AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

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Agricultural and biological engineering is the application of mathematics, physical and biological science, and engineering to agriculture, food systems, energy, natural resources, the environment, and related biological systems. This ABET-accredited program has special emphasis on environmental protection and the biological interface of plants, animals, soils, and microorganisms with the design and performance of environments, machines, mechanisms, processes, and structures.

The Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering offers programs through the College of ACES and the College of Engineering.

- **Agricultural and Biological Engineering, B.S.** through the College of Engineering with concentrations:
  - Agricultural Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/engineer/departments/ag-bio-engin/conc-ag-engineering)
  - Biological Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/engineer/departments/ag-bio-engin/conc-bio-engineering)

- **Agricultural and Biological Engineering, B.S. and Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Science, B.S.A.G.** (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/aces/departments/ag-bio-eng/dual-major-agricultural-biological-engineering-sciences) through both the College of Engineering and the College of ACES.

- **Technical Systems Management, B.S.** (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/aces/departments/ag-bio-eng/major-technical-systems-management) through the College of ACES.


- Minor in Agricultural Safety and Health (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/aces/departments/ag-bio-eng/minor-agricultural-safety-health)

**Plants of Study are available for:**

Agricultural and Biological Engineering, B.S. – Agricultural Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/engineer/departments/ag-bio-engin/pos-abe-ae) through the College of Engineering.

Agricultural and Biological Engineering, B.S. – Biological Engineering (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/engineer/departments/ag-bio-engin/pos-abe-ag) through the College of Engineering.

**Courses**

**ABE 100 Intro Agric & Biological Engrg** credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/100)
Introduction to the engineering profession with career opportunities in the agricultural and biological engineering discipline. Concepts necessary for becoming a successful engineer including time management, design concepts, ethics, and teambuilding. Familiarization with laboratories, computer facilities, internships, and other opportunities. Team design experience. Emphasis on technical communication and problem-solving skills as well as career planning.

**ABE 141 ABE Principles: Biological** credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/141)
Principles of biology relevant to agriculture, food, energy, and the environment, including microbiology, biochemistry, genetics, plant and animal systems, and ecosystems. Case studies of engineering applications where these biological principles have been taken into account or leveraged for the purpose of design.

**ABE 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar** credit: 1 to 5 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/199)
May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

**ABE 223 ABE Principles: Machine Syst** credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/223)
Machinery systems for off-road applications: internal combustion engines; fluid power; tractors, and traction; chemical application; grain harvesting. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

**ABE 224 ABE Principles: Soil & Water** credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/224)
Engineering principles and methods of design and management of natural resources and environmental systems; watershed and hydrologic cycle; infiltration and surveying; runoff and erosion; water quality; non-point source pollution. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

**ABE 225 ABE Principles: Bioenvironment** credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/225)
Principles of environmental control for biological structures: psychrometrics; mass and heat transfer through buildings; ventilation requirements. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

**ABE 226 ABE Principles: Bioprocessing** credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/226)
Principles of bioprocess engineering applied to food and agricultural products: material balances; fluid flow; heat and mass transfers; drying; evaporation; fermentation; distillation; process simulation. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

**ABE 341 Transport Processes in ABE** credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/341)
Principles of transport processes involving momentum, heat, and mass as applied to biological systems in agriculture, food, energy, and the environment. Credit is not given for both ABE 341 and CHBE 421. Prerequisite: ABE 223, ABE 224, ABE 225, ABE 226, and PHYS 213.

**ABE 361 Off-Road Machine Design** credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/361)
Design and development concepts of agricultural and industrial machines; analysis and synthesis of tillage, planting, harvesting, chemical application, material handling mechanisms, and precision farming tools. Prerequisite: ABE 223 and TAM 212.

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ABE 397 Independent Study credit: 1 to 4 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/397](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/397))
Individual research, special problems, thesis, development or design work under the supervision of a member of the faculty. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ABE 398 Special Topics credit: 1 to 3 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/398](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/398))
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in agricultural and biological engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. May be repeated in the same or separate term if topics vary to a maximum of 12 hours.

ABE 425 Engrg Measurement Systems credit: 4 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/425](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/425))
Principles of instrumentation systems, including sensing, signal conditioning, computerized data acquisition, test design, data analysis and synthesis. Additional fees may apply. See Class Schedule. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Credit is not given for both ABE 425 and ME 360. Prerequisite: ECE 205.

ABE 430 Project Management credit: 2 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/430](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/430))
Engineering team effectiveness; project definition; assessing related technologies; marketing and business planning related to engineering; budgeting and financial analyses of engineering projects; safety, ethics and environmental considerations; intellectual property; engineering proposal presentation. Same as TSM 430. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours.

ABE 436 Renewable Energy Systems credit: 3 or 4 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/436](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/436))
Renewable energy sources and applications, including solar, geothermal, wind, and biomass. Renewable energy’s role in reducing air pollution and global climate change. Capstone project to design a system for converting renewable energy into thermal or electrical energy. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Credit is not given for both ABE 436 and TSM 438. Prerequisite: PHYS 211.

ABE 440 Applied Statistical Methods I credit: 4 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/440](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/440))
Same as ANSC 440, CPSC 440, FSHN 440, and NRES 440. See CPSC 440.

ABE 445 Statistical Methods credit: 4 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/445](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/445))
Same as ANSC 445 and NRES 445. See ANSC 445.

