Business Administration — Agribusiness Concentration

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Major

Students who successfully complete the agribusiness management concentration will be able to demonstrate business and economic specialization within the agriculture industry. Program completers will have the abilities to apply agricultural finance, marketing and business management skills across a wide variety of organizations in the agribusiness industry. Career opportunities can include Farm Appraiser, Crop and/or Livestock Producer, Farm Management, Grain and Livestock Buyer, Market Analyst, Ag Finance, Program Specialist, and many others.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR MAJOR

VCSU Ag Club: The goals of the club are to provide opportunities for members to develop the skills, abilities, and leadership necessary to enter and advance in careers in agriculture, agribusiness, agricultural technologies, horticulture, and natural resources. Any student preparing for a career in these areas is welcome to join. Members will participate in leadership activities specifically focused on the agricultural environment.

Collegiate DECA: The mission of DECA is to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. DECA provides opportunities for students to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and to become experienced leaders. DECA helps promote networking, innovation, integrity, and teamwork for all members. Students have the opportunity to participate in leadership conferences, state and international competition and professional development which will help students in their mastery toward employability skills.

Practical Experience

Students are encouraged to earn credits by extending their learning beyond the classroom. For example, several prominent firms in the region offer internship programs that provide supervised business training. Firms such as Bank Forward, John Deere Seeding Group, Doosan Group, Coca-Cola, WDAY, Farm Service Agency, Dakota Bank, Chamber of Commerce, KOVC, and USDA have had VCSU students in their internship programs. Shadowing allows students to observe managers in daily work routines. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in economic development activities such as tours, workshops, fairs and conferences. An internship can be a part of a student’s academic program and can take place any semester after sophomore year for 3 to 12 credits. Student interns gain hands-on workplace experience to build resumes, become well prepared to enter a specific career field, network with professionals in the career field, and may gain a full-time position through that experience.

“Valley City State University is a great University that allowed me to grow and develop into the person I am today. The business department has great professors that help you figure out what your made to do. When I came to the Valley City State University, Agribusiness Management was not something I imagined doing. The professors helped me a long the way to find my career choice and what I really loved. They also provided the opportunity to explore the career. Today, I am proud to say that the Agribusiness field was that right choice for me. The business department at Valley City State University will help you and guide you in many steps of life. I wouldn’t have such a great career without their knowledge and teaching. Valley City State University and the Business Department helped me land a great job after school. Today, I am employed in the Agribusiness field at AgCountry Farm Credit Services.” —Leah Sheperksy ’17, Osage, MN

Plan of Study

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| Total Credits | 120 |

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