



**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
AGRIBUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP MINOR**

(A minor is recognized in the marketplace as an indicator of your desire to achieve more than the minimum required for your degree.)

Do you want to own your own business and be your own boss? Do you intend to rejoin a family business after graduation? Would you like to pursue employment with a bank or financial institution that funds start-up and existing businesses? Perhaps you just want to have a working knowledge of business development practices and strategies to achieve success working for an entrepreneur in either a rural or metropolitan setting. If any of these pursuits interest you, then completing this minor will help you achieve your goals!

Students working toward this minor will be able to select a business to develop, or evaluate from a consultant's perspective. Business ventures may be selected from enterprises such as cow/calf operations, corn and cotton farming, exotic animal hunts; clothing/resale store, baker/catering, touring band, special event organizer, etc. **The only limit is your imagination!**

NOTE: Enterprises must be mutually agreed upon between the instructor & student.

Please contact **your advisor** to see how these courses could possibly fit into your degree plan. For example; Ag Economics students could use the AGECE courses as "Directed AGECE Electives" or "General Electives," or possibly other substitutions per advisor approval.

Questions regarding the minor should be directed to Dr. Ed Rister, by phone 979-255-5211, or by email at e-rister@tamu.edu. When phoning (please leave a message if necessary) speak clearly and leave your name, cell phone number and a message indicating you have questions regarding the Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Minor. When emailing Dr. Rister, please put Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Minor in the Subject Line. Include your full name and cell phone number in the body of your email.

FYI: When you earn a minor, it is indicated only on your official Texas A&M University transcript. It is not indicated on your diploma.

Course Requirements	Credits	Semester(s) Offered
Select one from: AGEC 223 – Establishing Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Networks I (No prerequisites.)	1	Fall
AGEC 423 - Establishing Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Networks II (Prerequisites: Must be concurrently enrolled in AGEC 424; Jr. or Sr. classification)	1	Fall
AGEC 315 – Food and Agricultural Sales (Prerequisites: Jr. or Sr. Classification)	3	Fall, Spring, & Summer
Select one from: AGEC 324 – Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Budgeting (Prerequisites: AGEC 105 or ECON 202; ACCT 209 or ACCT 210 or ACCT 229 or ACCT 230 or AGEC 330 or FINC 341 or FINC 409; Jr. or Sr. classification or approval of instructor.) NOTE: ACCT 209 or ACCT 229 is a prerequisite for AGEC 330.	3	Spring
MGMT 461- Entrepreneurship and New Ventures	3	Fall and Spring
MGMT 470 – Entrepreneurial Small Business	3	Fall and Spring
MGMT 477 – Entrepreneurial Consulting and Development	3	Fall and Spring
MGMT 489 – Innovative Product Design: The Lean Startup Method	3	Fall and Spring
AGEC 424 – Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Economic Analysis (Prerequisites: AGEC 105 or ECON 202; ACCT 209 or ACCT 210 or ACCT 229 or ACCT 230 or AGEC 324 or AGEC 330 or FINC 341 or FINC 409; Jr. or Sr. classification)	3	Fall
AGEC 425 – Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Financial Analysis (Prerequisites: AGEC 425; Jr. or Sr. classification)	3	Spring
AGEC 434 – Rural Financial Markets and Financial Planning (Prerequisites: ACCT 209 or ACCT 229; ACCT 210 or ACCT 230; AGEC 330 or FINC 341 or FINC 409; Jr. or Sr. classification)	3	Spring
Total Credit Hours Required	16	

In order for the minor to be added to the student’s records, students must:

- *Have a major already posted on their academic records. **(All majors are eligible to obtain this minor.)**
- *Have met prerequisites for each course listed above PRIOR to enrolling in any course listed above.
- *Have a Texas A&M cumulative GPR of 2.0 or higher.
- *Earn a grade of “C” or better in each of the above-listed required courses.
- *Complete an application for the minor. Applications are available in Room 214 of the AGLS Bldg. and in Dr. Rister’s office in Room 211 of the AGLS Bldg.

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(Code for COMPASS is AGBE.)
Offered by the Department of Agricultural Economics
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - Texas A&M University
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The Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Minor is available to all students enrolled at Texas A&M University. Minors serve in the marketplace as indicators that a student has a desire, and the ability to complete more than the minimum coursework required for their degree.

Students pursuing an Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Minor are to complete the information requested below and, after an AGEC/AGBU Advisor and the AGEC Assistant Head for Undergraduate Affairs have signed the form, must return the completed form to their academic advisor.

A. Required Courses (16 hours)

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- B. A grade of "C" or better must be earned in each of the required 16 hours.**
- C. Student must have a major already posted on their academic record.**
- D. Students must meet prerequisites for each course listed above PRIOR to enrolling in the course. (Course prerequisites are not included in the required 16 minor hours.)**
- E. Must have a Texas A&M cumulative GPR of 2.0 or higher.**

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Major: _____ UIN: _____

Cell Phone # _____ TAMU E-mail _____ Date: _____

AGEC/AGBU Undergraduate Advisor Approval:

Printed Name & Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assistant Department Head for Undergraduate Programs Approval:

Printed Name & Signature: _____ Date: _____

Copies: 1. Ag Economics Undergraduate Office, Room 214, AGLS Bldg. 2. Dr. Ed Rister, Room 211, AGLS Bldg.

 Student's Major Advisor's Printed Name & Signature _____

Date entered in HOWDY: _____ Initials of person who entered minor in HOWDY: _____

