AGR & CONSUMER ECONOMICS (ACE)

ACE Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/ACE)

Courses

ACE 100 Agr Cons and Resource Econ  credit: 4 Hours.
Principles of microeconomics; demand, production, supply, elasticity, markets, and trade are presented and used in the analysis of decisions of individuals relating to agricultural production, food and textile consumption, and natural resource use. Macroeconomic concepts are also introduced. Credit is not given for ACE 100 if credit for ECON 102 has been earned.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

ACE 161 Microcomputer Applications  credit: 3 Hours.
Instruction and practice in solving data-related problems with microcomputers and general purpose software packages.

ACE 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar  credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
Experimental course on a special topic in agricultural and consumer economics. Topic may not be repeated except in accordance with the Code. Additional fees may apply. See Class Schedule. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated up to 5 hours in a semester, to a maximum of 12 hours.

ACE 210 Environmental Economics  credit: 3 Hours.
Economic issues surrounding environmental quality, including: costs and benefits of environmental protection; economics of environmental policies (such as those dealing with toxics, water, and air pollution, and municipal solid waste); and economics of international environmental problems (such as ozone depletion and climate change). Same as ECON 210, ENVS 210, NRES 210, and UP 210.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

ACE 222 Agricultural Marketing  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines factors affecting the size of the market for agricultural products and the scope of marketing activities; functions and services performed; pricing agricultural products, including the nature and causes of price fluctuations; and costs of marketing and efforts to reduce costs and improve the marketing system. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or ECON 102 or consent of instructor.

ACE 231 Food and Agribusiness Mgt  credit: 3 Hours.
Overview of management in the food and agribusiness sector. Major topics covered include: introduction to the food and agribusiness sector; the environment of the firm; fundamentals, structural design, and change in organizations; leadership, motivation, communication; and planning and control. Coverage is at the introductory level with a focus on textbook material and current issues. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and ACE 100 or ECON 102.

ACE 232 Management of Farm Enterprises  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Economic principles are applied to the management of farms using budgeting system analysis, record analysis, financial management, and lease analysis. Problems related to resource appraisal and business organization are also addressed. Three hours credit without home farm problem, or four hours credit with home farm problem. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or ECON 102 or consent of instructor.

ACE 240 Personal Financial Planning  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines principles of financial planning applied to individuals and households, with attention to organizing and analyzing financial information, budgeting, acquiring financial assets, managing credit, planning for taxes, investments, risk management, retirement, and estate planning. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

ACE 251 The World Food Economy  credit: 3 Hours.
Examination of global food production, consumption, and trade; problems of hunger and population; the role of agricultural development, trade, and aid in relieving hunger. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or ECON 102 or consent of instructor.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Cultural Studies - Non-West Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

ACE 254 Economic Systems in Africa  credit: 3 Hours.
Examines systems of production and exchange in Africa. Through lectures, discussions, readings and films participants will study the ways African people interact in local markets and the impact of national and international markets on their welfare. Same as AFST 254.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Cultural Studies - Non-West Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

ACE 255 Econ of US Rural Poverty & Dev  credit: 3 Hours.
Examination of rural poverty and development issues in the United States, with particular attention to current anti-poverty policies and programs and alternative programs. Topics include measurement of poverty; causes of rural poverty; income maintenance, education, and employment policies and their consequences; and rural development strategies. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or ECON 102 or consent of instructor.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

ACE 261 Applied Statistical Methods  credit: 4 Hours.
Statistical methods and computer applications for agricultural and consumer economics, including descriptive statistics, probability distribution, interval estimation, hypothesis testing, analysis of variance, simple and multiple regression, and non-parametric methods. Credit is not given for ACE 261 if credit for any of ECON 202, CPSC 440, STAT 100, or equivalent has been earned. Prerequisite: MATH 124 or MATH 125.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Quantitative Reasoning I

ACE 270 Consumer Economics  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the study of the consumer in the American economy; sources of consumer information and consumer protection; and examination of current consumer issues within an economic framework. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

ACE 291 Ag Policy & Leadership  credit: 3 Hours.
Current policy issues affecting agriculture and the legislative and rulemaking process that determines those policies will be studied. A trip to Washington, DC during spring break will give the students an opportunity to interact with legislators, federal agencies, organization leaders and representatives of the national and international agricultural policy community to better understand the policy making process and the issues moving through it. Student participation will focus on developing leadership skills and having an opportunity to meet with leaders who are actively engaged in creating and changing public policy. Additional fees may apply. See Class Schedule. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing required or the approval of the instructor.

