

# Agricultural Economics

## Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**  
www.ag.ndsu.edu/agecon (<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/agecon/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.
- **Sample Program Guide:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/agricultural-economics/#planofstudytext](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/agricultural-economics/#planofstudytext) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/agricultural-economics/#planofstudytext>)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Agricultural Economics

**Degree Type:** B.S.

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 120

### 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 30 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.
6. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
7. Students presenting transfer credit must meet the NDSU residence credits and the minimum upper level credit. Of the 30 credits earned in residence, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 semester credits must be in the student's curricula for their declared major.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2023-24/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

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

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

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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/2023-24/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses for Agricultural Economics</b>		
AGEC 242	Introduction to Agricultural Management	3
AGEC 244	Agricultural Marketing	3
AGEC 246	Introduction to Agricultural Finance	3
AGEC 339	Quantitative Methods & Decision Making	3
AGEC 375	Applied Agricultural Law	3
or AGECE 484	Agricultural Policy	
Select one from the following:		3
AGEC 342	Farm and Agribusiness Management II	
AGEC 344	Agricultural Price Analysis	
AGEC 346	Applied Risk Analysis	
Capstone: Select one from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
AGEC 420	Integrated Farm and Ranch Management	
AGEC 444	Advanced Commodity Trading	
AGEC 445	Agribusiness Industrial Strategy	
AGEC 446	Agribusiness Finance	
AGRI 150	Agriculture Orientation (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take 150.) <sup>2</sup>	1
ECON 189	Skills for Academic Success	1
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 211	Introduction to Computational Economics	3
ECON 341	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
ECON 343	Intermediate Macroeconomics	3
MATH 144	Mathematics for Business (or any higher math)	4
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
STAT 331	Regression Analysis	2-3
or ECON 410	Econometrics	
TL 116	Business Software Applications	3
Select one of the following:		3-6
ACCT 102	Fundamentals of Accounting	
ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	
& ACCT 201	and Elements of Accounting II	
Select one communication course from the following:		3
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication (May satisfy general education category B/D)	
COMM 308	Business and Professional Speaking	
COMM 315	Small Group Communication	
COMM 383	Organizational Communication I	
Agribusiness & Applied Economics Electives:		9
Select a minimum of 9 credits of 300-400 AGECE or ECON electives		
Agriculture Science & Technology: <sup>3</sup>		9
Complete 9 credits from 2 other areas in the College of AFSNR other than Agribusiness & Applied Economics. (This includes courses with the following prefixes: ASM, ANSC, ABEN, CFS, ENT, MICR, NRM, PPTH, PLSC, RNG, SOIL & VETS.)		

**Total Credits**

**74-78**

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Students are advised to consider which capstone course they will take by the end of their second year. This planning allows time to complete the required prerequisites for the capstone prior to the senior year.

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AGRI150 is only required for first-time, first-year students—A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take AGRI 150.

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Exception to the 9 credits of Agriculture Science & Technology - Students do not need to complete these 9 credits if the student completes a minor from the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources.

### **Degree Requirements and Notes**

- Students must earn, at least, a 2.00 cumulative GPA that is based on the courses that satisfy major requirements.
- Students majoring in Agricultural Economics may not pursue minors in either agribusiness or economics.