Agricultural Business Minor

Department of Agricultural Business

Agricultural Business, Minor Requirements

This minor field of study is principally designed for agricultural science and business majors. Those students majoring in animal, plant, and food sciences as well as agricultural education may seek to complement their technical knowledge with competencies in agricultural business for professional advancement. Students majoring in one of the business degree options may anticipate staying in the San Joaquin Valley where they will most likely become involved with and require an understanding of the agricultural sector as employees, clients, or customers of agribusiness firms. The minor also provides a foundation for graduate study in agricultural business or agricultural economics.

You should consult with your faculty adviser in the Agricultural Economics Department to plan your program. The adviser and the department chair must approve the minor program of study before it can be filed with the Degree Advising Office, and recorded on your transcript.

The minor consists of 24 units, of which equivalent courses are acceptable for a maximum of 12 units.

Core Requirements

- Intro Microeconomics: AGBS 1 (3 units)
- Financial Accounting: AGBS 31 (3 units)
- Intermediate Microeconomics: AGBS 100 (3 units)
- Financial Principles: AGBS 130 (3 units)
- Organizational Behavior: AGBS 120 (3 units)
- Production Operations: AGBS 110 or AGBS 124 (3 units)
- Agricultural Marketing: AGBS 160 (3 units)
- Government Policy: AGBS 150 (3 units)

Total (24 units)

Note: The Agricultural Business Minor also requires a 2.0 GPA and 6 upper-division units in residence.

Advising Notes

1. University policy states that courses fulfilling requirements for a minor may be counted toward General Education.
2. Students pursuing a minor are expected to have basic computer competencies (AGBS 76 recommended) and fundamental quantitative reasoning skills (MATH 11 or MATH 75 recommended) before enrolling in the required upper-division courses.
3. The department waives AGBS 1, 31, 120, and 130 for students who have already received credit for ECON 40, ACCT 4A, MGT 104 or 110, and FIN 120 respectively. Such course waivers correspondingly reduce the unit requirement for the minor from the maximum of 24 to a possible 12 - the minimum allowable under the Title 5 code. This adjustment accommodates the university policy that "courses in a major cannot be applied toward a minor unless designated as 'additional requirements' to the major."
4. Concerning the course selections to satisfy the production operations core requirement, consult with the minor adviser about which choices match your career plans.
5. All courses in the minor must be taken for a letter grade; CR/NC grading is not acceptable.

Prerequisite Notice

1. Agricultural business majors must complete the lower-division business management base courses (AGBS 2, 28, 31, 32, 71, 76) and the lower-division additional requirements to the major in General Education Foundation Area B4 (MATH 11 or MATH 75) and Breadth Area D2 (AGBS 1) before enrolling in upper-division AGBS courses.
2. **Non agricultural business majors** who select the Production Management Option (Animal Sciences Major), the Production Management Emphasis (Plant Science Major), or the Teacher Preparation Option (Agricultural Education Major) must complete AGBS 1, 31, and 76 before enrolling in any upper-division AGBS courses. Note: MATH 11 or MATH 75 or their equivalent is a prerequisite for some core upper-division AGBS courses. Permission of instructor may be necessary to register for some upper-division AGBS courses because of the general prerequisite structure indicated in note 1 above for students majoring in agricultural business and the specific prerequisites listed in individual course descriptions.

**FACULTY**

Faculty members are broadly trained with advanced degrees from top-ranked universities across the nation, and are highly experienced as teachers, consultants, and researchers. They bring practical insight to the classroom by being professionally active in service to California farms and agribusinesses, industry organizations, government agencies, and professional associations. Forming a strong advisee-adviser relationship with any one of the faculty can help you match your career goals with appropriate coursework.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
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