

Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

Department Information

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B.S.A.B.En.
- **Sample Program Guide:**
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Major Requirements

Major: Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering Option: Agricultural

Degree Type: B.S.A.B.En

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 133

University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
 - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
 - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]		3
Science and Technology (S) [†]		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]		6
Wellness (W) [†]		2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{**†}		
Global Perspectives (G) ^{**†}		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

Major Requirements - Agricultural Option

Code	Title	Credits
ABEN Core Courses:		
ABEN 110	Introduction to Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	3
ABEN 255	Computer Aided Analysis & Design	3
ABEN 263	Biological Materials Processing	3
ABEN 377	Numerical Modeling in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	3
ABEN 391	Seminar	1
ABEN 482	Instrumentation & Measurements	3
ABEN 486	Design Project I	2
ABEN 487	Design Project II	2
ABEN 496	Field Experience	1
MATH 128	Introduction to Linear Algebra	1
MATH 165	Calculus I	4
MATH 166	Calculus II	4
MATH 259	Multivariate Calculus	3
MATH 266	Introduction to Differential Equations	3
ME 212	Fundamentals of Visual Communication for Engineers	3
ME 221	Engineering Mechanics I	3
ME 222	Engineering Mechanics II	3
ME 223	Mechanics of Materials	3
ME 350	Thermodynamics and Heat Transfer	3
CE 309	Fluid Mechanics	3
or ME 352	Fluid Dynamics	
CHEM 121	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 122	General Chemistry II	3
ECE 301	Electrical Engineering I	3
ENGR 327	Ethics, Engineering, and Technology	3
IME 440	Engineering Economy	2
IME 460	Evaluation of Engineering Data	3
or STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	
PHYS 252 & 252L	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory	5
Select one from the following:		3
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
ABEN 300-400 Electives: Select 9 credits from the following:		9
ABEN 358	Electric Energy Application in Agriculture	
ABEN 383	Structural Design for Biosystems	
ABEN 444	Transport Processes	
ABEN 450	Bioprocess Engineering	
ABEN 452	Bioenvironmental Systems Design	
ABEN 456	Biobased Energy	
ABEN 458	Process Engineering for Food, Biofuels and Bioproducts	

ABEN 464	Resource Conservation and Irrigation Engineering	
ABEN 473	Agricultural Power	
ABEN 478	Machinery Analysis & Design	
ABEN 479	Fluid Power Systems Design	
ABEN 484	Drainage and Wetland Engineering	
Major Program Electives:		
Computer Electives - Select one course from the following		3
CE 212	Civil Engineering Graphic Communications	
CSCI 122	Visual BASIC	
CSCI 160	Computer Science I	
ECE 173	Introduction to Computing	
GEOG 105	Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems	
GEOG 455	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
IME 380	CAD/CAM for Manufacturing	
ME 213	Modeling of Engineering Systems	
Business or Communication Elective - Select a minimum of 3 credits from the following: ²		3
ACCT 102	Fundamentals of Accounting	
ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	
AGEC 242	Introduction to Agricultural Management	
AGEC 244	Agricultural Marketing	
AGEC 246	Introduction to Agricultural Finance	
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	
COMM 260	Introduction to Web Design	
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	
Chemistry/Biological Science Electives - Select a minimum of 9 credits from the following:		9
ASM 264	Natural Resource Management Systems	
ANSC 200	Introduction to Anthrozoology	
BIOL 100L	Non-Majors Biology Lab	
BIOL 111	Concepts of Biology	
BIOL 124	Environmental Science	
BIOL 150	General Biology I	
BIOL 150L	General Biology I Laboratory	
BIOL 151	General Biology II	
BIOL 151L	General Biology II Laboratory	
CFS 210	Introduction to Food Science and Technology	
CFS 370	Food Processing I	
CFS 450	Cereal Technology	
CHEM 121L	General Chemistry I Laboratory	
CHEM 122L	General Chemistry II Laboratory	
CHEM 240	Survey of Organic Chemistry	
ENT 210	Insects, Humans and the Environment	
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology	
MICR 202L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	
MICR 350	General Microbiology	
MICR 350L	General Microbiology Lab	
NRM 322	Environmental Law and Policy	
PLSC 110	World Food Crops	
PLSC 215	Weed Identification	
PLSC 225	Principles of Crop Production	
PLSC 315	Genetics	

PLSC 320	Principles of Forage Production
PLSC 323	Principles of Weed Science
PLSC 335	Seed Technology & Production
RNG 225	Natural Resource & Agro-Ecosystems
SOIL 210	Introduction to Soil Science
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology & Climatology
SOIL 410	Soils and Land Use
Technical Electives - Select a minimum of 8 credits from the following:	
ASM 323	Post-Harvest Technology
ASM 373	Tractors & Power Units
ASM 374	Power Units Laboratory
ASM 378	Machinery Principles and Management
ASM 429	Hydraulic Power Principles and Applications
CE 204	Surveying
CE 310	Fluid Mechanics Laboratory
CE 343	Structural Engineering and Analysis
CE 370	Introduction to Environmental Engineering
CE 371	Environmental Engineering Laboratory
CE 404	Reinforced Concrete
CE 408	Water Resources and Supply
CE 410	Water and Wastewater Engineering
CE 421	Open Channel Flow
CE 477	Applied Hydrology
CE 478	Water Quality Management
CE 479	Advanced Water and Wastewater Treatment
CE 483	Contracts and Specifications
ECE 275	Digital Design
ECE 303	Electrical Engineering II
ECE 376	Embedded Systems
ENVE 473	Air Pollution
GEOG 456	Advanced Geographic Information Systems
IME 330	Manufacturing Processes
IME 335	Welding Technology
IME 430	Process Engineering
IME 431	Production Engineering
IME 450	Systems Engineering and Management
IME 456	Program and Project Management
IME 461	Quality Assurance and Control
ME 331	Materials Science and Engineering
ME 353	Thermodynamics II
ME 421	Theory of Vibrations
ME 442	Machine Design I
ME 454	Heat and Mass Transfer
ME 471	Experimental Stress Analysis
ME 473	Engineering with Polymeric Materials
ME 474	Mechanics of Composite Materials
ME 475	Automatic Controls
ME 487	Internal Combustion Engines
STAT 461	Applied Regression Models
STAT 462	Introduction to Experimental Design

² The course used for this business or communication elective cannot double-count as General Education.

SUGGESTED EMPHASIS AREA for the Agricultural Engineering Option: Consult with adviser when making selections.

- **Agricultural Systems** - Select electives with emphasis on machine, power, structural, and electrical/electronic systems to solve problems involving engineering aspects of food, feed, and fiber production.
- **Environmental Systems** - Select electives with emphasis on areas that contribute to solving problems in environmental engineering, natural resources management, hydrology, irrigation, watershed management, and waste management.
- **Biomaterial Systems** - Select electives with emphasis on combining engineering, biological, and physical sciences in the application of engineering principles to handling and processing of biomaterials for food and non-food products.

Degree Requirements for the Accelerated M.S. Program in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

Students pursuing an accelerated master's degree in ABEN must complete the following requirements:

- 30 credits after the B.S is required. However, a maximum of 15 graduate credits earned during the combined/accelerated degree program may also be counted toward the graduate degree.
- 20-24 credits are from didactic course work, while 6-10 credits are typically devoted for a master's thesis based on research
- A minimum of 6 credits of NDSU ABEN courses numbered 601-689 and 700-789 is required.
- ABEN Graduate Seminar (ABEN 790).