

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND EDUCATION

Single Subject Credential Waiver Program

Completion of the bachelor of science degree in agricultural education meets the requirements of the Single Subject waiver program. The Single Subject Credential authorizes the holder to teach *general agriculture* in grades 7–12. Students with a BS degree in another agricultural major may obtain a Single Subject Credential by completing the remaining coursework required for the BS degree in agricultural education.

Credential candidates must pass examinations in reading, writing, and mathematics in addition to numerous other State of California and CSUF requirements. Consult the agricultural education major advisor and the Department Chairman of Teacher Education for details; file an official *Program of Study* (see *Undergraduate Degree Requirements* under School of Agriculture and Home Economics section).

Agricultural Specialist Credential Program

The Agricultural Specialist Credential, which authorizes holders to teach secondary school vocational agriculture, is offered jointly by the School of Agriculture and Home Economics and the School of Education and Human Development. It requires completion of the Single Subject waiver program (see above), professional education courses (see *Department of Teacher Education—Professional Preparation: Preliminary Credential*), and an approved fifth-year program of 30 postgraduate units including Ag Ed 135, 150, 187, 189; T Ed 155B, 161; and Agri 280, 281.

Additional requirements: Each student is required to complete certain courses in biological and physical sciences, mathematics, and related subject matter and pass proficiency examinations in reading, writing, and mathematics. Consult the departmental agricultural education advisor and the Department Chairman of Teacher Education for details; file an official *Program of Study* (see *Undergraduate Degree Requirements* under School of Agriculture and Home Economics section).

OTHER MAJOR PROGRAMS

An agricultural communications program of study, including courses in writing skills, agriculture, journalism, television, radio, and public relations, or a program of study emphasizing production agriculture may be developed under the *Agricultural Science* major in consultation with an appropriate departmental advisor.

Request advisee check sheet from department and make appointment with an assigned academic advisor; file an official *Program of Study* (see *Undergraduate Degree Requirements* under the School of Agriculture and Home Economics section).

GRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The master of science degree in agricultural business is a 30-unit program designed to develop business management and economic analysis skills for individuals seeking career advancement in farm management, agribusiness management, agricultural finance, and agricultural marketing. While full-time students may complete this program in one year, the late afternoon and evening format of course offerings permits fully employed part-time enrollees to earn their degree within two years.

Admission Criteria. A baccalaureate degree in agricultural science, agricultural business, business, or other undergraduate major from an accredited institution; a 3.00 GPA (last 60 units); and either a 450V/4300 GRE score or a 500 score on the Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT). Applicants with a 2.50 to 2.99 undergraduate GPA (last 60 units) may petition the department for *conditional* classified standing if they have obtained a passing score on either the GRE or GMAT and if two letters of recommendation from past or current employers have been received by the department. Such students will be fully classified when all prerequisite foundation courses taken at the undergraduate level have been completed with a minimum 3.00 GPA.

All foreign students must also obtain a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a foreign Language (TOEFL) before departmental acceptance for admission to the master's degree program.