

# Agricultural Economics

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## Department Information

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- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Major: Agricultural Economics

Degree Type: B.S.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>*†</sup></b>		
Total Credits		<b>39</b>

\* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

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Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses for Agricultural Economics</b>		
AGEC 242	Introduction to Agricultural Management	3
AGEC 244	Agricultural Marketing	3
AGEC 246	Introduction to Agricultural Finance	3
AGEC 339	Quantitative Methods & Decision Making	3
AGEC 375	Applied Agricultural Law	3
or AGEC 484	Agricultural Policy	
Select one of the following:		3
AGEC 342	Farm and Agribusiness Management II	
AGEC 344	Agricultural Price Analysis	
AGEC 346	Applied Risk Analysis	
<b>Agribusiness &amp; Applied Economics Electives: A minimum of 9 credits of 300-400 AGEC or ECON electives</b>		9
<b>Agriculture Science &amp; Technology:</b>		9
Complete nine (9) credits from two (2) areas in the College of AFSNR other than Agribusiness & Applied Economics. (Includes: ASM, ANSC, ABEN, CFS, ENT, MICR, NRM, PPTH, PLSC, RNG, SOIL & VETS.) EXCEPTION - All 9 credits may be in the same area if a student completes a minor from the College of AFSNR.		
<b>Capstone Experience: Select one of the following:</b> <sup>1</sup>		3
AGEC 420	Integrated Farm and Ranch Management	
AGEC 444	Advanced Commodity Trading	
AGEC 445	Agribusiness Industrial Strategy	
AGEC 446	Agribusiness Finance	
<b>Support Area:</b>		
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics (May satisfy general education category B)	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics (May satisfy general education category B)	3
ECON 341	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ECON 343	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
Select one of the following:		3-6
ACCT 102	Fundamentals of Accounting	
ACCT 200 & ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting I and Elements of Accounting II	
<b>Additional Requirements for Ag Econ</b>		
AGRI 150	Agriculture Orientation (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take 150.)	1
ECON 189	Skills for Academic Success	1
MIS 116	Business Use of Computers (May satisfy general education category S)	3
Select one communication course from the following:		3
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication (May satisfy general education category B/D)	
COMM 308	Business and Professional Speaking	
COMM 315	Small Group Communication	
COMM 383	Organizational Communication I	
MATH 144	Mathematics for Business (or any higher math)	4
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics (May satisfy general education category R)	3
STAT 331	Regression Analysis	2-3
or ECON 410	Econometrics	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>71-75</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students are advised to consider which capstone course they will take by the end of their second year. This planning allows time to complete the required prerequisites for the capstone prior to the senior year.

<sup>2</sup> AGRI150 is only required for first-time, first-year students--A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take AGRI 150.

### **Degree Requirements and Notes**

- Students must earn, at least, a 2.00 cumulative GPA that is based on the courses that satisfy major requirements.
- Students majoring in Agricultural Economics may not pursue minors in either agribusiness or economics.