ABE 446 Biological Nanoengineering credit: 3 or 4 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/446](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/446))
Nanodevice design through organization of functional biological components; bio-molecular function and bioconjugation techniques in nanotechnology; modulation of biological systems using nanotechnology; issues related to applying biological nanotechnology in food energy, health, and the environment. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: MCB 150.

ABE 454 Environmental Soil Physics credit: 3 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/454](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/454))
Provides the theoretical basis for understanding and quantifying the physical, hydrological, geotechnical, and thermal properties of soil in relation to environmental processes. Topics include general soil properties as a porous media, particle size, soil structure and aggregation, water retention and potential, flow in saturated soil, flow in an unsaturated soil, soil temperature and heat flow, soil mechanics, infiltration, and soil-plant-water relations. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 335 or NRES 201 or consent of instructor.

ABE 455 Erosion and Sediment Control credit: 2 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/455](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/455))
Processes, estimation, and control of soil erosion by water, wind and resultant sedimentation. Upland, in-channel, urban, agricultural, disturbed (both military training and mining), and forested environments. Capstone experience in site planning and design. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours. Prerequisite: CEE 350 or NRES 401; CEE 380 or NRES 201.

ABE 456 Land & Water Resources Engrg credit: 3 or 4 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/456](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/456))
Hydrology, hydraulics, design, construction and cost estimating of structures for the conservation and quality control of soil and water resources; relationship of topography, soils, crops, climate, and cultural practices in conservation and quality control of soil and water for agriculture. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in TAM 335.

ABE 457 NPS Pollution Processes credit: 2 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/457](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/457))
Principles, concepts, and analysis of processes for nonpoint source pollution involving sediment, inorganic and organic chemicals, and microbial pathogens; hydrologic and pollutant interactions, pollutant fate and transport processes from storm water runoff and percolation; impact of pollutant transport on receiving water and ecosystems. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ABE 224 or CEE 350.

ABE 458 NPS Pollution Modeling credit: 2 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/458](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/458))
Concepts, principles, and application of modeling for assessment and management of agricultural nonpoint source pollution. Modeling of agroecosystems and land use impacts on hydrologic and water quality response of upland catchments. Model selection, calibration, validation, and application for comparative analysis. Case studies in current watershed management issues, with a focus on agricultural waste and nutrient management, using existing field and watershed nonpoint source pollution models. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ABE 457.

ABE 459 Drainage and Water Management credit: 3 or 4 Hours. ([courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/459](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/459))
Design, construction, performance, and maintenance of agricultural drainage systems to meet both production and water quality objectives. Modeling drainage systems. Principles of conservation drainage. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in TAM 335.
ABE 463 Electrohydraulic Systems credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/463)
Engineering principles of electrohydraulic control systems related to off-road vehicles. Basics of fluid power systems, concepts of electrohydraulic systems and controls, analysis and design of electrohydraulic control systems, and applications of electrohydraulic control. Additional fees may apply. See Class Schedule. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 110 or both ECE 205 and ECE 206; ME 310 or TAM 335.

ABE 466 Engineering Off-Road Vehicles credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/466)
Design and application of off-road vehicles for farm and construction use; thermodynamics of engines; measurement of power and efficiencies; power transmission and traction; chassis mechanics; operator environment. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Credit is not given for both ABE 466 and TSM 464. Prerequisite: ME 300.

ABE 469 Industry-Linked Design Project credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/469)
Industry-submitted and sponsored design projects which utilize principles of design, engineering analysis and functional operation of engineering systems. Design teams develop concepts, evaluate alternatives, model and analyze solutions, and build and test a final product. Emphases on communication skills, technical writing, and interaction with industry representatives. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One of ABE 361, CHBE 421, TAM 335; or credit or concurrent registration in ME 370. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Advanced Composition

ABE 474 Indoor Environmental Control credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/474)
Analysis of indoor environments and relationship with humans, animals and plants. Interactions between facilities operation and both human comfort and animal plant production. Psychrometrics, occupant health and comfort, structural heat transfer, heating and cooling loads, and energy and mass balances as related to indoor environment, air properties, and ventilation. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 335, and ME 300 or CHBE 321, or consent of instructor.

ABE 476 Indoor Air Quality Engineering credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/476)
Principles and applications of indoor air quality. Particle mechanics, gas kinetics, air quality sampling principles and techniques, air cleaning technologies such as filters, cyclones, electrostatic precipitation for indoor environments; ventilation effectiveness for pollutant control. Research or design project. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: PHYS 213, MATH 285, and TAM 335.

ABE 482 Package Engineering credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/482)
Same as FSHN 469. See FSHN 469.

ABE 483 Engrg Properties of Food Mats credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/483)
Physical properties of foods and biological materials; properties relating to equipment design and the sensing and control of food processes; thermal, electromagnetic radiation, rheological, and other mechanical properties. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 251; either CHBE 421 or both ME 330 and TAM 335.

ABE 488 Bioprocessing Biomass for Fuel credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/488)
Engineering and scientific principles governing bioprocessing of biomass for production of ethanol and other fermentation products. Process unit operations; conventional and alternative feed stock materials; recovery of value-added coproducts and other variables involved in producing fuel ethanol; process simulation; economic analysis. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: CHBE 321 and TAM 335.

ABE 497 Independent Study credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/497)
Individual research, special problems, thesis, development or design work under the supervision of a member of the faculty. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ABE 498 Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/498)
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in agricultural and biological engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. 1 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary to a maximum of 16 hours.