

# AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS- 3+2

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## FRESHMAN YEAR: FALL

AGEC 105	3
ENGL 104	3
MATH 141	3
AMERICAN HISTORY ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>SOPHOMORE YEAR: FALL</b>	<b>15</b>

ECON 202	3
AGEC 217	3
ACCT 209	3
GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>JUNIOR YEAR: FALL</b>	<b>15</b>

ECON 323	3
AGEC 340	3
AGEC 330	3
AGEC 452 or AGECE 453	3
AGEC 429	3
DIRECTED AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ELECTIVE <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>SENIOR YEAR: FALL</b>	<b>18</b>

PSAA 601*	3
PSAA 621 or ECON 607*	3
PSAA 631*	3
One Approved PSAA elective	3
<b>FIFTH YEAR: FALL</b>	<b>12</b>

PSAA 675	3
PSAA 615	3
Elective - 600 level	3
Elective - 600 level	3
<b>12</b>	

## FRESHMAN YEAR: SPRING

COMMUNICATIONS ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH 142	3
AMERICAN HISTORY ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
CREATIVE ARTS ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>SOPHOMORE YEAR: SPRING</b>	<b>15</b>

ECON 203	3
ACCT 210	3
GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	3
STAT 303/302/301	3
<b>JUNIOR YEAR: SPRING</b>	<b>15</b>

AGEC 317	3
AGEC 350	3
AGEC 344	3
AGEC 430 or ECON 311	3
AGEC 481	1
DIRECTED AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ELECTIVE <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>SENIOR YEAR: SPRING</b>	<b>16</b>

PSAA 611	3
PSAA 622*	3
BUSH 635*	3
AGEC Elective - 600-level** <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>FIFTH YEAR: SPRING</b>	<b>12</b>

BUSH 676	3
Elective - 600 level	3
Elective - 600 level	3
Elective - 600 level	3
<b>12</b>	

## FRESHMAN YEAR: SUMMER

<b>SOPHOMORE YEAR: SUMMER</b>	

AGEC 314	3
DIRECTED NON-AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ELECTIVE <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>JUNIOR YEAR: SUMMER</b>	<b>6</b>

DIRECTED NON-AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ELECTIVE <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>SENIOR YEAR: SUMMER</b>	<b>3</b>

Professional Internship	
<b>FIFTH YEAR: SUMMER</b>	


\*4 HOURS Bush School MSPA coursework double-counted as general electives for the B.S. degree in AGECE.

\*\* AGECE 600 elective course double-counted as Bush School credit

## 5 Year (3+2) Degree Program / AGEC-MPSA\_PPA

### Bush School of Government & Public Service and Dept. of Agricultural Economics

The Bush School of Government & Public Service and the Department of Agricultural Economics offer a 5-year (3+2) degree program that allows agricultural economics majors to enter the Bush School at the start of their senior year (typically year four) at Texas A&M University. This enables students to receive both their Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics (B.S. AGEC) and a Master of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) graduate degree, with a track emphasis in public policy analysis (PPA), in five years. The program includes a total of 151 hours with 17 hours double-counting to both degrees.

#### Description

To be considered for the 5-year degree program, agricultural economics students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and have completed 103 of the 120 hours of course work required to receive a bachelor's degree. These courses must include all of the specific prerequisites for a B.S. in Agricultural Economics, as well as the courses required by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and by Texas A&M University for an undergraduate degree.

#### ***Agricultural Economics Bachelor of Science, Catalog 138***

#### **Texas A&M Core & Supporting:** =63 hours

Social & Behavioral Science (met w/ AGEC 105 in major)  
 COMM req.-ENGL 103 or 104 and another (6 hrs)  
 MATH 141 and 142 (6 hours)  
 Life and Physical Science (9 hrs)  
 Language, Philosophy, & Culture (3 hrs)  
 Creative Arts (3 hrs)  
 American HIST (6 hrs)  
 GOVT/POLS req. (6 hrs)  
 ECON 202 and 203 (6 hrs)  
 ACCT 209 and 210 (6 hrs)  
 STAT 303,302,or 301 (3 hrs)  
 ECON 323 (3 hrs)  
 Non-AGEC electives (6 hrs from list)

