

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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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Agricultural Business		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		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) ²		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
ACOM 3360 or ENGL 3330	Communication Skills for Agriculturists Introduction to Technical Writing	3
ECON 2301	Principles Of Macroeconomics ²	3
MATH 1324	Mathematics for Managerial Decision Making ¹	3
MATH 1342 or STAT 3379	Elementary Statistics Statistical Methods in Practice	3
Major: Foundation		
AGRI 1131	Introduction to Professional Leadership Skills	1
AGRI 1309 or MGIS 1305 or CSTE 1330	Computers in Agriculture Business Computer Applications Introduction to Computers	3
AGBU 2317	Principles of Agricultural Economics	3
AGBU 2385	Analysis of the Agricultural Sector	3
AGBU 2389 or ACCT 2302	Agribusiness Financial Analysis Principles of Managerial Accounting	3
AGBU 3361	Agribusiness Organization & Management	3
AGBU 3367	Agricultural Finance	3
AGBU 3385	Quantitative Methods for Agribusiness	3
AGBU 4340	Agribusiness Marketing	3
AGBU 4363	Agricultural Sales & Consulting	3
AGBU 4374	Agricultural Market Analysis & Prices	3
AGBU 4375	Advanced Agribusiness Management	3
AGBU 4386	Agriculture & Food Policy	3
ANSC 1319 & ANSC 1119	Animal Science and Animal Science Laboratory	4
PLSC 1307 & PLSC 1107	Plant Science and Plant Science Laboratory	4
Major: Prescribed Electives		
Select two courses from the following:		6
AGBU 4319	Agribusiness Ventures	

AGBU 4362	Natural Resource Economics	
AGRI 4364	International Agriculture	
AGBU 4365	Legal Issues in Agribusiness	
AGBU 4369	Special Topic	
AGBU 4377	Economics of Land Use & Planning	
AGBU 4378	Farm & Ranch Management	
Major: Prescribed Advanced Electives		
Advanced Electives from: ACOM, AGBU, AGED, AGET, AGRI, ANSC, EQSC, PLSC or WMGT		3
Minor: Required³		
Minor		9
Minor (Advanced)		9
Total Hours		120

¹ MATH 1324 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) and the degree specific requirements.

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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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 AGRI 1309, MGIS 1305, or CSTE 1330	3
AGRI 1131		1 ENGL 1302 ¹	3
ANSC 1319 & ANSC 1119		4 ECON 2301 ⁴	3
ENGL 1301 ¹		3 MATH 1342 or STAT 3379	3
HSTY 1301 ²		3 PLSC 1307 & PLSC 1107	4
MATH 1324 ³		3	
		15	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
AGBU 2317		3 Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
AGBU 2385		3 AGBU 2389 or ACCT 2302	3
HSTY 1302 ²		3 POLS 2306 ⁵	3
POLS 2305 ⁵		3 Minor ⁶	3
		16	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)		3 Component Area IX (https://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 Major: Prescribed Electives ⁷	3
Minor ⁶		3 Minor ⁶	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
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 ⁶		6 Minor Advanced ⁶	3
		15	12

Total Hours: 120¹ 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 The following minors cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Conservation Biology and Minor in Early Childhood Education.⁷ See, Prescribed Electives course list below.

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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.
- 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.