



Business Administration - Agribusiness Concentration

About this Composite Major

Agribusiness management students study accounting, management, finance, and marketing, and learn how to apply this knowledge to production and decision-making processes across a wide variety of organizations in the agribusiness industry.



Career Opportunities

Employment opportunities continue to be strong in this sector with many areas experiencing shortages of qualified employees. Career opportunities vary widely. Students find paths that can include:

- Ag Lending
- Ag Finance
- Accounting
- Crop and/or Livestock Producer
- Farm Management
- Grain and/or Livestock Buyer
- Manufacturing Manager
- Market Analyst
- Program Specialist
- Sales Manager

Get Involved in your Major

Business Club is just one way to get involved in your major. The goal of the club is to provide opportunities for students to develop the skills, abilities, and leadership qualities necessary to enter and be successful in the workplace. This organization allows business students to network and focus their time and energy on activities that will enhance their educational experiences and better prepare them for the

job market. Students are also encouraged to participate in business-related competitions and attend guest lectures.

Meet a Student



"Agriculture is one of the quickest growing industries and isn't slowing down anytime soon. The Ag Business program at VCSU has given me the tools I need to make important business decisions both on and off the farm." - Braylen Bruns, Valley City, N.D.

"Attending VCSU was one of the best decisions of my life. It truly helped me grow as a person and led me to where I am today. I met so many great people there and made so many memories. It is amazing how much it feels like home and how you get to know everyone. VCSU is blessed with amazing professors who truly care about you as a person and want you to succeed. They are able to teach you valuable skills that are truly useful and applicable in the "real world." VCSU will always be in my heart and I can't wait to visit often. Go Vikes!" - *Brady Sand, '20*

Practical Experience

Students are encouraged to earn credits by extending their learning beyond the classroom. Job shadowing opportunities exist that allow students to observe the performance of employees in careers related to their area of study. Students will have the opportunity to participate in tours, workshops, fairs, and conferences.



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An internship or business practicum is a valuable learning experience that can enhance the student's educational experience. These hands-on learning opportunities allow students to apply knowledge to real-world situations, gain opportunities to network, and may lead to job offers. The business practicum includes a student led business incubator and a volunteer tax preparation site. Area businesses and organizations that have offered internships to VCSU students include Arthur Companies Inc., The ARC Group, Bank Forward, Centrol Ag Consulting, Columbia Grain, Dakotah Bank, Doosan Bobcat, John Deere Seeding Group, Larson Grain, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Riverton Research Inc., USDA Farm Service Agency, Valley Plains Equipment, and Wold Engineering.

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General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
English Composition		
Select one of the following:		6
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
or ENGL 12!Introduction to Professional Writing		
or		
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
or ENGL 12!Introduction to Professional Writing		
ENGL 210	College Composition III: Persuasive Writing	
Speech Communication		
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	
Mathematics		
Select one of the following:		3

MATH 103	College Algebra	
MATH 104	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 107	Precalculus	
MATH 110	Mathematics in Society	
MATH 165	Calculus I	
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	
Lab Science		
Select two of the following, one must come from the Natural and Physical Sciences category		8
Natural and Physical Sciences (ND:LABSC)		
BIOL 111	Concepts of Biology	
BIOL 150	General Biology I	
BIOL 151	General Biology II	
BIOL 170	General Zoology	
CHEM 115	Introductory Chemistry	
CHEM 116	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	
CHEM 121	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 122	General Chemistry II	
GEOL 100	Introduction to Earth Science	
GEOL 106	The Earth Through Time	
PHYS 100	Concepts of Physics	
PHYS 110	Introductory Astronomy	
PHYS 211	College Physics I	
PHYS 212	College Physics II	
PHYS 251	University Physics I	
PHYS 252	University Physics II	
Additional Sciences (ND:SCI)		
PSYC 240	Cognition and Brain Science	
TECH 161	Technology, Engineering, and Design	
TECH 165	Technology Solutions for Society	
Wellness		
Select one of the following:		2
HPER 100	Concepts of Fitness and Wellness	
HPER 212	Introduction to Stress Management	
Computer Science and Literacy		
Select one of the following:		3
CIS 147	Principles of Information Security	
CIS 170	Introduction to Computer Information Systems	2,3
CSCI 120	Introduction to Programming	
CSCI 127	Introduction to Programming in Java	
CSCI 160	Introduction to Structured Programming I	
CSCI 289	Social Implications of Computer Technology ³	
SE 110	Discovering Computing	
Humanities		
Literacies		
Select one of the following:		3
ASL 101	American Sign Language I	
ASL 102	American Sign Language II	
COMM 211	Oral Interpretation	
ENGL 220	Introduction to Literature	
ENGL 225	Introduction to Film	
ENGL 231	Bible as Literature	
ENGL 232	Mythology	
ENGL 236	Women and Literature	
ENGL 241	World Literature I	
ENGL 242	World Literature II	
ENGL 261	American Literature I	



