

# AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS BS

The Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business provides students with an excellent and comprehensive background in business theory combined with a working knowledge of production agriculture. The University Farm, computer lab, and off-campus internships are available to provide valuable practical experience. The emphasis of this program is to prepare students for entry-level management positions. Specialized subject areas include agricultural marketing, agricultural finance and appraisal, and agricultural business management.

## Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

## E-advising Tools

Use the interactive e-advising tools designed to help students graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center in the Portal (<https://portal.csuchico.edu>).

## Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

## Course Requirements for the Major: 83 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

Course	Title	Units
<b>Lower Division</b>		
ABUS 101	Introduction to Agricultural Business and Economics	3
ABUS 231	Computer Applications in Agriculture	3
ABUS 261	Farm Accounting	3
ABUS 262	Management Accounting for Agriculture	3
AGRI 180	The University Experience	1
BLAW 203	Introduction to Business Law	3
CHEM 107	General Chemistry for Applied Sciences	4
ECON 102	Principles of Macroeconomic Analysis	3
MATH 105	Introduction to Statistics	3
Select two of the following:		6
ANSC 101	Introduction to Animal Science	
PSSC 101	Introduction to Plant Science	
PSSC 250	Introduction to Soil Science	
Select three units from any lower-division Agricultural Business (ABUS) course.		3
Select three units from any lower-division Agricultural Business (ABUS), Agricultural Engineering Technology (AGET), Animal Science (ANSC), Plant and Soil Science (PSSC), or Agriculture (AGRI) course.		3
<b>Upper Division</b>		
ABUS 301	Agricultural Production Economics and Quantitative Analysis	3

ABUS 311	Agricultural Markets and Pricing	3
ABUS 321	Agribusiness Management	3
ABUS 350	International Agricultural Business Practices	3
ABUS 415	Agribusiness Data Analysis	3
ABUS 421	Advanced Agribusiness Management	3
ABUS 451W	Agricultural Policy (W)	3
ABUS 465	Agricultural Finance	3
AGRI 331	Agricultural Ecology	3
AGRI 482W	Agricultural Issues (W)	3
Select three units from the following:		3

Any upper-division production course from Animal Science (ANSC), Agricultural Engineering Technology (AGET), or Plant and Soil Science (PSSC). These courses are limited to those offerings that have either ANSC 101, PSSC 101, or PSSC 250 as a prerequisite.

Select 12 units from the following:	12
Any upper-division College of Agriculture courses selected with approval of your advisor. Nine of the 12 units should be Agricultural Business (ABUS) courses. Up to three units of internship can be used in this area.	

**Total Units** **83**

## Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Students may double count only one approved upper-division General Education Pathway course with a required option elective.

## Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires six units of honors coursework completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

- You must take six units of Honors in the Major coursework. All six units are honors courses (marked by a suffix of H), and at least three of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each course with a minimum grade of B.
- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division coursework or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in

the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.

- Your cumulative #GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
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- Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the six units of coursework over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

Honors in the Major is not part of the Honors Program. Each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

## General Education Requirements: 43 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#general-requirements-text>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

This major has approved GE modification(s). See below for information on how to apply these modification(s).

- ANSC 101 is an approved major course substitution for Biological Science (5B).
- AGRI 482W is an approved major course substitution for Upper-Division Social and Behavioral Sciences (UD-4).

## American Institutions Course Requirements: 6 units

The American Institutions graduation requirement, as mandated in Title 5, Section 40404 ([https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default))

[viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default))),

requires that students satisfactorily complete courses in United States history, the US Constitution, and government and American ideals (including California state and local government). At Chico State, HIST 130 meets the US history requirement (US-1), and POLS 155 meets the US Constitution and government requirement (US-2) and the California state and local government requirement (US-3). POLS 155 also fulfills three units of GE Area 4, Social and Behavioral Sciences. See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/#amin>) for more information.

## Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Many courses taken to satisfy

these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/>).

## Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<https://www.csuchico.edu/pres/em/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Writing and Math Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/writing-math-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- ABUS 451W Agricultural Policy (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE English Composition (1A) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#1A>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.