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ACE 292  Farm, Food & Environmental Policy  credit: 3 Hours.
This course seeks to broaden students’ understanding of the breadth
and complexity of agriculture in the United States and the challenges
and opportunities to be found in the U.S. food and agricultural system.
It includes a week-long trip to an area outside of Illinois (such as California)
during spring break where students will meet with farm, food and
environmental leaders who are deeply involved in driving the issues
shaping farm, food, and environmental policy. Additional fees may apply.
See Class Schedule. Prerequisite: Sophomore, Junior or Senior standing
required AND approval of the instructor.

ACE 293  Off-Campus Internship  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Supervised, off-campus experience in a field directly pertaining to
a subject matter in agricultural and consumer economics. Additional fees
may apply. See Class Schedule. Approved for S/U grading only. May
be repeated up to 4 hours in a semester, to a maximum of 10 hours.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above at the
time the internship is arranged, and consent of instructor.

ACE 294  On-Campus Internship  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Supervised, on-campus, learning experience with faculty engaged in
research. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated up to 4 hours
in a semester, to a maximum of 10 hours. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above at the time the internship is
arranged, and consent of instructor.

ACE 295  Independent Study  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Individual or small group research, special problems, or other studies
under the supervision of an appropriate member of the faculty. Approved
for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated in the same or
subsequent terms as topics vary. May be repeated up to 4 hours in a
semester, but no more than 12 hours of special problems, research,
thesis and/or individual studies may be counted toward the degree.
Prerequisite: Junior standing, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above at the time
the activity is arranged, and consent of instructor.

ACE 306  Food Law  credit: 3 Hours.
Explores the legal and political dimensions of food law, policy and
trade in the United States and major trading partners. Examines the
development of major national and state laws that apply to production,
distribution and retail sale of food. Evaluates current issues in food
regulation, including: biotechnology, organics, health labeling claims,
food safety and products liability litigation. Discusses food regulation in
other countries within the context of international treaties such as the

ACE 310  Natural Resource Economics  credit: 3 Hours.
Economic principles are used to analyze a broad range of natural
resource policy and management issues. Economic concepts developed
include public goods, social welfare, discounting, dynamic efficiency,
and resource scarcity. Natural resources examined include biodiversity,
fisheries, forests, minerals, soil, and water resources. Same as ENVS 310
and NRES 310. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or ECON 102.

ACE 321  Principles of Public Policy  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ACCY 321, BADM 303, and PS 321. See PS 321.

ACE 341  Issues & Careers in Applied Econ  credit: 1 or 2 Hours.
Students study contemporary issues and career opportunities associated
with various concentrations in the Department of Agricultural and
Consumer Economics. An in-depth dialogue with industry professionals
helps develop an understanding of the skill sets needed to succeed in
each of the different career paths discussed. May not be repeated for
credit.

ACE 345  Finan Decision Indiv Sm Bus  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to financial decision-making for small businesses and
individuals. Examines financial statement preparation and analysis;
capital structure (use of debt and equity); investment analysis and
portfolio theory; time value of money; interest rates and term structure;
asset markets (pricing theories); evaluation of financial risk and
insurance concepts, and an introduction to credit markets and financial
capital suppliers. In addition, there is a class project involving a visit
to either a lender or a financial planner/observer, and other experiences
to introduce students to services and careers in financial sectors.
Prerequisite: ACCY 201 or equivalent, or consent of instructor.

