

a career specialty, such as agribusiness management, agricultural finance, agricultural marketing, farm management, or food industry management.

Certified Minor Programs. A Minor in Agricultural Business is available for students majoring in agricultural sciences, business, and other fields.

Complementary Fields of Study. Agricultural business students wishing to enhance their major with a technical field should consider a minor in such closely allied disciplines as animal science, family and consumer sciences, food and nutritional sciences, and plant science. A supplementary Minor in General Business is available through the Craig School of Business.

Ag One Grants for academic fees and books are available. Call 559.278.2061 for scholarship information and application.

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) has an elective area in agricultural business combining graduate courses in agricultural business (AGBS) with core courses from business. This degree program, AACSB-accredited, is administered by the Sid Craig School of Business. It is designed for individuals seeking to advance their career by enhancing their business management and economic analysis skills with an emphasis on agricultural sector applications. Contact the graduate business adviser at 559.278.2107. This area not currently accepting applications.

Instructional Facilities

Modern Computing Facilities. Labs are used to teach students computerized farm accounting systems, agricultural enterprise spreadsheets, agribusiness simulations, commodity trading, and to expose them to planning and decision-making aids as part of their professional expertise.

Institute for Food and Agriculture (IFA). Organized to promote the economic efficiency, profitability, and competitiveness of California agriculture, IFA uses faculty expertise and student assistance to address problems and opportunities in farm management, agribusiness finance, commodity marketing, agricultural trade, natural resources, and labor management. Seminars are held periodically on topics of concern to farmers and agribusiness managers. An annual Agribusiness Management Conference is co-sponsored with industry to explore current issues and report the economic outlook of the state's agricultural sector.

Professional Preparation

Students establish credibility with prospective employers by participating in the following occupationally related activities.

- **Agricultural Business Club.** Students plan field trips, invite industry speakers to meetings, organize the annual alumni dinner, hold a newcomer picnic, support a campus job fair, and sponsor career preparation workshops.
- **Industry internships.** Opportunities exist for many career positions through management training programs with agricultural business firms and support institutions. The department coordinates internships on a competitive basis and grants academic credit in the major for this supervised experience (AGBS 194).
- **University Agricultural Laboratory Project.** Students gain farming experience through participation in the faculty supervised, student project program and concurrent enrollment in an Enterprise Management course (PLANT, ASCI 196). Such a course is highly recommended and can be used in the major.

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Degrees and Programs Offered

BS in Agricultural Education - Agricultural Communications Option, B.S.

BS in Agricultural Education - Teacher Preparation Option, B.S.

BS in Animal Science - Production Mgt Option-Livestock Business Mgt Emphasis, B.S.

BS in Animal Science - Production Mgt Option-Dairy Science Emphasis, B.S.

BS in Animal Science - Production Mgt Option-Equine Science Emphasis, B.S.

BS in Animal Science - Production Mgt Option-Meat Technology Emphasis, B.S.

BS in Animal Science - Science Option-Preprofessional Emphasis, B.S.

BS in Animal Science - Science Option-Pre Veterinary Emphasis, B.S.