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ENGL 262	American Literature II
HUM 201	Civilization, Thought, and Literary Heritage
PSYC 200	Ethics and Philosophy of Science
SPAN 101	1st Year Spanish I
SPAN 102	1st Year Spanish II
SPAN 201	2nd Year Spanish I
SPAN 202	2nd Year Spanish II
THEA 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts

Art and Music

Select one of the following: **3**

ART 110	Introduction to the Visual Arts
ART 115	Introduction to Digital Media
ART 210	Art History I
ART 211	Art History II
ART 233	History of Craft
HUM 202	Fine Arts and Aesthetics
MUS 100	Music Appreciation
MUS 101	Music Fundamentals
MUS 201	World Music
MUS 207	History of Popular/Rock Music

Social Science

Select 6 credits from the following: **6**

COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change
COMM 114	Human Communication
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics ¹
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics ¹
GEOG 151	Human Geography
HIST 103	United States to 1877
HIST 104	United States to Present
HIST 211	World Civilizations to 1500
HIST 212	World Civilizations since 1500
HIST 267	Environmental History
HIST 270	Native American Studies
POLS 115	American National Government
POLS 116	State and Local Government
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 111	Introduction to Anthropology

Additional Humanities or Social Science

Select one additional course from Humanities or Social Science **2**
or select from the following:

ART 122	Two-Dimensional Design
ART 130	Drawing I
ART 150	Ceramics I
ART 180	Photography I
GEOG 111	Survey of Geography
MUS 104	Group Piano for Non-Majors
MUS 105	Group Piano for Non-Majors
MUS 130	Valkyries
MUS 131	Concert Choir
MUS 140	Athletic Band
MUS 141	Concert Band
PHYS 275	Planetarium Science
THEA 201	Theatre Practicum

Total Credits **39**

¹ ECON 201 & ECON 202 are required for the Business Administration Major.

² Required

³ Course satisfies the Digital Literacy graduation requirement.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Electives/Internship		
ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	3
ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	3
ACCT 315	Business in the Legal Environment	3
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3
BUSI 347	Business Spreadsheet Applications	3
BUSI 350	Operations Management	3
BUSI 480	Strategic Planning	3
BUSI 485	Entrepreneurship	3
BUSI 491	Senior Seminar	1
CIS 329	Information Systems Management	3
FIN 375	Managerial Finance	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 269	Business Ethics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
MGMT 460	International Business	3
MRKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3
Total Credits		46

AgriBusiness Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
AgriBusiness Management		
AGEC 341	Agricultural Economics	3
AGEC 342	Introduction to Agriculture Management	3
AGEC 346	Agriculture Commodity Marketing	3
AGEC 442	Advanced Farm Management	3
FIN 376	Managerial Finance II	3
Electives Choose 3 (9 Credits)		9
ACCT 410	Taxation of Individuals	
ACCT 411	Taxation of Business Entities	
AGEC 474	Cooperatives (North Dakota State University)	
BIOL 360	Environmental Law and Regulations	
BIOL 455	Introduction to GIS	
BUSI 497	Internship	
FIN 350	Foundations of Banking	
GEOL 315	Soil Science and Survey	
MRKT 340	Professional Sales	
Total Credits		24

Total General Education 39 Hrs

Total Major Requirement 46 Hrs

Total Concentration Requirements 24 Hrs

Total Credits Needed to Graduate 120 Hrs

For degree and graduation requirements, visit degree requirements and graduation requirements (<http://catalog.vcsu.edu/undergraduate-catalog/academic-affairs/degree-requirements/>).



Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CIS 170 (Gen Ed)	3	ECON 202 (Gen Ed)	3
ECON 201 (Gen Ed)	3	ENGL 125 or 120 (Gen Ed)	3
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed)	3	MATH 104 or 107 (Gen Ed)	3
Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4	MRKT 301	3
UNIV 150	1	Speech Communications (Gen Ed)	3
14		15	

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ACCT 200	3	ACCT 201	3
BUSI 347	3	ACCT 315	3
FIN 375	3	BUSI 214	3
MATH 210	3	Elective	3
MGMT 302	3	MGMT 269	3
15		15	

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
AGEC 342	3	AGEC 344	3
Directed Elective	3	AGEC 442	3
HPER 100 or 212 (Gen Ed)	2	CIS 329	3
Literacies (Gen Ed)	3	Directed Elective	3
MGMT 460	3	Elective	3
14		15	

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Additional Humanities or Social Science (Gen Ed)	3	AGEC 341	3
BUSI 480	3	Art and Music (Gen Ed)	3
Directed Elective	3	BUSI 350	3
Elective	3	BUSI 485	3
Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4	BUSI 491	1
		FIN 376	3
16		16	

Total Credits 120

Please note: This plan is intended for general information only. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registration.

