AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

The field of agricultural economics connects the dots between economic and social issues surrounding food, fiber, biofuels and natural resources. Professional roles range from farm management to public service and policy analysis. Apply economic concepts and problem-solving skills to make decisions and improve the world around us through an undergraduate degree in agricultural economics.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Acquire a solid foundation of economic skills and agricultural knowledge while earning your agricultural economics degree from the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. This degree will prepare you for a variety of careers, including:

➤ POLICY ANALYSIS. You can work for government agencies, environmental groups, commodity organizations and media to interpret how agricultural policies will impact interest groups.

➤ FARM MANAGEMENT. To compete in today’s market, producers need strong entrepreneurial, financial and business skills. With your degree, you can analyze market conditions and prepare business accordingly.

➤ RESOURCE ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT. Agricultural economics prepares you to make economically and ecologically sound decisions. Use your degree to help communities develop and implement policies for environmental protection, inform food processors about ground water protection or lobby to Congress for an environmental group.

➤ BUSINESS. Apply your degree as a grain merchandiser, sales representative, production manager or marketing consultant. You might promote commodities for farm organizations, develop marketing programs for food companies, or forecast prices and demand.

RELATED MINOR

A minor in international agriculture, food and natural resources can supplement an agricultural economics degree.

In a global economy where many commodities come from regions around the world, an understanding of international agriculture is a valuable addition to any degree. Agricultural prices and policy are often affected by international factors.

Check out additional minor opportunities at cafnr.missouri.edu/academics.

72% OF STUDENTS WHO APPLY ARE OFFERED CAFNR SCHOLARSHIPS

CAREER POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE

Government Affairs • Account Management • Financial Services • Asset Management • Government Relations • Agricultural Statistics • Precision Services Management • Production Management • Commodities • Merchandising

ADVISING/MENTORING

As a student in CAFNR, you will be assigned a faculty member and/or a professional who will serve as your academic advisor. This one-on-one advisement and guidance will help you design the course of study best suited to meet your career objectives.

This personalized approach to student advising means our students are more likely to stay in college and graduate.
HANDS-ON LEARNING

As an agricultural economics student, your chances to gain field experience through research and internships are almost limitless.

- LEARNING LABS. In CAFNR, you can dive into real-world experiences through our student-operated full-service floral shop, bed and breakfast, café, ice cream parlor, meat market, and at our Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute located in Columbia. These services showcase the College’s signature research, education and outreach programs while providing top-quality products to the public and experience for students.

- INTERNSHIPS. Opportunities for internships exist with agricultural commodities organizations; state and federal agencies; and private companies. Agricultural economics students have completed internships in Taiwan, France, Washington, D.C. and throughout Missouri and the Midwest.

GETTING INVOLVED

Mizzou recognizes more than 800 student organizations. In CAFNR alone there are more than 50 clubs and organizations to choose from, and each gives you the opportunity to apply what you learn in the classroom while making lifelong friends.

CAREER PLANNING

CAFNR offers Career Services tailored to help you make connections and build your professional brand. You can meet employers, prepare your resume, practice interview skills and develop your professional communication skills. More than 100 employers recruit CAFNR students each year through on-campus career events.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources offers you one of the strongest scholarship programs at MU. About $1.3 million is awarded each year to undergraduates, ranging from $500 to $3,500 per year.

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH. Many faculty members hire undergraduate students to assist with projects. You might help with projects ranging from determining the total economic impact of an ethanol plant to determining the environmental impact of a confined animal feeding operation.

STUDYING ABROAD

See the world from a fresh, new perspective while adding an invaluable international dimension to your agricultural economics degree. Through study abroad, explore some of the most pressing international issues affecting your career field.

Study abroad for a summer, a semester or winter break in your choice of more than 14 countries. Scholarships and loans are available for study abroad students.

GET IN TOUCH!

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PREVIOUS INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Monsanto, Syngenta, ADM, AgriGold, Bunge, DuPont Pioneer, Dow Agrosciences
- Cargill, JBS, Gardiner Angus Ranch, Gage’s Fertilizer and Grain, MFA
- Missouri Department of Agriculture, MO General Assembly, Missouri Farm Bureau
- Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, Missouri Soybean Association

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- Agribusiness Finance
- Agriculture Prices
- Agricultural Marketing System
- Communication
- Management
- Animal and Plant Sciences

* See catalog.missouri.edu for full curriculum.