Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University  
College of Agriculture & Life Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness  
Agribusiness Management Option (AGBM)  
For Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2015

Part I. UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT CLE*
* The total number of credit hours will vary depending upon whether Curriculum for Liberal Education courses are used to meet specific requirements in Part II. Some Curriculum for Liberal Education courses may also fulfill departmental requirements, but the credit hours may not be counted twice.

(Area 1) ENGL 1105-1106  
Freshman English  
3__, 3__

(Area 2) (Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values)  
3__, 3__

(Area 3) AAEC 1005-1006  
Econ. of the Food and Fiber System  
3__, 3__

(Area 4) (Scientific Reasoning and Discovery)  
Lecture  
3__, 3__  
Lab  
1__, 1__

(Area 5) MATH 1525-1526  
Elem. Calculus with Matrices  
3__, 3__

(Area 6) (Creativity and Aesthetic Experience)  
1__

(Area 7) (Critical Issues in a Global Context)  
3__

ACIS 2115  
Principles of Accounting  
3__

COMM 2004 or  
Public Speaking  
AEE 3634  
Comm. Ag. & Life Sci. in Speaking  
3__

ENGL 3774  
Business Writing  
3__

Part II. AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT OPTION (AGBM)

A. Disciplinary Core Courses (25 hours)

AAEC 2434  
Foundations of Agribusiness  
3__

AAEC 3454  
Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship  
3__

AAEC 3504  
Marketing Ag. Products  
3__

AAEC 3604  
Agricultural Law  
3__

AAEC 4514  
Advanced Agribusiness Marketing  
3__

AAEC 4424  
Agricultural Financial Management  
3__

AAEC 4404  
Agricultural Management and Problem Solving  
3__

AAEC 3024  
Monetary and Global Issues in Applied Econ.  
3__

AAEC 3015  
AAEC Internship  
1__

B. Analytical Methods (9 hours)

STAT 3005, STAT 3615 or BIT 2405  
Statistical Methods or Quantitative Methods  
3__  
and AAEC 3014  
Analytic Methods in Applied Economics  
3__

Take 1 of:  
AAEC 3004  
Agricultural Production and Consumption Econ.  
3__

AAEC 3514  
Agricultural Futures and Options  
AAEC 4504  
Agricultural Price and Market Analysis  
AAEC 4804  
Elementary Econometrics

C. Restricted Electives

Must take at 2 of

AAEC 3204  (Area 7)  
International Agricultural Dev. And Trade  
3__

AAEC 4204  
Food and Agricultural Policy  
3__

AAEC 3324  
Environment and Sustainable Dev. Economics  
AAEC 4324  
Rural and Regional Development Policy

Any AAEC course not taken above

AAEC______  
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AAEC______  
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Part III. AREA OF SPECIALIZATION AND FREE ELECTIVES

A. Area of Specialization (18 hours) – AAEC advisor must approve area of specialization courses and the student must file an area of specialization form with the AAEC undergraduate office. Students should consider minors or double majors. At least 15 hours must be at the 3000 level or higher (unless noted otherwise for a minor in another academic department).

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B. Free Electives (Number needed to complete 120 hours)

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NOTES:

Pre-requisites: Some courses required for this major have prerequisites. Please refer to the Undergraduate Course Catalog or consult your advisor for information about prerequisites.

Foreign Language Requirement: Students who do not successfully complete at least two units of a single foreign language, classical language or American Sign Language during high school must successfully complete six semester hours of a single college level foreign or classical language at the college level. Such semester hours are in addition to those normally required for graduation. Please see the Undergraduate Catalog for details.

GPA: In major calculation is from all AAEC and ECON classes taken. An overall GPA of at least 2.0 is required to meet the University’s minimum standard for good academic standing. Overall and in-major GPA’s of at least 2.00 are required for graduation.

ViEWS: The ViEWS requirement for this major will have been satisfied upon successful completion of the degree requirements.

Satisfactory progress: By the end of the academic year in which the student has attempted 72 hours (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing and credit by examination), “satisfactory progress” will consist of 1) an overall GPA of at least 2.0; 2) at least 24 credits that apply to the University Curriculum for Liberal Education, and 3) 9 semester credits of departmental requirements.

1 Or take ECON 2005-2006: Principles of Economics
2 Or take MATH 1015-1016: Elem. Calculus with Trig. I; or MATH 1016, 2015: Elem. Calculus w/Trig., Elem. Calculus w/Trig II; or MATH1205-1206: Calculus. Students considering graduate school in applied economics are encouraged to take MATH 1205-1206.
3 Or ACIS 2116: Principles of Accounting.
4 Or take COMM 2014: Speech Communication; or COMM 3134: Argumentation and Decision-Making.
5 Or take ENGL 3764: Technical Writing; or ENGL 3754: Advanced Composition.
6 Or BIT 2405-2406, or STAT 3005-3006, or STAT 3615-3616.
7 May also take GEOG 4084: Introduction to GIS or BSE 4344 Geographic Information Systems for Engineers.