The College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences offers undergraduate students unique opportunities to conduct research projects with faculty. In addition, many students gain animal experience by working part-time at the U of I Farms. Internships and field study trips are additional avenues of gaining knowledge and experience. Study Abroad experiences are also strongly encouraged. Areas of concentration are companion animal and equine science; science, pre-veterinary and medical; and food animal production and management.

The Department of Crop Sciences offers a major in Computer Science and Crop Sciences and a major in Crop Sciences with concentrations of study in plant biotechnology and molecular biology, crop agribusiness, biological sciences, agroecology, plant protection, horticultural food systems, and crops. In each of these concentrations, students receive a strong grounding in science and can apply that knowledge through internship experiences with a wide range of agricultural employers. Each area of study can lead to employment immediately after completion of the B.S. degree, or to graduate or professional study.

The Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition offers concentrations of study in dietetics, food science, hospitality management, and human nutrition. Courses in the department include the applications of biology, engineering, chemistry, physics, and microbiology to the processing, formulation, packaging, and distribution of food.

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies’ major allows students to choose to concentrate their study in either child and adolescent development or family studies. The program prepares students for graduate education or employment in areas such as child care services, family life education, social work, human services, marriage and family counseling, pediatric services in hospitals, cooperative extension work or business activities related to children and families. Students select course work according to their interests in human development, such as infancy, early childhood or adolescence, or family studies, such as the marital relationship, parent-child interaction, family

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change or conflict and conflict management in the family. Basic courses in these areas are linked to practical experiences in educational and community settings, and most courses emphasize issues related to cultural diversity and gender.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences provides students the opportunity to study ecosystem stewardship & restoration ecology, environmental science & management, fish, wildlife & conservation biology, and human dimensions of the environment. NRES is an interdisciplinary program that brings biological, physical, and social scientists together to teach and discover techniques to improve the health and integrity of urban and natural ecosystems.

Bachelor’s of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications which can be tailored to fit each student’s individual interests by selecting one of our degree concentrations in either Agricultural Communications, Agricultural Education or Organizational and Community Leadership.

Metropolitan Food & Environmental Systems major is focused on feeding the world’s future population in a fashion that sustainably promotes environmental and human health is the most pressing problem facing the planet and its inhabitants. In response to this challenge, local food systems have become a fast emerging sector of agricultural and food science in major metropolitan areas with entrepreneurship, investment, and an increasing job market following the movement.

The College also offers a program for undeclared students which allows them to explore the many areas of ACES, working with a college advisor to find the right major for their specific interests.

Admission Requirements
Freshman applicants must meet general course pattern admission requirements of the University. Detailed information on the admission process may be obtained from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Transfer applicants are evaluated on the basis of their transfer grade point averages and completion of core course requisites. Transfer applicants to the Dietetics and Human Nutrition major must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0); applicants to Agricultural and Consumer Economics and Agricultural Science Education need a minimum GPA of 2.75, and all other curricula require at least a grade point average of 2.5. Applicants are encouraged to consult the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for specific course requirements.

Graduation Requirements
The minimum number of hours required for graduation varies between 126 and 130 for all curricula within the college. Included in the total must be all courses prescribed in the given curriculum and a sufficient number of electives to obtain the total number. Each candidate for graduation must have a grade point average of not less than 2.0 (A = 4.0), including grades in courses transferred from other institutions, and a grade point average of not less than 2.0 in all courses taken at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Candidates for graduation from Dietetics, Human Nutrition, and Agricultural Science Education must have institutional and overall grade point averages of at least 2.5 (A = 4.0).

Scholarship Information
A number of scholarships for undergraduate students enrolled in the College of ACES are made available through the generous support of alumni and friends of the College. Incoming and currently enrolled ACES students are eligible for consideration for merit-based awards that are awarded annually by the College. Additional information on scholarships for ACES students can be found at https://aces.illinois.edu/academics/current-students/scholarships.

Departments
- Agricultural & Biological Engineering (https://abe.illinois.edu)
- Agricultural & Consumer Economics (https://ace.illinois.edu)
- Animal Sciences (https://ansc.illinois.edu)
- Crop Sciences (https://cropsciences.illinois.edu)
- Food Science & Human Nutrition (https://fshn.illinois.edu)
- Human Development & Family Studies (https://hdfs.illinois.edu)
- Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences (https://nres.illinois.edu)

Division
- Nutritional Sciences (https://nutrsci.illinois.edu/)

Programs
- Agricultural Communications Program (https://agcomm.illinois.edu)
- Agricultural Education Program (https://aged.illinois.edu)
- Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems (https://mfst.illinois.edu/programs/bachelors-degree/)