

AGRICULTURAL & CONSUMER ECONOMICS: CONSUMER ECONOMICS & FINANCE, BS

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

department website: <https://ace.illinois.edu/>
 department faculty: <https://ace.illinois.edu/faculty>
 overview of college admissions & requirements: Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/aces/academic-units>)
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Students in Consumer Economics and Finance develop knowledge and skills to help consumers with everyday problems. Coursework in consumer economics, personal finance, and economics gives students a broad-based background and an understanding of the role of consumers in the marketplace. Students can choose an emphasis in consumer economics, family economics, or financial planning and counseling, which leads to career opportunities with government and public agencies, marketing and sales firms, and financial institutions.

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Prescribed Core Courses including Campus General Education

Code	Title	Hours
Composition I and Speech ¹		
RHET 105 & CMN 101	Writing and Research and Public Speaking (or equivalent (see College Composition I requirement))	7
Advanced Composition ²		
Select from campus-approved list		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 125	Elementary Linear Algebra	
MATH 231	Calculus II	
Select one of:		
MATH 220	Calculus	
MATH 221	Calculus I	
MATH 234	Calculus for Business I	
Quantitative Reasoning II ³		
Select one of:		4-6
ACE 261	Applied Statistical Methods	
ECON 202 & ECON 203	Economic Statistics I and Economic Statistics II	
Humanities and the Arts		

Selected from campus approved list.		6
Natural Sciences and Technology		
Selected from campus approved list.		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Selected from campus approved list.		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.		9
ACES Prescribed		
ACES 101	Contemporary Issues in ACES (for freshmen only)	2
Department Requirements		
Minimum Hours in the College of ACES of which 20, excluding ACE 161 and ACE 261, must be in the Department of ACE		35
Minimum of two 400-level courses in ACE		6
ACE 100	Agr Cons and Resource Econ ¹	4
ACCY 201	Accounting and Accountancy I	3
ECON 103	Macroeconomic Principles	3
ECON 302	Inter Microeconomic Theory ²	3
ACE 161	Microcomputer Applications	3
or CS 105	Intro Computing: Non-Tech	
ACE 341	Issues&Careers in Applied Econ	1 or 2
At least 3 hours of credit for study abroad or one international course selected from:		3-4
ACE 435	Global Agribusiness Management	
ACE 436	Intl Business Immersion	
ACE 451	Agriculture in Intl Dev	
ACE 452	The Latin American Economies	
ACE 454	Econ Dev of Tropical Africa	
ACE 455	Intl Trade in Food and Agr	
Required Concentration		15-27
Concentration prescribed courses. See specific requirements for the concentration listed below.		
Total Hours		126

¹ Requirement must be satisfied by end of first year.
² Students are encouraged to complete this requirement prior to the seventh semester.
³ Students pursuing Agricultural Accounting or Finance in Agribusiness must select ECON 202 and ECON 203.

Code	Title	Hours
Required for the Consumer Economics and Finance Concentration in Addition to Department Requirements		
ACE 240	Personal Financial Planning	3
ACE 270	Consumer Economics	3
ACE 474	Econ of Consumption	3
ACE 476	Behavioral Economics and Financial Decision Making	3
Select two of the following:		6
ACE 335	Food Marketing and Behavior	
ACE 345	Finan Decision Indiv Sm Bus	
ACE 346	Tax Policy and Finan Planning	

ACE 444	Finan Serv & Invest Plan	
ACE 445	Intermediate Personal Fin Plan	
ACE 455	Intl Trade in Food and Agr	
ACE 456	Agr and Food Policies	
ACE 471	Consumer Economic Policy	
ECON 418	Health Economics	
ECON 440	Economics of Labor Markets	
FIN 221	Corporate Finance	
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Total Hours		18