

AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Agribusiness Management minor is offered for students who wish to add business and management principles to their undergraduate major.

What is Agribusiness Management?

Agribusiness Management is the branch of business management focusing on food and agriculture. It includes all the people and businesses that are part of value chains for food and agricultural products, and all the public and private institutions that influence the global food system.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to learn how to apply business principles to real-world issues while having the opportunity to work closely with faculty and your fellow students.
- You are interested in how the global food system works, and how to manage interactions among stakeholders in the food system.
- You are a “people person” and you have a passion for food and agriculture.
- You want to pursue a career in your major and obtain the business management skills that will allow you to advance in your career.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	21

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student’s major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
AGBM 102	Economics of the Food System	3
AGBM 106	Agribusiness Problem Solving	3
AGBM 200	Introduction to Agricultural Business Management	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
AGBM 101	Economic Principles of Agribusiness Decision Making	3
or ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	
Select Option A or B:		9

A.

Select one of the following:

AG 301	
AGBM 302	Food Product Marketing
AGBM 308W	Strategic Decision Making in Agribusiness
AGBM 320	Markets and Prices: Analysis and Forecasting
AGBM 338	Agribusiness in the Global Economy

Select 6 credits from any 400-level ABGM courses (excluding, unless approved by the AGBM program, AGBM 496)

B.

Select 9 credits from any 400-level AGMB courses (excluding, unless approved by the AGBM program, AGBM 496)

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Career Paths

Agribusiness Management minor graduates have the skills and knowledge necessary to add an applied business management component to their chosen career. Faculty and professional academic advisers in the Agribusiness Management program support and serve students in career development and preparation, including career decision-making, tailoring the Agribusiness Management minor to fit career goals, internship and job search strategies, interview preparation, and preparation for employment or graduate school.

Careers

With an Agribusiness Management minor, you can be prepared for a career in your major in which you have the business management skills to advance in your career.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A MINOR IN AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT (<https://agsci.psu.edu/academics/undergraduate/minors/agribusiness-management/>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

A minor in Agribusiness Management can lead to advanced degrees in business, agribusiness, agricultural and applied economics, and agricultural sciences.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://agsci.psu.edu/academics/undergraduate/minors/agribusiness-management/>)

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