ACE 346  Tax Policy and Finan Planning  credit: 3 Hours.
Explores the federal tax system, including income, social security,
Medicare, and estate taxes, and state and local tax systems. Students
learn basic tax principles, public policy issues involved in the tax
systems, and how tax law influences financial plans and decisions.
Helps students make wiser financial decisions through increased
understanding of the tax impacts of those decisions, participate
knowledgeably in public debates surrounding tax policy, and prepare for
careers as financial planners. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

ACE 360  Spreadsheet Models & Applic  credit: 2 Hours.
Spreadsheet development and modeling skills intended for economics
and finance applications. Advanced uses of spreadsheet software,
development of user-defined functions, use of Visual Basic and
comparable external interface languages, data query designs, and
advanced data analyses, summary and presentation skills are stressed.
Intended to serve as a prerequisite for advanced modeling courses in
specific disciplinary areas. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or equivalent, ACE 161
or CS 105, and completion of ACE 261 or ECON 203 or equivalent.

ACE 396  Honors Research or Thesis  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Individual research, special problems, thesis, development and/or design
work under the direction of the Honors advisor. May be repeated in the
same or subsequent terms as topics vary. May be repeated up to 4 hours
in a semester, but no more than 12 hours of special problems, research,
thesis and/or individual studies may be counted toward the degree.
Prerequisite: Junior standing, admission to the ACES Honors Program,
and consent of instructor.

ACE 398  Seminar  credit: 1 to 3 Hours.
Group discussion on a special topic in a field of study directly pertaining
to subject matter in agricultural and consumer economics. Approved for
both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to 3 hours in a semester,
up to a maximum of 12 total hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing and
consent of instructor.

ACE 403  Agricultural Law  credit: 3 to 4 Hours.
Relation of common-law principles and statutory law to land tenure, farm
tenancy, farm labor, farm management, taxation, and other problems
involving agriculture. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours.
Prerequisite: Junior standing.

ACE 406  Environmental Law  credit: 3 to 4 Hours.
Examination of environmental law issues. Topics include common-law
pollution control; role of administrative agencies and courts; federal
and state power; air and water pollution; regulation of toxic substances;
protection of land, soil and other natural resources. 3 undergraduate
hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 403, or BADM 300, or
BADM 301 recommended.
ACE 410 Energy Economics credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Use of economics tools to understand and evaluate public policy issues surrounding energy markets and related environmental markets. Focus is on the economic drivers of energy production and use, biofuel policy, transportation and storage of energy commodities, regulation of energy markets, and policies designed to mitigate the impact of energy production and consumption on the environment. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or equivalent.

ACE 411 Environment and Development credit: 3 to 4 Hours.
Relationship between economic development and environmental sustainability through application of cost-benefit analysis and environmental economics. Developing and developed country issues are considered with an emphasis on hands-on applications of project appraisal, social benefit-cost analysis, green accounting, and non-market valuation. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or equivalent.

ACE 427 Commodity Price Analysis credit: 3 Hours.
A comprehensive and in-depth survey of commodity price analysis with emphasis on the fundamental factors affecting prices of agricultural products; sources of information relating to production and demand factors; government activities as they relate to prices of agricultural products; technical analysis of agricultural product prices; and market efficiency and forecasting. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or ECON 102; ACE 261, or equivalent.

ACE 428 Commodity Futures and Options credit: 3 Hours.
Development of futures trading; operation and governance of commodity exchanges; economic functions of futures trading; operational procedures and problems in using futures markets; public regulation of futures trading; evaluation of market performance. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 222 or FIN 300 or equivalent.

ACE 430 Food Marketing credit: 3 Hours.
Performance of the food system; marketing margins; transportation, advertising, and retailing of food products; structure, conduct, and performance of food marketing firms and industries; government and public interest in the food system. Same as FSHN 425. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or ECON 102, ACE 222 recommended.

ACE 431 Agri-food Strategic Management credit: 3 Hours.
Process of strategic decision-making in food and agribusiness firms; methods for analysis of business and regulatory environment; organizational issues in strategy choice for firms and supply chains. Same as BADM 438. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 231, BADM 320, or ACE 222; or consent of instructor.

