

Department of Agriculture, Nutrition, and Human Ecology, Undergraduate

Purpose and Goal

The Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program prepares graduates to function as entry-level professionals in a broad range of areas, including food, agriculture, natural resource marketing, production, distribution, and processing. The Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree program offers a generalist emphasis that serves as the foundation for diverse careers and as a springboard for advanced study in agriculture and natural resource sciences and related fields. Concentrations are available in Agribusiness, Plant and Soil Sciences, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, and Animal and Food Sciences. These concentrations guide students in defining an area for future specialization that they can attain at the graduate level and through professional practice. The emphasis on Animal and Food Sciences may serve as pre-professional curricula for veterinary medicine. Students in consultation with their advisors should select additional courses to qualify for professional veterinary medicine research.

Students enrolled in agriculture are afforded hands-on experience through laboratory, field exercises, cooperative education, and summer job assignments. Students completing the program can demonstrate varied skills in many areas. Faculty provide guidance and support to foster students' personal development and leadership skills essential for effective professional practice in the chosen field of practice.

The Human Nutrition and Food program provides quality nutrition education to students who wish to pursue nutrition careers. The program offers three concentrations, emphasizing Health and Wellness, Food Systems Management, and Registered Dietitian. The Health and Wellness concentration prepares students for careers in nursing or the adult care environment, hospitals, health inspections, and fitness. Courses in this concentration help students understand and implement health promotion and disease prevention and promote healthy lifestyles through behavioral changes.

The Food Service Management concentration prepares students for careers as dietary managers who will provide leadership in food service management delivery. This concentration emphasizes operational issues that lead to profitability in a foodservice operation. Students examine the foodservice industry from the management perspective. Students learn about food preparation and leadership knowledge and skills to further their careers in the hospitality industry. The Registered Dietitian concentration provides an avenue toward the eligibility of students to become registered dietitians.

The Human Nutrition and Food program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6695; Telephone: 800-877-1600 ext. 5400. Website <http://www.eatright.org> (<http://www.eatright.org/>).

Instructional Organization

The College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources offers the following undergraduate degree programs:

Program	Degree Offered
Agriculture	BSAG
Human Nutrition and Food	BSDIET