

# AGRIBUSINESS MAJOR WITH AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT OPTION

## Program Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Degree Core Requirements</b>		
AAEC 2434	Foundations of Agribusiness <sup>1</sup>	3
AAEC 3454	Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship <sup>1</sup>	3
AAEC 3504	Marketing Agricultural Products <sup>1</sup>	3
AAEC 3604	Agricultural Law	3
AAEC 4424	Ag Financial Management <sup>1</sup>	3
AAEC 3024	Monetary and Global Issues in Applied Economics <sup>1</sup>	3
ACIS 2115	Principles of Accounting	3
Subtotal		21
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
ALS 1234	CALS First Year Seminar	1
AAEC 3014	Analytical Methods in Applied Economics <sup>1</sup>	3
or BIT 2406	Introduction to Business Statistics, Analytics, and Modeling	
or STAT 3006	Statistical Methods	
or STAT 3616	Biological Statistics	
AAEC 3424	Value-Based Management in Agribusiness <sup>1</sup>	3
or FIN 3104	Introduction to Finance	
or ACIS 2116	Principles of Accounting	
ENGL 3774	Business Writing <sup>1</sup>	3
or ENGL 3764	Technical Writing	
or ENGL 3754	Advanced Writing and Research	
or ALCE 3624	Communicating Ag and Life Sciences in Writing	
Subtotal		10
<b>Option Required Courses</b>		
<i>Major Option Core Courses</i>		
AAEC 3004	Agricultural Production and Consumption Economics <sup>1</sup>	3
AAEC 3015	Internship in Agricultural and Applied Economics	1
AAEC 4514	Advanced Agribusiness Marketing <sup>1</sup>	3
Select one of the following <sup>2</sup>		3
AAEC 4504	Agricultural Price and Market Analysis <sup>1</sup>	
AAEC 4804	Elementary Econometrics <sup>1</sup>	
AAEC 4484	Applied Economic Forecasting <sup>1</sup>	
GEOG 4084	Modeling with Geographic Information Systems <sup>1</sup>	
<i>Restricted Electives</i>		
Select three AAEC courses (6 hours must be at the 3000 level or higher)		9
Subtotal		19
<b>Area of Specialization and Free Electives</b>		
<i>A. Area of Specialization</i>		

AAEC undergraduate advisor must approve area of specialization courses. Students should consider obtaining a minor or double major to satisfy the area of specialization. At least 9 hours must be at the 3000 level or higher (unless noted otherwise for a minor in another academic department). Students majoring in Agribusiness are not eligible to minor in any of the AAEC minors. <sup>3</sup>

<b>B. Free Electives</b>		
Select 7 hours		7
Subtotal		25
<b>Pathways to General Education</b>		
<i>Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse</i>		
ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
COMM 2004	Public Speaking (1A)	3
or ALCE 3634	Communicating Ag and Life Sciences in Speaking	
<i>Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</i>		
Select 6 credits in Pathway 2 ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G02">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G02</a> )		6
<i>Pathways Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences</i>		
AAEC 1005	Economics of the Food and Fiber System	3
or ECON 2005	Principles of Economics	
AAEC 1006	Economics of the Food and Fiber System	3
or ECON 2006	Principles of Economics	
<i>Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</i>		
Select 6 credits in Pathway 4 ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G04">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G04</a> )		6
<i>Pathways Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking</i>		
MATH 1025	Elementary Calculus (5F) <sup>2</sup>	3
or MATH 1225	Calculus of a Single Variable	
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 1026	Elementary Calculus (5F) <sup>2</sup>	
or MATH 1225	Calculus of a Single Variable	
CS 1014	Introduction to Computational Thinking (5F)	
CS 1064	Introduction to Programming in Python (5F)	
FREC 1004	Digital Planet (5F)	
STAT 1014	Data in Our Lives (5F)	
STAT 3615	Biological Statistics (5A) <sup>1</sup>	3
or STAT 3005	Statistical Methods	
or BIT 2405	Introduction to Business Statistics, Analytics, and Modeling	
<i>Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts</i>		
Select 3 credits in Pathway 6d ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D</a> )		3
Select 3 credits in Pathway 6a ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A</a> )		3
<i>Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States</i>		
Select 3 credits in Pathway 7 ( <a href="https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G07">https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G07</a> )		3
Subtotal		45
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> **Pre-requisites:** Some courses required for this major have pre-/co-requisites and/or enrollment requirements. Please refer to the

Undergraduate Course Catalog or consult your advisor for information about pre-/co-requisites and enrollment requirements.