ACE 432 Farm Management credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Students develop expertise in evaluating and making decisions similar to those faced by farm operators and managers. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 232; credit or concurrent registration in ACE 360 or equivalent.

ACE 435 Global Agribusiness Management credit: 3 Hours.
Examination of the economic and strategic management of food, textile, and agribusiness firms within a global business environment; topics include the global business environment and its institutions, organizational strategies and policies, and business operations in global agricultural, food and textile industries. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 231, ACE 222, or BADM 320 or consent of instructor.

ACE 436 Intl Business Immersion credit: 4 Hours.
Provides participants an in-depth, experiential immersion into the complex issues and constraints that confront international marketing channel participants. Contextually grounded and themed in a specific industry, the course combines on-campus lectures with an intensive international immersion experience to Europe, Asia, or Latin America. By following the complete marketing channel from raw materials procurement to final consumption, participants gain first-hand knowledge of the necessary managerial decision-making skills required to successfully operate in today's global business environment. Same as BADM 436. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 undergraduate and/or 8 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ACE 440 Finan Plan for Professionals credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Capstone course applies financial planning principles and concepts in realistic case studies of specific planning needs, requires a comprehensive financial planning exercise, and covers professional ethics and responsibilities. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in or completion of ACE 345, ACE 346, ACE 444, and ACE 449.

ACE 444 Finan Serv & Invest Plan credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Advanced skills in and understanding of asset pricing, equity and debt investment, portfolio theory and diversification, asset allocation, financial risk management, and financial intermediation and regulation emphasizing applications in financial planning and agricultural finance. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 240, ACE 345, or FIN 221, and ECON 302 or consent of instructor.

ACE 445 Intermediate Personal Fin Plan credit: 4 Hours.
Financial planning philosophies, techniques, and procedures. Course uses case studies and problem-solving activities to construct financial plans for individuals and families in various life cycle stages and family structures. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 240, ECON 302, and junior standing or consent of instructor; FIN 230 is recommended.

ACE 446 Modeling App's Finan Plan credit: 2 Hours.
Improves ability to make effective financial plans and decisions. Involves development of decision tools that are applied to "real world" financial data sets and planning/decision-making circumstances. Topics include applied data management techniques (designing queries/storable forms), financial statement analysis, numeric optimization tools, leverage assessment, incorporating risk in decisions, capital budgeting and time value of money, term structure of interest rates, and currency exchange. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One of ACE 240, ACE 345, FIN 221; or consent of instructor and advanced knowledge of spreadsheet software equivalent to the coverage of ACE 360.

ACE 447 Case Stud Agr Accy & Fin Plan credit: 3 Hours.
Capstone course for agricultural accounting, agricultural finance, and financial planning; applies business and planning concepts and tools to real-world situations; emphasizes group decision making; industry professions participate in the learning experience. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One of ACCY 301, ACE 444, FIN 300; or consent of instructor.
ACE 448 Rural Real Estate Appraisal credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Valuation methods and value bases of rural real estate; legal aspects of property rights, appraisal theory and procedures, condemnation appraisal, characteristics of the rural land market, soil identification and productivity, and other legal, economic, agronomic, and engineering aspects of real estate valuation. Laboratory field trips, including a practice appraisal; see Class Schedule for approximate cost. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ACE 232 or ACE 360; NRES 201.

ACE 449 Retirement & Benefit Planning credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Employee benefit and retirement planning, including employer-sponsored or individually managed options, with particular attention to determining benefit and retirement needs and managing risks in specific planning situations. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Credit is not given for both ACE 449 and FIN 434. Prerequisite: ACE 240, ACE 345, and ECON 302 or consent of instructor.

ACE 451 Agriculture in Intl Dev credit: 3 to 4 Hours.
Economics of agricultural development and the relationships between agriculture and other sectors of the economy in developing nations; agricultural productivity and levels of living in the less developed areas of the world; and studies of agricultural development in different world regions including Africa, Asia, and Latin America. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or consent of instructor.