Online Course Rotation

Fall Even Years

ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	3
ACCT 307	Managerial Accounting	3
ACCT 315	Business in the Legal Environment	3
ACCT 369	Enterprise Systems	3
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3

BUSI 350	Operations Management	3
BUSI 485	Entrepreneurship	3
BUSI 491	Senior Seminar	1
BUSI 497	Internship	3-12
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
FIN 350	Foundations of Banking	3
FIN 375	Managerial Finance	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
MRKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3

Fall Odd Years

ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	3
ACCT 315	Business in the Legal Environment	3
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3
BUSI 350	Operations Management	3
BUSI 485	Entrepreneurship	3
BUSI 491	Senior Seminar	1
BUSI 497	Internship	3-12
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 269	Business Ethics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
MRKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3

Spring Even Years

ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	3
ACCT 315	Business in the Legal Environment	3
AGEC 474 Cooperatives (NDSU)		3
BUSI 347	Business Spreadsheet Applications	3
BUSI 480	Strategic Planning	3
BUSI 491	Senior Seminar	1
BUSI 497	Internship	3-12
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
FIN 380	Principles of Investments	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
MGMT 460	International Business	3
MRKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3
MRKT 340	Professional Sales	3

Spring Odd Years

ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	3
ACCT 315	Business in the Legal Environment	3
ACCT 411	Taxation of Business Entities	3
AGEC 474 Cooperatives (NDSU)		3
BUSI 347	Business Spreadsheet Applications	3
BUSI 480	Strategic Planning	3
BUSI 491	Senior Seminar	1
BUSI 497	Internship	3-12
CIS 329	Information Systems Management	3
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
FIN 376	Managerial Finance II	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 269	Business Ethics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
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Summer Even Years

ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	3
ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	3
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3
BUSI 350	Operations Management	3
BUSI 480	Strategic Planning	3
BUSI 497	Internship	3-12
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 269	Business Ethics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
MRKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3

Summer Odd Years

ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	3
ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	3
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3
BUSI 485	Entrepreneurship	3
BUSI 497	Internship	3-12
FIN 375	Managerial Finance	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 269	Business Ethics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
MGMT 460	International Business	3
MRKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3
MRKT 340	Professional Sales	3

Face-to-Face Course Rotation

Fall Even Years

ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	3
BUSI 347	Business Spreadsheet Applications	3
BUSI 259	Business Club	0
BUSI 387	Business Practicum	1-12
BUSI 480	Strategic Planning	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEOL 315	Soil Science and Survey	4
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 269	Business Ethics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
MGMT 340	Human Resource Management	3
MGMT 460	International Business	3

Fall Odd Years

ACCT 200	Elements of Accounting I	3
AGEC 342	Introduction to Agriculture Management	3
BUSI 259	Business Club	0
BUSI 347	Business Spreadsheet Applications	3
BUSI 387	Business Practicum	1-12
BUSI 480	Strategic Planning	3
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
FIN 350	Foundations of Banking	3
FIN 375	Managerial Finance	3
GEOL 315	Soil Science and Survey	4
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 302	Principles of Management	3
MGMT 460	International Business	3

Spring Even Years

ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	3
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ACCT 315	Business in the Legal Environment	3
ACCT 411	Taxation of Business Entities	3
AGEC 344	Agriculture Commodity Marketing	3
AGEC 442	Advanced Farm Management	3
BIOL 360	Environmental Law and Regulations	3
BIOL 455	Introduction to GIS	4
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3
BUSI 350	Operations Management	3
BUSI 259	Business Club	0
BUSI 387	Business Practicum	1-12
BUSI 485	Entrepreneurship	3
BUSI 491	Senior Seminar	1
CIS 329	Information Systems Management	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
FIN 376	Managerial Finance II	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MGMT 269	Business Ethics	3
MRKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3

Spring Odd Years

ACCT 201	Elements of Accounting II	3
AGEC 341	Agricultural Economics	3
BIOL 360	Environmental Law and Regulations	3
BIOL 455	Introduction to GIS	4
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3
BUSI 259	Business Club	0
BUSI 350	Operations Management	3
BUSI 387	Business Practicum	1-12
BUSI 485	Entrepreneurship	3
BUSI 491	Senior Seminar	1
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
FIN 380	Principles of Investments	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
MRKT 301	Principles of Marketing	3
MRKT 340	Professional Sales	3

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of core business functional areas.
2. Integrate the core areas of business to inform decision making.
3. Demonstrate professional business communications.
4. Demonstrate the ability to collaborate with diverse colleagues.
5. Apply legal and ethical principles in business to organizational decision making.
6. Demonstrate leadership skills.