Agricultural Education

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This major provides students with a broad understanding of agricultural, food, and natural resource sciences and an opportunity to develop strong educator skills. Professional courses in education and agricultural education prepare students to become effective teachers with an emphasis on experiential learning. Students spend time in schools to apply course concepts, learn from mentor educators, and complete a teaching internship capstone activity.

While the major focuses on teaching school-based agricultural education, graduates are prepared for a variety of careers within the food and agricultural industry. Students graduating in agricultural education are in demand by employers, very satisfied in their careers, and earn some of the highest average starting salaries among College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) majors. They graduate prepared to meet teacher licensure requirements in Agricultural Education (grades 5-12) and as a Coordinator of Work-Based Learning (grades 9-12).

TRACKS

Undergraduate: Apply and teach agricultural, food, and natural resource sciences during field experiences in schools. Develop communication, critical thinking, and interpersonal skills. Help meet the demand for school-based agricultural education teachers that is expected to increase in the future, both in Minnesota and across the United States.

Master of Science: Graduate with an undergraduate degree such as agricultural communication & marketing, animal science, or natural resources, and complete this program to become licensed to teach agricultural education. Make a positive contribution to student's lives, schools, and communities.

RECENT GRADS ARE...

- School-based Agriculture Teachers
- Extension Educators
- Youth Outreach Coordinators
- Sales Representatives
- Market Development Specialists

FOOD & AGRICULTURE | BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY | SUSTAINABILITY & THE ENVIRONMENT | HEALTHY HUMANS, PLANTS, & ANIMALS

100%

OF STUDENTS REPORTED FINDING EMPLOYMENT WITHIN IN THE FIRST YEAR OF GRADUATION

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GO GLOBAL

GAIN CREDIT WHILE STUDYING ABROAD!

Here are some examples of the many study abroad programs and destinations available to you.

England: Shires, Shorthorns, and Sheep: Exploring Livestock Systems in England

France: From Farm to Fork: Sustainable Food Systems

Greece: Greek Agriculture & Gastronomy: A Taste of the Mediterranean

Italy: Sustainable Food Systems of Italy

Colombia: Sustainable Agriculture & Social Change in Colombia

- 100% of students in this major graduate with real-world internship experience.
- Loan forgiveness is available for graduates in this program up to $4,000 per year for five years.

GET INVOLVED

STUDENT GROUPS

- Agricultural Education, Communication & Marketing Club
- International Agriculture Club
- Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources & Related Sciences (MANRRS)
- Gopher Dairy Club
- Block & Bridle

Interested in learning more about this major? Visit z.umn.edu/AECM or contact aecm@umn.edu or 612-624-3010.