ACE 452 The Latin American Economies credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Same as ECON 452. See ECON 452.

ACE 454 Econ Dev of Tropical Africa credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Types of African economies and growth of the exchange economy; development of natural resources, industry, trade, finance, and education; analysis of economic integration, governmental planning, and development projects; and demographic, land tenure, and institutional influences on development. 3 undergraduate hours. 2 to 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or consent of instructor.

ACE 455 Intl Trade in Food and Agr credit: 3 Hours.
Economic theory used to analyze trends and patterns of international trade in major agricultural commodities and to understand interaction between economic development, policy, and trade; welfare implications of policies affecting production, consumption, and trade; implications of protectionism, free trade, regional trade blocs, and multilateral trade liberalization, and the role for international trade institutions. 3 undergraduate hours. 2 to 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or consent of instructor.

ACE 456 Agr and Food Policies credit: 3 to 4 Hours.
Analysis of agricultural and food policies and programs and their effects on producers and consumers of agricultural products. Formulation of agricultural and food policies are examined with an emphasis on historical and current economic problems affecting agriculture and rural America. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or consent of instructor.

ACE 471 Consumer Economic Policy credit: 3 Hours.
Analysis of choice-making, buying, using, and disposing of consumer goods by families, social policy Perspectives considered. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Prerequisite: ACE 100 or equivalent and junior standing.

ACE 474 Econ of Consumption credit: 3 to 4 Hours.
Concepts, theories, and methods for analysis of the micro and macro aspects of consumption; includes standards and content of consumption and description of consumption patterns and trends in the USA and selected other countries. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or consent of instructor; a course in statistics; junior standing.

ACE 476 Family Economics credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Economic welfare of American families, application of economic theory to the behavior of families and individuals with respect to time allocation between the home and the market; family forms; human capital accumulation; gender differences in income; income inequality; and poverty. Role of public policy is considered. 3 undergraduate hours. 2 to 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or consent of instructor; a course in statistics; senior standing.

ACE 496 Practicum credit: 4 to 12 Hours.
Cooperatively supervised field experience in management and administration in a textile marketing business. Only four hours may be applied to the total required for a graduate degree. At the undergraduate level, up to four hours may be counted toward the hours required in Agricultural and Consumer Economics. 4 to 12 undergraduate hours. 4 to 12 graduate hours. Approved for both letter and S/U grading. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Not available to students on probation.

ACE 499 Seminar credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Group discussion or an experimental course on a special topic in agricultural and consumer economics. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. 1 to 4 graduate hours. Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated in the same semester to 4 hours, or subsequent terms to a maximum of 12 hours as topics vary.

ACE 500 Applied Economic Theory credit: 4 Hours.
Provides an understanding of theory of the firm, consumer economics and various market models necessary to conduct applied professional economic research with special emphasis on applications relevant to agricultural, consumer, development, and resource economics. Multivariate calculus and optimization methods are used.

ACE 501 Risk and Info: Theory and App credit: 4 Hours.
Applications of the theory of economic behavior under uncertainty and asymmetric information. Analysis of individual decision making under uncertainty includes: tests of the expected utility hypothesis; comparative statistics of changes in risk preferences and risk; and moment based models of decision making. Analysis of economic equilibrium under uncertainty and asymmetric information includes tests for complete markets and applications of noncooperative game theory. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in ECON 500 and ECON 506.

ACE 502 Demand/Supply/Firms/Households credit: 4 Hours.
Applications of demand and supply theories and applications of firm and household behavior. Topics include demand and supply systems, aggregation and separability, dynamics, formation and boundaries of the firm, household decision making, intrahousehold allocation, allocation of time, human capital, and hedonics. Same as ECON 553. Prerequisite: ECON 500 and ACE 501.
ACE 503  Equilibrium and Welfare Econ  credit: 4 Hours.
Provides a theoretical and applied treatment of economic equilibrium and the consequences of displacement of equilibrium for the welfare levels of economic agents. Displacement of equilibrium will be shown to be brought about by changes in government policy, technology, and consumer preferences. Welfare measures under partial equilibrium, general equilibrium, and multi-market models will be presented. Includes various applications of welfare economics in the analysis of policy and technological change. Prerequisite: ECON 500 and at least two semesters of college calculus.

