3	Humanities elective	3
UK 101 (Free elective)	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		<b>Fourth Semester</b>	
ACC 201 (Specialty Support)	3	ACC 202 (Specialty Support)	3
ECO 201 (USP)	3	ECO 202 (Pre-major)	3
STA 291 (Specialty Support)	3	ECO 391 (Specialty Support)	3
Social Science elective	3	AEC 302 or 305	4
USP elective	3	GEN 200 (USP Communication)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		<b>Sixth Semester</b>	
AEC 302 or 305	3	AEC 304	3
AEC 303	3	AEC elective	3
Specialty Support elective	3	Specialty Support elective	3
Specialty Support elective	3	Specialty Support elective	3
ENG 203 (College)	3	Cross Cultural elective	3
Free elective	3	Free elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Seventh Semester</b>		<b>Eighth Semester</b>	
AEC 490	3	AEC elective	3
AEC elective	3	AEC elective	3
Specialty Support elective	3	Free elective	3
Upper Division Free elective	3	Free elective	3
Free elective	3	Free elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

Exhibit 6

**SEMESTER PLAN**  
**Proposed Agricultural Economics Option within the Agricultural Economics Major**

<b>Course Number/Title; First Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Course Number/Title; Second Sem.</b>	<b>Hours</b>
AEC 101 (USP elective)	3	GEN 100 (USP communication)	3
ENG 101	3	ENG 102	3
MA 123	3	MA 162 (USP elective)	3
Natural Science elective	3	Natural Science elective	3
Humanities elective	3	Humanities elective	3
UK 101 (Free elective)	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		<b>Fourth Semester</b>	
ACC 201 (Specialty Support)	3	ACC 202 (Specialty Support)	3
ECO 201 (USP)	3	ECO 202 (USP elective/Pre-major)	3
STA 291 (USP elective/Pre-major)	3	ECO 391 (Pre-major)	3
Social Science elective	3	AEC 302	4
Free elective	3	GEN 200 (USP Communication)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		<b>Sixth Semester</b>	
AEC 305	3	AEC elective	3
AEC 303	3	AEC elective	3
Specialty Support elective	3	Specialty Support elective	3
Specialty Support elective	3	Specialty Support elective)	3
ENG 203 (College)	3	Cross Cultural elective	3
Free elective	3	Free elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Seventh Semester</b>		<b>Eighth Semester</b>	
AEC elective	3	AEC 490	3
AEC elective	3	Free elective	3
Specialty Support elective	3	Free elective	3
Upper Division Free elective	3	Free elective	3
Free elective	3	Free elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>