# Bachelor of Science, Major in Agricultural Business

Agribusiness is a program for students interested in management in agriculture. 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. The program includes courses in farm and ranch management, marketing, natural resources, government policy, budgeting, finance, business organization and management, and other related courses.

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### Degree Specific Requirements

**ACOM 3360**  
Communication Skills for Agriculturists  
or **ENGL 3330**  
Intro to Technical Writing  

**ECON 2301**  
Principles Of Macroeconomics ²  

**MATH 1324**  
Mth for Mngl Decision Making ¹  

**MATH 1342**  
Elementary Statistics  

**or STAT 3379**  
Statistical Methods in Practice  

### Major: Foundation

**AGRI 1131**  
Intro to Pro Leadership Skills  
or **UNIV 1301**  
Intro To Collegiate Studies  

**AGRI 1309**  
Computers in Agriculture  

**or BUAD 1305**  
Electronic Communications Tech  

**or CSTE 1330**  
Introduction to Computers  

**ANSC 1319**  
Animal Science  

& **ANSC 1119**  
and Animal Science Laboratory  

**AGBU 2317**  
Principles of Agri Economics  

**AGBU 2385**  
Analysis of the Agr Sector  

**AGBU 2389**  
Agribusiness Financial Analysis  

**or ACCT 2302**  
Principles of Managerial Acc  

**AGBU 3361**  
Agribusiness Org & Mgt  

**AGBU 3367**  
Agricultural Finance  

**AGBU 3385**  
Quant Mthds for Agribusiness  

**AGBU 4340**  
Agribusiness Marketing  

**AGBU 4363**  
Agricultural Sales & Consulting  

**AGBU 4374**  
Agr Mkt Analysis & Prices  

**AGBU 4375**  
Advanced Agribusiness Mgt  

**AGBU 4386**  
Agriculture & Food Policy  

**PLSC 1307**  
Plant Science  

& **PLSC 1107**  
and Plant Science Laboratory  

### Major: Prescribed Electives

Select two courses from the following:  

**AGBU 4319**  
Agribusiness Ventures  

**AGBU 4362**  
Natural Resource Economics
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**Major: Prescribed Advanced Electives**

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

**Minor: Required**

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**Total Hours**  

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2. Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
3. The following minors cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Conservation Biology and Minor in Early Childhood Education.

**Notes**

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Third Year

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Component Area IV ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)) | 3 | Component Area IX ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareax)) | 3
AGBU 3361 | 3 | ACOM 3360 or ENGL 3330 | 3
AGBU 3367 | 3 | AGBU 3440 | 3
AGBU 3385 | 3 | Major: Prescribed Electives \(^7\) | 3
Minor\(^6\) | 3 | Minor\(^6\) | 3
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**15** | **15**

Fourth Year

Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours
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AGBU 4374 | 3 | AGBU 4375 | 3
AGBU 4363 | 3 | AGBU 4386 | 3
Advanced Electives from: ACOM, AGBU, AGED, AGET, AGRI, ANSC, EQSC, PLSC or WMGT | 3 | Major: Prescribed Electives \(^7\) | 3
Minor Advanced \(^5\) | 6 | Minor Advanced \(^6\) | 3
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**15** | **12**

Total Hours: 120

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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).
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7. See, Prescribed Electives course list below.

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

- Communicate professionally both orally and in writing.
- Build teamwork and collaboration skills.
• Use analytical skills to make data-driven decisions.
• Perform feasibility and risk 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.