

Associate in Applied Science in Agricultural Business

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students will earn either a Certificate in Agricultural Operations or a Certificate in Fruit and Vegetable Crop Management from Michigan State University in addition to the A.A.S. degree from Southwestern Michigan College. Students are also encouraged to consider transferring to Ferris State University after completion of the A.A.S. to earn a B.S. in Business Administration. All programs can be completed on the Southwestern Michigan College campus.

Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

With this degree, students can prepare to transfer to a four-year institution like Ferris State University to work on a bachelor's degree or seek employment in the support or production industries.

To Learn More About This Program

Contact MSU Program Coordinator Stacey Rocklin at 269-782-1291 or srocklin@swmich.edu or the Office of First Year Experience at 269-782-1499 or fye@swmich.edu.

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.

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 |
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| MATH 150 | Statistics | 4 credits |

NATURAL SCIENCE

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

SOCIAL SCIENCE

| Course ID | Course | Credits |
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| 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 212 | Supervision | 3 credits |
| BUSI 220 | Marketing | 3 credits |

Complete MSU Certificate

| Course ID | Course | Credits |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| MSU | Completed MSU Certificate | 30 or 34 credits |

Total Program Credits: 60

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 are 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. Students should see their advisor to ensure proper 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 he/she plans 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) |
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| EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning | 1 credit | ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed) |
| ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop) | 3 to 4 credits | ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed) |
| BIOL 118 Plant Biology or CHEM 100 Fundamentals of Chemistry | 4 credits | BIOL 118: ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed) CHEM 100: MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed); ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed) |
| MSU Certificate Courses | 6 credits | See Program Coordinator for Details |

SECOND SEMESTER

| Courses | Credits | Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required) |
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| ISYS 110 Introduction to Computer Technology | 3 credits | None |
| MATH 150 Statistics | 4 credits | MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score |
| MSU Certificate Courses | 6 to 9 credits | See Program Coordinator for Details |

SUMMER SEMESTER

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

THIRD SEMESTER

| Courses | Credits | Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required) |
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| MSU Certificate Courses | 8 credits | See Program Coordinator for Details |
| ECON 202 Microeconomics | 3 credits | MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score |
| 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) |
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| BUSI 200 Small Business Management | 3 credits | ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed) |
| MSU Certificate Courses | 6 credits | See Program Coordinator for Details |
| ACCO or BUSI Elective | 3 to 4 credits | See Course Description for Details |