#### **Major Area** =43 hours

AGEC 105,217,314,317,330,340,344,350,429 (27 hrs)  
 AGEC 452 or 453 (3 hrs)  
 AGEC 430 or ECON 311 (3 hrs)  
 AGEC 481 (1 hr)  
 AGEC Electives (9 hrs from list)+  
 +3 hours can double count as MPSA elective

#### **Bush School's MPSA First-year:**

AGEC General Electives  
 BUSH 631 and 635 (6 hrs)\*  
 PSAA 601 and 622 (6 hrs)\*  
 PSAA 621 or ECON 607 (3 hrs)\*

*\*14 hours can double count for AGEC undergrad credit*

## MPSA Degree Requirements

Admitted students will be enrolled in Bush School graduate courses with an undergraduate classification (U4) during their fourth year and will be re-classified as degree-seeking master's students (G7) upon completing 120 credit hours. This will normally occur at the start of the fall semester of year five.

Five-year students will be required to complete the same 2-year, 48-hour curriculum as other admitted MPSA students. The curriculum combines nine core courses with seven electives, one of which must be selected from AGEC 604,606,607,610,614,633, or 652. Students choose the Public Policy Analysis (PPA) track and are encouraged to create their own area of interest or to select from one of our elective concentrations (see <http://bush.tamu.edu> for options). A non-credit bearing professional internship is also completed in the summer between the first and second years for those without substantive professional experience. A capstone project for a "real world" client in year two caps the experience.

### Administration/Application

Agricultural economics majors who have at least a 3.25 GPA and who will have taken all of their prerequisite courses and otherwise completed 103 hours by the fall of their fourth year (meaning you have the summer before entry to complete any required hours) will be eligible to apply for the 5-year program during their junior year. Admission criteria for the 5-year program will be the same as for other students, and applicants will submit the same materials (including GRE scores); the one exception to this is the submission of a 2-page application found on the Bush School website rather than the ApplyTexas application, hence no application fee.

Students who choose not to finish the MPSA degree after being admitted to the 5-year degree program may exit the program at any time. Completed MPSA courses will be applied to their bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, and students will select the AGEC option area that is most appropriate for their interest. Failure to complete the MPSA program will in no way impede their ability to attain a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics when the requirements for that degree are completed.

Those who pursue the 5-year program will receive both Texas A&M degrees upon completion of the entire program, earning their B.S. in Agricultural Economics and their Master of Public Service and Administration at the end of their second year in the Bush School. Although they earn both, students will only walk for their MPSA graduation ceremony.

### Curriculum

#### Fourth Year:

#### Fall

PSAA 675: Capstone Seminar I

PSAA 615: Policy Analysis (*PPA required*)

Two approved electives

\* 14 hrs Bush courses double-counted as AGEC general electives

\*\* 3 hr AGEC course double-counted as Bush School credit

#### Spring

PSAA 676: Capstone Seminar II

Three approved electives



As indicated above, students will double count courses taken in the Bush School as credit towards their MPSA degree *and* as substitutes for some of the AGEC electives and general electives required for the bachelor's degree.



## **Advising**

Advising for the 5-year program is a coordinated effort by both the Department of Agricultural Economics and by the Bush School. AGEC departmental advising will help ensure that interested students have satisfied the prerequisite course requirements for the bachelor's degree by the start of their senior year.

**Donna Adcock**, senior academic advisor II, [donna@tamu.edu](mailto:donna@tamu.edu), 845-4911, Ag & Life Sciences Bldg., Ste 214

You may also contact the Bush School for admissions information and curriculum advising.

**Kathryn Meyer**, recruitment/admissions, [kjmeyer@tamu.edu](mailto:kjmeyer@tamu.edu), 862-3476 for *general questions*

**Kimberly Reeves**, asst. to department head, [reevesk@tamu.edu](mailto:reevesk@tamu.edu), 862-8821 *for an appointment with the PSAA department head, **Dr. Jeryl Mumpower***