



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Agriculture

School of Agriculture, College of Business & Technology

Major Program

Learning how to feed the world is the central theme of the three major program options and the three preprofessional programs that Agriculture students may choose to study. Students may choose to major in Agricultural Business, Agricultural Education, or Agricultural Science. Agricultural minors are available in Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Technology Management, Agronomy, Animal Science, Horticulture, International Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation, and Urban Forestry. Preprofessional programs in Agricultural Engineering, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine are also available. The preprofessional programs are designed to prepare students for professional study at other universities at the graduate level.

Faculty

The School of Agriculture's faculty members provide students with a unique blend of educational qualifications and work experience. All full-time faculty hold doctoral degrees from a number of distinguished universities. All of the teaching faculty have extensive work experience, ranging from local farm management to international agricultural trade negotiations. The faculty members' ability to bring their extensive work experience to the classroom ensures that student learning will be relevant, practical, and reflect contemporary operational thinking.

Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available for Agriculture students, including the following: Illinois Department of Agriculture (5), \$1,000; Growmark (3), \$1,000; Dr. John S. McVickar, \$750; Dr. L. R. Bain, \$500; Dr. Loren K. Robinson (2), \$300; Dr. Harry J. Hoerner (2), \$300; MidAmerica National Bank, \$1,000; Citizens National Bank (2), \$100; McDonough Telephone Cooperative, \$100; Bartlett Arboriculture (2), \$1,000; Clarence Neff, \$500; Dr. John Reeves, \$500; Illinois Green Industry (2), \$1,000; Spoon River Valley Conservation and Sportsman's Association, \$1,000; Dr. Jerry Vigue, \$700; 1st Farm Credit Services, \$1,500; Western High School Tribute, \$5,000; Dr. James Wehrly Agricultural Finance, \$1,000; and various School of Agriculture awards.

Honors in Agriculture

To be eligible for the Centennial Honors College, entering freshmen must have an ACT composite score of at least 28 OR have a 26 or 27 composite ACT and be in the top 15% of their graduating class OR have an ACT composite score of at least 24 and be in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. Transfer students with at least 12 semester hours and up to 59 semester hours of undergraduate courses are admitted with a grade point average of at least 3.3 OR 3.4 for 60 semester hours or more. To find out more, visit wiu.edu/Honors.

General honors seminars in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences provide students with the opportunity to explore key academic issues with distinguished faculty members. Agricultural honors students take courses for honors credit and, as seniors, prepare an honors thesis supervised by a department faculty member.

Student Activities

Education for Agriculture students continues outside of the classroom. Through participation in a wide variety of agriculture-related activities, students learn responsibility and leadership skills. These activities include special interest clubs such as the Ag Council, Ag Education Club, Ag Mech Club, Agribusiness Club, Agronomy Club, Ag-Vocators, Collegiate FFA, Forestry Club, Hoof and Horn Club, Horticulture Club, and the Livestock Judging Team. Additional

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student-led organizations include Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Sorority, and Alpha Zeta Honor Fraternity.

Hands-on Learning

The School of Agriculture offers numerous hands-on learning experiences in classrooms, in laboratories, and in the field. Students and faculty work together with agribusinesses, in Western's agricultural field laboratories, and with Western's herds, applying state-of-the-art techniques and technologies to the challenges involved in making the world's food chain work. Students use the skills they have learned as they work in Illinois, elsewhere in the United States, and throughout the world. In addition, internships are available that allow students to earn money while receiving academic credit.

Agricultural Field Labs

Western Illinois University has approximately 700 acres of cropped farmland in western Illinois. The principle teaching and research farm is the Agricultural Field Laboratory, located near the WIU campus in Macomb, Illinois. The Field Laboratory consists of over 400 acres, of which 270 acres are cropped with the remainder in pasture or woods. The Field Laboratory grows primarily corn and soybeans, with additional plantings of alternative crops such as kenaf, milk weed, cufea, and other crops unique to western Illinois. In addition to the Agricultural Field Laboratory, Western leases approximately 80 acres of land 10 miles north of Macomb for organic farming, research, and teaching.



The Agricultural Field Laboratory is also home to a substantial livestock teaching program. Active herds of cattle, swine, and sheep provide opportunities for comprehensive student exposure to all aspects of livestock management. Each year, the University also conducts the Bull Test, Ram Test, and Goat Test to give students experience in collecting livestock performance data.

Special Opportunities

Students may internationalize their academic careers by completing an agricultural travel/study class to Australia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, or Russia. Students can participate in the many international activities held on campus or in other University Study Abroad programs. These experiences help to prepare students to take their places in the global arena.

After College

Agribusiness during the 21st century will become much different than current agribusiness. Increasing globalization and environmental scrutiny will have a fundamental impact on the management of the world's food chain—from the production of the commodity to its arrival with the final customer. It is the goal of the School of Agriculture to ensure that graduating students have the operational and strategic skills to meet those challenges.

For More Information

The School welcomes visitors. Call the School of Agriculture chair at (309) 298-1080 or the academic adviser at (309) 298-2100. You can also learn more about the School by visiting wiu.edu/ag.

Higher Values in Higher Education

Macomb is a welcoming, small-town community and home to Western Illinois University's beautiful residential campus—a place for students to live and experience all that college has to offer. Western's campus feels like home—comfortable. And because a well-rounded education is more than just earning a degree, there is something for everyone to do with more than 250 student organizations and activities, concerts, plays, movies, intramurals, athletics . . . you name it; it's here.

Western's GradTrac and Cost programs guarantee that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees, room, and board.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

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