



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
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 the Agribusiness Entrepreneurship minor
could help you achieve your goals!

Students working toward this minor will be able to select a business to develop or evaluate an
enterprise from a consultant's perspective. Business ventures may be selected from various rural
and metropolitan enterprises. Enterprises evaluated by previous students include traditional
agriculture, such as cow/calf operations, as well as corn, cotton, and rice farming. Other
enterprises students have analyzed in the minor include exotic animal hunts, clothing/resale
stores/boutiques, customized gifts, car washes, bakeries or catering, touring bands, special event
planners, financial planning specialists, florists, custom home builders, real estate investors, etc.
For other examples, refer to the [program's webpage](#), scrolling down to "Student Business
Ventures."

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 calling, please leave a message, speak clearly, leave your
name, cell phone number, and a message with questions you have regarding the Agribusiness
Entrepreneurship Minor. When emailing Dr. Rister, please put Agribusiness Entrepreneurship
Minor in the Subject Line, and ensure you 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 |
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| Prerequisites for the minor include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) 3-hr course in economics: AGECE 105 or ECON 202 One (1) 3-hr course in accounting: ACCT 209 or ACCT 210, or FINC 409 <p>Discuss with director of the program questions about any other course prerequisites for specific classes.</p> | | |
| Select one from: AGECE 223 – Establishing Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Networks I (No prerequisites.) – <i>Selected by first year or sophomore students</i> AGECE 423 – Establishing Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Networks II (No prerequisites.) – <i>Selected by students with junior or senior classification</i> NOTE: <i>Students may concurrently enroll in AGECE 423 and AGECE 424, if taken the same semester.</i> | 1 | Fall Fall |
| AGECE 315 – Food and Agricultural Sales (Prerequisite: Jr. or Sr. classification) | 3 | Fall, Spring |
| Select one from: AGECE 324 – Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Budgeting (Prerequisites – see above; Jr. or Sr. classification, or approval of instructor) MGMT 470 – Entrepreneurial Small Business (3 hrs) MGMT 477 – Entrepreneurship: The Lean Startup Approach (3 hrs) | 3 | Fall, Spring |
| AGECE 424 – Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Economic Analysis (Prerequisites: See above; Jr. or Sr. classification) | 3 | Fall |
| AGECE 425 – Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Financial Analysis (Prerequisites: AGECE 424; Jr. or Sr. classification) | 3 | Spring |
| AGECE 434 – Rural Financial Markets and Financial Planning (Prerequisites: Talk to director of program; 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 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 online – see below – or can be printed as a PDF file and submitted.

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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, preferably, submit the form electronically. Alternatively, students may print a PDF copy of the form to submit as a hard copy, by hand-carrying to AGLS 211B, or emailing to e-rister@tamu.edu. After the Director of the Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program, an AGECE/AGBU Advisor, and the AGECE Associate Head for Undergraduate Programs have signed the form, the student must return the completed form to their academic advisor for the minor to be added to student's academic plan.

A. Required Courses (16 hours)

| Course Requirements | Credits | Semester(s) Offered |
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| Select one from: AGEC 223 - Establishing Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Networks I AGEC 423 - Establishing Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Networks II | 1 | Fall Fall |
| AGEC 315 - Food and Agricultural Sales | 3 | Fall, Spring |
| Select one from: AGEC 324 - Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Budgeting * MGMT 470 - Entrepreneurial Small Business * MGMT 477 - The Lean Startup Method | 3 | Spring Fall and Spring Fall and Spring |
| AGEC 424 - Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Economic Analysis | 3 | Fall only |
| AGEC 425 - Agribusiness Entrepreneurship – Financial Analysis | 3 | Spring only |
| AGEC 434 - Rural Financial Markets and Financial Planning | 3 | Spring only |
| Total Credit Hours Required | 16 | |

- 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, or obtain prior approval from the Director of the Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program for co-enrollment. (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.
- F. * Denotes the student must be enrolled in a Business major. (i.e., Agribusiness, Finance, Accounting, etc.)
- G. Compliance with the Aggie Honor Code is essential for completing and earning the AGBE minor. Any confirmed violation of the Aggie Honor Code within the Rister '74 Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program will result in expulsion from the AGBE minor.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Major: _____ UIN: _____

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

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

Student's Major Advisor's Email Address & Phone: _____

Students: Do Not Enter Information Below This Line**Director of Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program's Approval:**

Printed Name & Signature: _____ Date: _____

Associate Department Head for Undergraduate Programs' Approval:

Printed Name & Signature: _____ Date: _____

Primary Major Advisor Approval:

Printed Name & Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Copies: 1. Ag Economics Undergraduate Office, Room 214, AGLS Bldg. 2. Dr. Ed Rister, Room 211, AGLS Bldg. 3. Student's Primary Major Advisor