

Agricultural Economics

Analyze complex issues involving agriculture, communities, and natural resources.

THIS MAJOR IS A GOOD FIT IF YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF:

SOLVING COMPLEX PROBLEMS, often in partnership with other experts

INTEGRATING INFORMATION from many fields including business, plant sciences, animal sciences, environmental science, geography, and engineering

LEARNING ANALYTIC METHODS that require a strong foundation in math and economics

Agricultural economics applies the tools of economics to analyze problems and reach solutions in agriculture, the food industry, community development, natural resources, international trade, and related fields. The impact of government policies on farms and communities . . . the potato trade between the U.S. and Canada . . . the economics of biofuels . . . the social and economic impacts of endangered species designations: these and other research topics engage our faculty and enliven their teaching.

INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Study the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services and learn practical problem-solving skills based in mathematics. In class, you might practice commodities trading, immerse yourself in policymaking during a field trip to the state capitol, or role play as adversaries in natural resource disputes. Your senior year, you'll draw on everything you've learned to assess an issue for a real-world client. Our seniors have worked for the Idaho Department of Water Resources, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and J. R. Simplot Company.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

INTERN. Get practical experience with organizations like these: U.S. CONGRESS Conduct policy research as a legislative intern in Washington, D.C. . . . NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE Collect data on the nation's crop and livestock production . . . LIVESTOCK MARKETING INFORMATION CENTER Apply new decision making tools.

STUDY ABROAD. Deepen your understanding of your major—and the world—in countries like these: PERU Shadow a pepper production and marketing company . . . TAIWAN Understand international trade from a new perspective . . . NEW ZEALAND Observe different types of agriculture.

GET INVOLVED. Network and have fun . . . AGRIBUSINESS CLUB Meet business leaders and potential employers, learn about internships, and get help developing your resume and improving your interviewing skills. Help organize the club's annual golf tournament, test your economics IQ in the national Quiz Bowl competition, and take field trips to regional agribusiness firms . . . AGRICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL Become a student leader . . . AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION Join the student chapter; attend national meetings and recruitment fairs. Participate in the National Food Marketing Challenge.

FASTFACT

Ag econ graduate Craig Marotz led McDonald's expansion into China.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Almost all of our graduates receive job offers upon graduation with starting salaries of up to \$45,000. Agricultural economists work in government, for nonprofit organizations, and for large and small businesses.

Here are a few possibilities:

MARKETING DIRECTOR. Do market analyses for an agricultural company or financial institution.

POLICY ANALYST. Analyze policies for a government agency, legislator, or environmental group.

FARM MANAGER. Run a large farming or ranching operation.

RESEARCHER. Collect and analyze data for a leading food-processing company.

COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSULTANT. Help rural areas create jobs and expand their economies.

REAL ESTATE APPRAISER. Determine the market values of farms and ranches.

COMBINE YOUR EDUCATION. A second language can open doors to careers with international agencies or in international trade, both in the U.S. and abroad. You'll have time to pursue your interests in additional areas like water policy, animal production, or international trade.

CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION. Study business, finance, law, or advanced agricultural economics.

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	FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORE		JUNIOR		SENIOR	
FALL	AgEc 101	1	Acct 205	4	AgEc 301	3	AgEc 481	3
	The Business of Agriculture		Fundamentals of Accounting		Agricultural Economics I		Agricultural Markets in a Global Economy	
	Comm 101	2	AgEc 278	4	AgEc 356	3	Elective	3
	Fundamentals of Public Speaking		Farm & Agribusiness Management		Agriculture & Rural Policy		Elective—Upper-div. Economics	
	CORE 103-149	4	Econ 201	3	AgEc 383	3	Electives	9-10
	Core Discovery Course		Principles of Economics		Economics of Natural Resources		Electives	
	Engl 101	3	Biol 102	4	Econ 351	3		
Intro. to College Writing		Biology & Society or Biol 115	4	Intermediate Macroeconomics				
Math 143	3	Cells & the Evolution of Life or MMBB 250/255	5	Engl 317	3			
Pre-Calculus Algebra & Analytic Geometry		General Microbiology/Lab		Technical Writing				
Math 144	1	Elective	3	Elective	3			
Analytic Trigonometry		Elective—Technical Agriculture		Elective—Technical Agriculture				
Elective	1-2							
Elective								
TOTAL	15-16	TOTAL	18-19	TOTAL	18	TOTAL	15-16	
SPRING	Engl 102	3	AgEc 289	3	AgEc 302	3	AgEc 478	3
	College Writing & Rhetoric		Agricultural Markets & Prices		Agricultural Economics II		Advanced Agribusiness Management	
	CORE 153-199	3	Chem 101	4	AgEc	3	Elective	3
	Core Discovery Course		Intro. to Chemistry or Chem 111	4	Elective—Upper-div. Agricultural Economics		Elective—Upper-div. AgEc, Econ, Bus	
	Econ 202	3	Principles of Chemistry		Econ 352	3	Electives	9
	Principles of Economics		Stat 251	3	Intermediate Microeconomics		Electives	
	Math 170	4	Statistical Methods		Elective	3-4		
Analytic Geometry & Calculus		Elective	3	Elective—Technical Agriculture				
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TOTAL	16	TOTAL	16	TOTAL	15-16	TOTAL	15	

Total for degree = 128 credits. Course offerings may change from year to year. Always check the current course catalog.

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"My career goal is to become an agricultural lobbyist, and I feel that my major has given me the knowledge and capabilities to be successful. It does an amazing job at giving real-life examples and at preparing all types of students in agriculture. I have accepted an internship this summer with Syngenta Seeds, Inc."

TRICIA CRUMP, agricultural economics major