- 2 Students considering graduate school in applied economics are encouraged to take MATH 1225 Calculus of a Single Variable-MATH 1226 Calculus of a Single Variable.

**Satisfactory progress:** By the end of the academic year in which the student has attempted 72 hours (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing and credit by examination), “satisfactory progress” will consist of

1. an overall GPA of at least 2.0;
2. at least 30 credits that apply to the Pathways to General Education, and
3. 9 semester credits of departmental requirements.

## Graduation Requirements

**Program Total Hours:** 120 credit hours required for graduation with this degree.

**GPA:** In major calculation is from all AAEC and ECON classes taken. An overall GPA of at least 2.0 is required to meet the University's minimum standard for good academic standing. Overall and in-major GPA's of at least 2.00 are required for graduation.

## Foreign Language Requirements

**Foreign Language Requirement:** Students who do not successfully complete at least two units of a single foreign language, classical language, or American Sign Language during high school must successfully complete six semester hours of a single college-level foreign or classical language at the college level. Such semester hours are in addition to those normally required for graduation. Please see the Undergraduate Catalog for details.

First Year		
Fall Semester		Credits
ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing	3
AAEC 1005 or ECON 2005	Economics of the Food and Fiber System or Principles of Economics	3
MATH 1025 or MATH 1225	Elementary Calculus or Calculus of a Single Variable	3
Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities		3
Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences		3
ALS 1234	CALS First Year Seminar	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
Spring Semester		
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing	3
MATH 1026 or MATH 1226 or FREC 1004 or CS 1014 or CS 1064 or STAT 1014	Elementary Calculus or Calculus of a Single Variable or Digital Planet or Introduction to Computational Thinking or Introduction to Programming in Python or Data in Our Lives	3
AAEC 1006 or ECON 2006	Economics of the Food and Fiber System or Principles of Economics	3
Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts		3
Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

Second Year		
Fall Semester		
COMM 2004 or ALCE 3634	Public Speaking or Communicating Ag and Life Sciences in Speaking	3
AAEC 2434	Foundations of Agribusiness	3
ACIS 2115	Principles of Accounting	3
AAEC 3015	Internship in Agricultural and Applied Economics	1
Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States		3
Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
Spring Semester		
AAEC 3454	Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship	3
AAEC 3004	Agricultural Production and Consumption Economics	3
Area of Specialization		3
Restricted Electives		3
Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
STAT 3615 or STAT 3005 or BIT 2405	Biological Statistics or Statistical Methods or Introduction to Business Statistics, Analytics, and Modeling	3
AAEC 3504	Marketing Agricultural Products	3
Restricted Electives		3
Area of Specialization		3
Free Electives		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring Semester		
AAEC 3014 or STAT 3006 or STAT 3616 or BIT 2406	Analytical Methods in Applied Economics or Statistical Methods or Biological Statistics or Introduction to Business Statistics, Analytics, and Modeling	3
AAEC 4504 or AAEC 4804 or AAEC 4484 or GEOG 4084	Agricultural Price and Market Analysis or Elementary Econometrics or Applied Economic Forecasting or Modeling with Geographic Information Systems	3
AAEC 3424 or FIN 3104 or ACIS 2116	Value-Based Management in Agribusiness or Introduction to Finance or Principles of Accounting	3
AAEC 3604	Agricultural Law	3
Area of Specialization		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
AAEC 4424	Ag Financial Management	3
AAEC 4514	Advanced Agribusiness Marketing	3
Restricted Electives		3
Area of Specialization		3
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<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring Semester		
AAEC 3024	Monetary and Global Issues in Applied Economics	3
ENGL 3774 or ENGL 3764 or ALCE 3624 or ENGL 3754	Business Writing or Technical Writing or Communicating Ag and Life Sciences in Writing or Advanced Writing and Research	3
Area of Specialization		3
Free Electives		3
Free Electives		1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

- Restricted Electives - must complete 9 hours total, 6 hours must be at the 3000 level or higher.
- Area of Specialization - must complete 18 hours.
- AAEC advisor must approve area of specialization courses and the student must file an area of specialization form with the AAEC undergraduate office. Students should consider a minor or double major to fulfill this requirement. At least 15 hours must be at the 3000 level or higher unless noted otherwise for a minor in another academic department.