

Agriculture (503)

Agribusiness

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

About Our Program

This program is intended to provide the first two years of a 4-year baccalaureate program and includes the general education, agriculture, and business courses required of the transfer student.

Program Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate an ability to engage in critical thinking by analyzing situations and constructing and selecting viable solutions to solve problems.
- Students will understand and analyze the current events and issues that are occurring in agriculture and how they affect the future in agriculture.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively and confidently both orally and in writing.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze data and draw appropriate statistical conclusions.
- Students will be encouraged to network and grow professionally through participation in PAS and Collegiate Farm Bureau activities.

Nature of Work and Employment

Careers in this agriculture pathway connect the business world with agriculture by determining how to effectively use resources for profit. Students in this pathway will learn business, marketing, finance, and management skills specifically related to agriculture. Agribusinesses supply agriculture inputs as well as produce, process, market, and distribute food and fiber on both a local and global scale. There are increasing employment opportunities in the business sector of agriculture as producers purchase more items and as consumers desire diverse food and fiber products. Some examples of careers within agribusiness are listed below.

Marketing Specialist	Financial Analyst
Commodity Merchandiser	Loan Officer
Retail Branch Manager	Sales Representative
Supply Chain Manager	Credit Analyst

Special Considerations

The listed coursework is a recommendation only. Students should check with a student advisor for HCC graduation requirements. Students must meet with an advisor to ensure that the special requirements of the department and institution to which they plan to transfer are met. Colleges and universities have specific requirements for transfer students.

Program Contacts

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- Scott Anderson, Vice President of Business, Technology, and Community Programs
- Justin Ebert, Agriculture Instructor
- Monica Pierce, Agriculture Instructor
- Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor/Transfer Coordinator

Recommended Courses

The following are recommended courses for this major only. Students must still meet all requirements for the Associate of Arts degree (see page 56) in order to graduate from Highland Community College. For more information, please see your student advisor.

Associate of Arts Degree	Credit Hours
Communications	9
Humanities & Fine Arts	12
Mathematics	3
Physical & Life Science	7
Social & Behavioral Sciences	9
Major/Minor Electives (see recommendations below)	22

Degree Total = 62

Agriculture Recommendations

AGRI	184	Introduction to Agricultural Economics	4
AGRI	192	Computer Applications in Agriculture	3
AGOC	222	Marketing Agricultural Products	3
* AGOC	240	Farm Business Management	3

Business Recommendations

* ACCT	213	Financial Accounting	4
* ACCT	214	Managerial Accounting	4
ECON	111	Principles of Economics I (Macro)	3
ECON	112	Principles of Economics II (Micro)	3

Agriculture Electives

AGRI	182	Introductory Agricultural Mechanization	4
AGRI	186	Introduction to Animal Science	4
AGRI	188	Introduction to Horticultural Science	3
AGRI	286	Crop Science	4

* Course has a prerequisite. See course description.