CUSTOMIZE YOUR DEGREE IN
AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP
AND SCIENCE EDUCATION
with one of these concentrations:

AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP
EDUCATION

Lead teams and organizations as an educator in an agricultural business, agency, or community. This concentration focuses on understanding human development, group dynamics, and effective communication strategies in order to help agricultural organizations and businesses succeed.

Your coursework will prepare you for designing education and leadership training programs, making professional presentations, developing agricultural literacy programs, utilizing various teaching and training methods, and developing interpersonal communication skills.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE
EDUCATION

Prepare for a career in formal secondary (high school) agriculture classrooms as an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. This concentration focuses on teaching strategies, learning theories, and FFA program management. Each student completes a student teaching experience during the final semester.

You will gain hands-on experience at the local, state, and national levels by participating in class projects, conducting workshops for middle- and high-school students, and networking with other agricultural education students across the country.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION:
Lead • Teach • Inspire

SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TODAY!

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Reasons to Choose Agricultural Education

1. Change the world by educating people.
2. Practice effective teaching and training techniques using a state-of-the-art presentation suite.
3. Work alongside faculty with decades of real-world experience.
4. Apply hands-on learning with animals, plants, foods, and mechanics.
5. Lead teams and organizations during FFA and other youth organization events.
6. Take advantage of the program’s close-knit family atmosphere.
7. Thrive in internships and practice with outstanding schools and businesses.
8. Establish a network of industry contacts.
9. Solve complex issues through real-world application.
10. Advance young people’s understanding of the world they live in.

My favorite part of the Ag Ed program at the University of Illinois is the family atmosphere it provides. You really get to know your fellow students and instructors through participation in classes and club activities.

~ Student in ASE

Areas of Advanced Study

- Curriculum development
- Education administration
- Human resources
- Organizational leadership
- Program development and evaluation
- Public policy and administration

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education program have pursued these careers:

- High school and collegiate agriculture teachers
- Agriculture in the Classroom coordinators
- School principals and superintendents
- 4-H coordinators
- Extension educators
- Farm Bureau managers
- Community outreach specialists
- USDA Farm Service Agency representatives
- Agricultural leadership and business trainers
- Organizational trainers
- Agricultural sales and marketing representatives
- Agricultural youth educators
- Agricultural literacy coordinators

Benefits of Studying at the U of I

- Participate in hands-on experiences at local, state, and national levels.
- Conduct workshops and network with agricultural education students across the country.
- Design and implement the FFA Greenhand and Student Leaders Conference, Leadership Training School workshops, and Career Development Events.
- Work with faculty committed to excellence.
- Interface with the Illinois Leadership Center®.
- Gain real-world career experiences in agriculture.
- Follow a flexible curriculum that allows you to specialize in your chosen area of agriculture.
- Complete a 12-week student teaching experience (Agricultural Science Education) or a 10-week internship with an agriculture business or agency (Agricultural Leadership Education).

Student Opportunities

Honors Programs and Scholarships:

- College of ACES James Scholar Honors Program
- Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship
- College of ACES scholarships
- National FFA scholarships
- National Association of Agricultural Educators Scholarship
- Various program-specific scholarships

Leadership Development:

- International study abroad (Italy, France, Australia, South Africa)
- National Collegiate FFA Ag Ambassadors
- National Association of Agricultural Educators Teach Ag Ambassadors
- Agriculture Future of America National Campus Ambassadors
- Illinois Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization Officers
- ACES research internships

Clubs and Organizations:

- Alpha Tau Alpha national professional honorary agricultural education organization
- Ag Ed Club
- Collegiate FFA
- Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization

Making a Difference

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