

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS

Agribusiness is a program for students interested in management in agriculture. The program includes courses in farm and ranch management, marketing, natural resources, tax planning, budgeting, finance, business organization, and other courses related to business and management. The agribusiness curriculum prepares students for employment in finance, ranch management, business management, state and federal agencies, risk management, sales and marketing, and many other fields related to business and economics.

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Agricultural Business		
Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics)		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
ACOM 3360 or ENGL 3330	Communication Skills for Agriculturists Intro to Technical Writing	3
ECON 2301	Principles Of Macroeconomics ¹	3
MATH 1324	Mth for Mngr Decision Making ²	3
STAT 1369 or MATH 1369 or STAT 3379	Elementary Statistics Elementary Statistics Statistical Methods in Practice	3
Major Core		
AGRI 1131 or UNIV 1301	Intro to Pro Leadership Skills Intro To Collegiate Studies	1
AGRI 1309 or CSTE 1330 or BUAD 1305	Computers in Agriculture Introduction to Computers Electronic Communications Tech	3
ANSC 1319 & ANSC 1119	Animal Science and Animal Science Laboratory	4
PLSC 1307 & PLSC 1107	Plant Science and Plant Science Laboratory	4
AGBU 2317	Principles of Agri Economics	3
AGBU 2385	Analysis of the Agr Sector	3
AGBU 2389 or ACCT 2302	Agribusiness Financl Analysis Principles of Managerial Acc	3
AGBU 3361	Agribusiness Org & Mgt	3
AGBU 3367	Agricultural Finance	3
AGBU 3385	Quant Mthds for Agribusiness	3
AGBU 4340	Agribusiness Marketing	3
AGBU 4363	Agricultural Sales & Consulting	3
AGBU 4374	Agr Mkt Analysis & Prices	3
AGBU 4375	Advanced Agribusiness Mgt	3
AGBU 4386	Agriculture & Food Policy	3
Advanced Agribusiness Electives		
Select two courses from the following:		6
AGBU 4319	Agribusiness Ventures	

AGBU 4362	Natural Resource Economics
AGBU 4365	Legal Issues in Agribusiness
AGBU 4369	Special Topic
AGBU 4377	Economics of Land Use & Plannng
AGBU 4378	Farm & Ranch Management
AGRI 4364	International Agriculture

Departmental Electives

Advanced Electives from: AGRI, AGBU, ACOM, AGET, AGED, ANSC, EQSC, PLSC or WMGT 3

Minor (Required)

Minor 9

Minor (Advanced) 9

Total Hours 120

¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

² MATH 1324 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) and the degree specific requirements.

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 AGRI 1309, BUAD 1305, or CSTE 1330	3
AGRI 1131 or UNIV 1301		1 ENGL 1302 ¹	3
ANSC 1319 & ANSC 1119		4 HIST 1302 ²	3
ENGL 1301 ¹		3 MATH 1369, STAT 1369, or STAT 3379	3
HIST 1301 ²		3 PLSC 1307 & PLSC 1107	4
MATH 1324 ³		3	
		15	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
AGBU 2317		3 Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
AGBU 2385		3 AGBU 2389 or ACCT 2302	3
ECON 2301 ⁴		3 POLS 2306 ⁵	3
POLS 2305 ⁵		3 Minor Course	3
		16	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)		3 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
AGBU 3361		3 ACOM 3360 or ENGL 3330	3
AGBU 3367		3 AGBU 4340	3
AGBU 3385		3 AGBU Advanced Elective ⁶	3
Minor Course		3 Minor Course	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AGBU 4374		3 AGBU 4375	3
AGBU 4363		3 AGBU 4386	3
Advanced Electives From: AGBU, AGED, AGET, AGRI, ANSC, EQSC, PLSC or WGMT		3 AGBU Advanced Elective ⁶	3
Minor Advanced Course		6 Minor Advanced Courses	3
		15	12

Total Hours: 120

- ¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).
- ² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- ³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics).
- ⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
- ⁵ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
- ⁶ AGBU Advance Electives: AGBU 4319, AGBU 4362, AGBU 4365, AGBU 4369, AGBU 4377, AGBU 4378, AGRI 4364

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state’s **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Agricultural Business is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Communicate professionally both orally and in writing.
- Use analytical skills to make data-driven decisions.
- Perform feasibility analyses and apply critical thinking to evaluate business opportunities.
- Execute market research and identify target markets.
- Analyze financial statements to evaluate the financial status of agribusinesses.
- Assess the impact of government policies on agribusinesses.