

AGRICULTURAL & CONSUMER ECONOMICS: FINANCE IN AGRIBUSINESS, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science Major in Agricultural & Consumer Economics, Finance in Agribusiness Concentration

Students in Finance in Agribusiness study finance as used in agribusiness, farming, financial institutions, and more broadly, in the financial services industry. In addition to positions as loan officers in banks and other lending institutions, recent graduates are working in trust and other banking operations, investments and securities firms, rural appraisals, financial management, financial planning, insurance, real estate, and related fields.

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Prescribed Core Courses including Campus General Education

Minimum hours for graduation is 126, to include a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework generally at the 300- and 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Composition I and Speech		
Requirement to be satisfied in the first year		
RHET 105 & CMN 101	Writing and Research and Public Speaking (or equivalent (see College Composition I requirement))	7
Advanced Composition		
Students are encouraged to complete this requirement prior to the seventh semester.		
Select from campus-approved Advanced Composition list (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/ACP/)		3-4
Foreign Language		
Coursework at or above the third level is required for graduation.		
Quantitative Reasoning I		
Select one of:		7-8
MATH 124	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 231	Calculus II	
Select one of:		
MATH 220	Calculus	
MATH 221	Calculus I	
MATH 234	Calculus for Business I	
Quantitative Reasoning II		6
ACE 262	Applied Statistical Methods and Data Analytics I	
ACE 264	Applied Statistical Methods & Data Analytics 2	
Humanities and the Arts		
Select from campus-approved Humanities & the Arts list (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/HUM/)		6
Natural Sciences and Technology		

Select from campus-approved Natural Sciences & Technology list (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/NAT/>) 6

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Select from campus-approved Social & Behavioral Sciences list (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/SBS/>) 6

Cultural Studies

Select one course from Western culture, one from non-Western culture, and one from U.S. minority culture from campus approved lists. (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/CS/>) 9

ACES Prescribed

ACES 101 Contemporary Issues in ACES (for first year students only) 2

Department Requirements

Minimum Hours in the College of ACES of which 20 must be in the Department of ACE 35

Minimum of two 400-level courses in ACE 6

ACE 100 Introduction to Applied Microeconomics 4

ACE 161 Microcomputer Applications 3
or CS 105 Intro Computing: Non-Tech

ACE 300 Intermediate Applied Microeconomics 3

ACE 341 Issues&Careers in Applied Econ 1 or 2

ACCY 201 Accounting and Accountancy I 3

ECON 103 Macroeconomic Principles 3

At least 3 hours of credit for study abroad or one international course selected from:

ACE 435 Global Agribusiness Management

ACE 436 International Business Immersion

ACE 451 Agriculture in Intl Dev

ACE 452 The Latin American Economies

ACE 455 International Trade in Food and Agriculture

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Required for the Finance in Agribusiness Concentration in Addition to Department Requirements

ACE 345 Finan Decision Indiv Sm Bus 3

ACE 360 Spreadsheet Models and Applications 2

ACE 444 Financial Services & Investing Planning 3

ACE 446 Modeling App's Finan Plan 2

ACCY 202 Accounting and Accountancy II 3

FIN 221 Corporate Finance 3

Select two of the following: 6

ACE 427 Commodity Price Analysis

ACE 428 Commodity Futures and Options

ACE 432 Advanced Farm Management

ACE 449 Retirement & Benefit Planning

FIN 300 Financial Markets

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Total Hours		126

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. The introduction to applied microeconomics and macroeconomics courses do not count toward the social science general education requirement. Students must take 6 hours above and beyond these two courses to meet the social and behavioral sciences requirement. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree General and Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ACE 100		4 ACE 161	3
ACES 101		2 CMN 101 or RHET 105	3
MATH 124		3 MATH 234	4
RHET 105 or CMN 101		4 ECON 103	3
Language Other than English (3rd level)		4 General Education course	3
		17	16

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ACCY 201		3 ACE 264	3
ACE 262		3 ACCY 202	3
ACE 341		1 FIN 221	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
Free Elective course		3	
		16	15

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ACE 345		3 ACE 360	2
ACE 300		3 ACE 446	2
General Education course		3 Ag Finance Core course	3
General Education course		3 ACE international course or study abroad experience	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	4

	Free Elective course	3
		15
		17

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ACE 444		3 ACE or ACES Elective course	3
Ag Finance Core course		3 General Education course	3
ACE or ACES Elective course		3 Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course		3 Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course		3 Free Elective course	3
		15	15

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