

Associate in Applied Science in Agricultural Business

Program Overview

Upon completion of this degree, students will earn a Certificate in Agricultural Operations from Michigan State University in addition to the AAS degree from Southwestern Michigan College. Students are also encouraged to consider transferring to Ferris State University after completion of the AAS to earn a BS in Business Administration. All programs can be completed on the Southwestern Michigan College campus.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students are permitted to complete a higher-level math course than shown below. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of C or better.

Course Offerings

Students pursuing an Associate in Applied Science in Agricultural Business may complete select courses for this program online. Courses within this program may also be offered on-site at our Dowagiac or Niles campus.

General Education Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104 or SPEE 102	Freshman English 3 or Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 150	Statistics	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BIOL 118 or CHEM 100	Plant Biology or Fundamentals of Chemistry	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
ECON 202	Microeconomics	3 credits

Major-Specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
BUSI 200	Small Business Management	3 credits
ISYS 110	Introduction to Computer Technology	3 credits

Complete 6 to 7 credits from the list below

Course ID	Course	Credits
ACCO 201	Principles of Accounting 1	4 credits
BUSI 201	Principles of Management	3 credits
BUSI 207	Business Law 1	3 credits
BUSI 220	Marketing	3 credits

Complete MSU Certificate

Course ID	Course	Credits
MSU	Completed MSU Certificate in Agricultural Operations	34 credits

Total Program Credits: 64

Additional Notes About the A.A.S. in Agricultural Business Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites is listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined does NOT meet MTA requirements. Students would need another natural science and social science course and two humanities courses. If interested in the MTA, students should seek help from an advisor for course selection.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before they plan to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: English test score (Level 2 or higher) ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or English test score (Level 3); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
BIOL 118 Plant Biology or CHEM 100 Fundamentals of Chemistry	4 credits	See Program Coordinator for details
MSU Certificate Courses	6 credits	See Program Coordinator for details

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
BUSI 200 Small Business Management	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	Math test score (Level 3 or higher) or concurrent enrollment in MATH 150C
MSU Certificate Courses	7 to 9 credits	See Program Coordinator for details

SUMMER SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
MSU Internship	3 credits	See Program Coordinator for details

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
MSU Certificate Courses	8 credits	See Program Coordinator for details
ECON 202 Microeconomics	3 credits	None (concurrent enrollment in ECON 201 not recommended)
ACCO or BUSI Elective	3 to 4 credits	See Course Description for details
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3 or SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	ENGL 104: ENGL 103 or 103W SPEE 102: None

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
ISYS 110 Introduction to Computer Technology	3 credits	None
MSU Certificate Courses	6 credits	See Program Coordinator for details
ACCO or BUSI Elective	3 to 4 credits	See Course Description for details