

# College of Agriculture and Human Sciences

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4. International activities that establish sustainable linkages and collaborative relationships of mutual interest with global partners and sponsors to develop human capital and natural and institutional resources through the implementation of the land grant mission functions of teaching/learning, research/discovery, and service/engagement in the agricultural, food, human and natural resource sciences. The College maintains international connections through study abroad and research activities.

Comprehensively, through involvement in professional and scientific activities, the College shall enhance the food, agricultural, and human sciences and strive to improve the quality of life for the residents of Texas, the nation, and the world.

## Instructional Organization

Program	Degree Offered
Agriculture	BS
Human Nutrition and Food	BSDIET
Human Sciences	MS
Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences	MS
Nutrition*	MS

\* Pending SACSCOC Approval

## Academic Standards and Progress

Students enrolled in a degree program in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences are required to fulfill the university requirements for successful academic progress toward graduation. In addition, students are expected to:

Earn an overall grade point average of 2.50 in courses required for the degree beyond the University core, but which are not offered by programs within the college.

Students who wish to transfer from other colleges and universities to the college must have a minimum grade point average of 2.50 in transfer credits accepted by the respective program for unconditional admission, in addition to satisfying the general requirements specified in this catalog.

Students within the university who wish to transfer to the college must have a minimum grade point average of 2.25 in transfer credits accepted by the respective program for unconditional admission.

## Purpose and Goals

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The graduate program emphasizes the preparation of students for teaching, research, and public service in colleges and universities, in social and public service agencies, and/or in managerial positions in business, industry, or government. The curriculum offers opportunities for students to tailor the program to meet individual needs and prepares graduates to work with clientele in a professional capacity as agents of change. The specific goals of the program provide opportunities for enhanced professional competency development and the development of an academic and stylistic model for additional graduate study in a variety of academic specialties.

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Graduate courses offered by the department may be utilized to support graduate majors in counseling, sociology, psychology, criminal justice, education, and related disciplines. Students seeking specialization in these areas should consult the Advisor in the major field of study for appropriate application of coursework.

## Admission Requirements

Students desiring to major in the graduate program in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences must:

1. Present undergraduate subject matter credits consistent with or closely aligned with the academic specialties offered from an accredited college or university.
2. Meet all requirements as outlined by the Office of Graduate Studies.

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## Honor Societies and Clubs

Student organizations in the college are linked to national professional organizations and serve as vehicles to assist each student with professional development. Students interested in gaining membership in these specialty organizations should consult with the major advisor.

The **Agri-Business Club** provides students in the college with opportunities to gain further knowledge of agricultural industries and hands-on experience in the agricultural industry management practices by providing experiential learning opportunities.

The **Kappa Beta Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu (KONu)**, National Human Sciences Honor Society, was installed on the campus in 1963 as the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi. Kappa Omicron Nu was formed during 1989-90 by merging two National Home Economics Honor

Societies, Omicron Nu and Kappa Omicron Phi. The mission of Kappa Omicron Nu is to promote empowered leaders through excellence in scholarship, leadership and research. Students are eligible for membership upon satisfying specific criteria as outlined by the constitution of the organization.

**Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)** is a national society that promotes and fosters the involvement of minorities in agriculture and related sciences. Chapters established at various colleges and universities are designed to develop a partnership between minority students in agriculture and natural resources and professionals from academic institutions, government agencies and industry by promoting professional development, networking, and career placement in a nurturing environment. Membership is open to people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds who support the objective of full ethnic group participation and achievement in agricultural and related science careers.

**Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club** is an organization that prepares, guides, and helps students gain acceptance into veterinary schools. The club aims to give students hands on experience, as well as providing them basic knowledge of the pre-vet curriculum.

The **PVAMU Livestock Show Team** educates students on different aspects of livestock showing and handling. It also promotes animal husbandry skills. Students work hands on with some of Prairie View's livestock and participate in showing them at Fort Worth and San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeos, and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. There also are multiple seminars throughout the semester for both the students and the public to further the knowledge of overall livestock management. The club collaborates with the Prairie View community and on campus.

The **Rodeo Club** is affiliated with the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA). The rodeo team participates in rodeos sponsored by the Southern Region of the NIRA. At least 20 rodeos are sponsored by the Southern Region during the academic school year.

The **Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics (SAND)** gives the student an opportunity to explore career opportunities in the field of nutrition and dietetics. Students interact with peers and faculty outside the classroom and have the opportunity to be actively involved with other local, state and national chapters, as well as, the national organization.

The **CAHS Garden Club** promotes student learning, service, volunteer, and outreach activities by planting vegetables in the fall and spring garden areas. The student-led group provides training in seed and plant selection, planting, irrigation, fertilization, cultivation, insect scouting, pest management, harvesting, and marketing of fresh produce. Membership is open to all students in the University, volunteers are welcome to participate in gardening activities, and volunteers can receive credit for their service hours.