

Distance Education UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE in AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, North Carolina State University

The University Associate Certificate in Agricultural Business Management (AGB) is offered to any student enrolled as a Non-Degree-Studies (NDS) student at North Carolina State University. This certificate provides students an opportunity to learn basic agribusiness management, policy, and economic principles that are useful in careers in agricultural and related industries. These could include careers in horticulture, landscaping, and chemical and farm equipment sales, as well as the production and distribution of crops and other commodities.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Required Courses

All course options provide 3 credit hours each.
(Total 5 courses = 15 credit hours)

Required two (2) courses:

ARE 104 – Agricultural Business Management

ARE 201 – Introduction to Agricultural and Resource Economics

Required three (3) additional courses from the following set of five (5):

ARE 106 – Agribusiness Law

ARE 112 – Agricultural and Agribusiness Marketing – OR – ARE 113 Principles of Salesmanship

ARE 115 – Agribusiness Accounting

ARE 132 – Management of Personnel

ARE 133 – Agricultural and Environmental Policy

ADMISSION TO THE DISTANCE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE in AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

Prior to enrollment in any ARE Distance Education courses towards this certificate, applicants must first submit the required transcript and the application for the Associate Certificate in Agribusiness Management to: ARE Distance Education Program, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 3304 Nelson Hall, Campus Box 8109, Raleigh, N.C. 27695. This application must be approved prior to the start of program course work. Students are encouraged to ask questions and verify that they meet all program requirements prior to submitting the application. **Important Notes:** Applicant must have graduated from high school at least a year prior to applying to this certificate program. Students currently enrolled in a 2-year Agribusiness Management degree program, or who would qualify for a 2-year degree AGB Concentration, do not qualify for enrollment in this certificate program. Transferability of any 100-level AGB Certificate program course to a 4-year degree program or community college degree program must be determined by the receiving program and cannot be approved by the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics or the Agricultural Institute. Students should determine in advance if a course from this program will transfer to another program prior to applying.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS: Completion of 15 credit hours from the list of required courses with a grade of C- or higher received for each course and an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher must be achieved upon completion of all required courses. None of the required 15 credit hours may be taken for S/U or “credit only.” All courses must be 601 sections taken through distance education unless special approval is granted for completion of an on-campus section to allow the student to successfully complete the course sequence for receipt of the Associate Certificate in Agribusiness Management Certificate. No transfer credits from other institutions to fulfill certificate course requirements are allowed. Three (3) years will be allowed for completion of all courses. The time limit starts with enrollment in the first course. Students will be allowed to defer no more than two semesters after acceptance into the program. Courses may be completed in any order.