Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Agricultural Business

Growing Local Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow

The Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business is a ‘2+2’ program that combines core upper division undergraduate courses in agricultural business at CSUB, with lower division agricultural science and agricultural business foundation courses completed at a community college. This degree enables students to enhance their foundation agricultural courses, completed at a community college, with upper division knowledge and skills so as to better prepare them for entry-level management positions in the agriculture and food sector.

Career Opportunities

Students learn the fundamentals of planning, organizing, marketing, financial management, and trade policy with an emphasis on California’s agriculture and natural resources. The Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business prepares students for entry-level management positions in the agriculture industry such as:

- Agricultural Business Manager
- Operations Analyst
- Wholesale Distributors
- Farm Loan Officer
- Purchasing Agent
- Grain Merchandiser
- Agricultural Marketing Specialist
- Government Inspector
- Farm Equipment Sales/Service Rep
- Commodity Broker
- Financial Consultant
- Credit Loan Officer
- Agricultural Chemical Sales
- Dairy Plant Manager
- Farm Appraisal Specialist
- Farm Management Consultant
- Farm Manager or Farmer
- Landscape Contractor

The culminating experience for the major requires candidates to propose and carry out a project that applies competencies developed within the major.
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A. Foundation Agricultural Science Courses to be taken at a Community College (*Course listings at Bakersfield College provided) - 9 or 10 units
1. AG-AS 104 Introduction to Animal Science (*ANSC B1) or CRPS B3 Integrated Pest Management
2. AG-PS 104 Plant Biology (*CRPS B10) or CRPS B1 Principles of Crop Production (*CRPS B1) (4 units)
3. SOIL B1 Introduction to Soil Science

B. Foundation Agricultural Business Courses (Can be completed at a Community College (CC) or CSUB) – 21 units
1. AGBS B6 Agriculture Sales and Communication (CC)
2. AGRI B1 Agriculture, Environment, and Society (CC)
3. AGBS B2 Agricultural Economics (CC) or ECON 2018 Principles of Microeconomics (CSUB)
4. BSAD B1 Financial Accounting (CC) or ACCT 2200 Introduction to Financial Accounting and Reporting (CSUB)
5. BSAD B2 Managerial Accounting (CC) or ACCT 2210 Introduction to Managerial Accounting (CSUB)
6. ECON B2 Principles of Economics – Macro (CC) or ECON 2028 Principles of Macroeconomics (CSUB)
7. MATH B22 Elementary Probability and Statistics (CC) or MATH 1209 Statistics in the Modern World (CSUB)

C. Upper Division Agricultural Business Courses
1. AGBS 2510 Principles of Agricultural Law
2. AGBS 3500 Agribusiness Management
3. AGBS 3510 Agribusiness Marketing
4. AGBS 3520 Economics of Agriculture & Natural Resource
5. AGBS 3530 Agricultural Trade Policy
6. AGBS 3540 Agricultural Finance
7. AGBS 3570 Agribusiness Accounting
8. AGBS 4860 Internship in Agricultural Business
9. ECON 3030 Analyzing Economic Data (1 unit)
10. ECON 3508 Environmental Economics
11. ECON 4908 Senior Capstone and SELF (4 units)
12. ERM 4110 Environmental Law
13. INST 4200 Legal Research Methods (1 unit)
14. PLSI 3648 Food Policy and Politics
15. SCI 3329 Water and the West (GE UD B course)