ACE 510  Adv Natural Resource Economics  credit: 4 Hours.
Economic theory is used to examine the allocation of renewable and efficiency issues that arise from natural resource policy and management issues. Same as ECON 548, ENVS 510, and NRES 510. Prerequisite: ECON 302 or equivalent.

ACE 516  Environmental Economics  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as ECON 549. See ECON 549.

ACE 520  Food Commodity Markets  credit: 4 Hours.
Examination of selected economic problems in marketing agricultural products and relevant theory and empirical methods for analyzing and interpreting research results. Topics include: operational efficiency in marketing firms and industries; efficient allocation over space, form, and time; price making institutions; and research in demand stimulation and selected issues in trade. Prerequisite: ACE 562 and ACE 563, and ECON 500; or equivalent.

ACE 521  Research in Futures Markets  credit: 4 Hours.
Research literature on commodity futures and options markets, both theoretical and empirical; topics include: supply of storage, basis models, theory of the firm and hedging under uncertainty, optimal hedging, speculative returns, market performance, pricing efficiency and option pricing. Prerequisite: ECON 500 or equivalent.

ACE 530  Microeconometrics  credit: 4 Hours.
Applied micro-econometrics concentrating on cross section data, panel data, and treatment effects. Includes methods for estimating treatment effects in the Rubin causal model framework. Emphasis will be placed on econometric procedures relevant for agricultural and applied economists and their implementation in Stata, including Mata. Prerequisite: ECON 506 and ECON 507, or equivalent.

ACE 531  Impact Evaluation  credit: 2 Hours.
The problem of identification. Methods for impact evaluation, including randomized field experiments, propensity score matching, differences in differences, instrumental variables, and regression discontinuity. Includes exercises using the econometric software program STATA. Prerequisite: ACE 500 or ECON 500 or equivalent.

ACE 532  Spatial Econometrics  credit: 4 Hours.
This course provides the statistical and econometric techniques required for spatial analysis and appropriate modeling of cross-sectional (and panel) datasets. While spatial statistics allow the students to identify the two spatial effects commonly found in geocoded samples (spatial autocorrelation and spatial heterogeneity), spatial econometrics is especially geared towards including these effects in a regression model. An important aspect of the course is to gain hands-on experience in applying the appropriate techniques and using state-of-the-art software (such as the spatial econometric toolboxes available in R). 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ACE 562, ACE 564, ECON 535, or the equivalent. Graduate students only.

ACE 559  Food, Trade and Development  credit: 2 Hours.
Theory of financial decision making as applied to farms and firms related to agriculture. Topics include asset pricing models, financial markets, capital structure, farmland control, term structure of interest rates, risk management and credit evaluation. Prerequisite: ECON 500, calculus, and mathematical statistics, or equivalent, at least one course in finance strongly recommended; or consent of instructor.

ACE 555  Economic Impact Analysis  credit: 2 Hours.
Examines the theories and limitations of input-output models, sources and weaknesses of the data, and validity of selected impact studies by researchers in universities, government, and the private sector. Combining economic theory, county-level data, and state-of-the-art software, students build an input-output model and carry out a professional impact study. Students pick their topics and regions, think through the economics of a scenario, figure out how to make the scenario mesh with the peculiar economic logic of the input-output model, and complete a regional impact study with a sound knowledge of the inherent theoretical and data issues. Same as UP 555. See UP 552.

ACE 556  Agr Policy and Political Econ  credit: 4 Hours.
Economic theory is used to study both the effects and the causes of public policies that influence agricultural industries, consumers, and taxpayers. Neoclassical models of government intervention are used to study the welfare effects of income redistribution and stabilization policies and macroeconomic policies as they affect agriculture. Formal models of political economy and public choice are used to analyze the underlying causes of public policy. Emphasis is placed on the political power of interest groups as an explanation of public policy decisions. Prerequisite: ECON 500 or equivalent and ACE 502 and ACE 503.

