

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 2016

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**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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	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	
	FIN 3104 <sup>3</sup>	Introduction to Finance	3	
	COMM 2004 or	Public Speaking		
	AEE 3634 <sup>4</sup>	Comm. Ag. & Life Sci. in Speaking	3	
	ENGL 3774 <sup>5</sup>	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 <sup>6</sup>	Analytic Methods in Applied Economics	3

**Take 1 of:<sup>7</sup>**

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 _____	_____	3
AAEC _____	_____	3

**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).

Course	3	Course	3
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**B. Free Electives (Number needed to complete 120 hours)**

_____	3	_____	3
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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.

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<sup>1</sup> Or take ECON 2005-2006: Principles of Economics

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Or ACIS 2116: Principles of Accounting.

<sup>4</sup> Or take COMM 2014: Speech Communication; or COMM 3134: Argumentation and Decision-Making.

<sup>5</sup> Or take ENGL 3764: Technical Writing; or ENGL 3754: Advanced Composition.

<sup>6</sup> Or BIT 2405-2406, or STAT 3005-3006, or STAT 3615-3616.

<sup>7</sup> May also take GEOG 4084: Introduction to GIS or BSE 4344 Geographic Information Systems for Engineers.