ACE 557  Food, Poverty and Development  credit: 2 Hours.
Economic theory and empirical analyses are used to study economic development, emphasizing the structural transformation of an economy, poverty alleviation among households, improvement in food security and public policies to support those processes. Topics include poverty measurement, poverty dynamics, growth theory, and impact evaluation. Special attention is paid to the role of the agricultural sector and rural development. Prerequisite: ACE 500 or ACE 504 or ECON 500 and basic econometrics.

ACE 558  Advanced Agricultural Finance  credit: 4 Hours.
Theory of financial decision making as applied to farms and firms related to agriculture. Topics include asset pricing models, financial markets, capital structure, farmland control, term structure of interest rates, risk management and credit evaluation. Prerequisite: ECON 500, calculus, and mathematical statistics, or equivalent, at least one course in finance strongly recommended; or consent of instructor.
ACE 561  Adv Res and Scholarly Comm  credit: 4 Hours.
Seminar intended for Ph.D. students who have completed written preliminary examinations. Develops a comprehensive understanding of the research process. Discussions include identification of research topics, structure of research proposals, review of literature, effective communication, management of research activities, and contributions to scholarly debate. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ACE 562  Applied Regression Models I  credit: 2 Hours.
Application of simple regression methods to problems in agricultural and consumer economics with emphasis on foundational probability, random variable, and distribution concepts, development of the simple, two-variable regression model; estimation of model parameters; hypothesis testing; and prediction. Prerequisite: ACE 261 or equivalent; one of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

ACE 563  Math Program App Econ I  credit: 2 Hours.
Application of mathematical programming methods to discrete models in agricultural economics; Kuhn-Tucker theorem, Lagrange multipliers, duality, simplex method as applied to linear and quadratic programming, and input-output analysis models in agriculture. Prerequisite: MATH 124; one of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

ACE 564  Applied Regression Models II  credit: 2 Hours.
Application of multiple regression methods to problems in agricultural and consumer economics with emphasis on extensions to the simple, two-variable regression model, development of the multiple regression model; and problems created by violations of basic model assumptions. Prerequisite: ACE 562 or equivalent.

ACE 566  Mathematics for Applied Econ  credit: 3 Hours.
Applications of concepts of linear algebra, calculus, and multivariate optimization to equilibrium analysis, comparative statistics, and other topics in agricultural and consumer economics.

ACE 567  Math Program App Econ II  credit: 2 Hours.
Advanced mathematical programming methods with particular emphasis on applications in agricultural and consumer economics. Covers nonlinear programming, sector modeling, risk modeling, and methodological issues in mathematical programming modeling of agricultural systems. Prerequisite: ACE 563 or equivalent.

ACE 569  Career Development for PhDs  credit: 1 Hour.
This course is intended to help doctoral candidates transition into careers in or out of academia. The class covers job market processes and strategies, presentation skills, teaching philosophies, and development of research trajectories. Approved for S/U grading only. Prerequisite: ACE 561.

ACE 571  Household Economics  credit: 2 Hours.
Discussion of current topics and review of the literature in household economics. Relevant topics include marriage, divorce, intergenerational transfers, investment in children, migration. Prerequisite: ECON 500 or equivalent.

ACE 591  Independent Study  credit: 0 to 8 Hours.
Individual research work under the supervision of an appropriate member of the faculty. Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours if topics vary.

ACE 592  Special Topics  credit: 0 to 8 Hours.
Group instruction on a special topic under the direction of one or more members of the faculty. Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated in a semester to a maximum of 8 hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 24 total hours, if topics vary.

ACE 594  Seminars and Workshops  credit: 0 to 8 Hours.
Participation in a seminar or workshop with other graduate students and faculty members. Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated.

ACE 599  Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 16 Hours.
Individual research under supervision of members of the graduate teaching faculty in their respective fields. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.