AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

WHAT IS AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION?
Agricultural educators have the opportunity to teach others the skills and competencies needed to be agriculturally literate while also developing leadership abilities in their students. Agricultural educators combine classroom and laboratory instruction, leadership development, and experiential learning to offer their students a well-rounded education that will prepare them for college and the workforce, as well as teach them how to be educated consumers. Through the implementation of school-based agricultural education, teachers have the potential to build human capacity at the local, state and national levels.

Agricultural education is the only degree program providing a clear path to certification of school-based agricultural education teachers. However, an agricultural education degree prepares graduates for a variety of careers.

WHY STUDY AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION?
Now, more than ever, people of all ages need to understand how agriculture and natural resources impact the quality and abundance of our food supply, personal health, the environment, our economy and national security.

Students complete 60 hours of early field experience as they prepare to become agricultural education teachers. In addition to youth development experiences, students practice teaching in agricultural education classrooms through a 15-week off-campus student teaching experience.

FINISH IN 4
For each undergraduate degree program in CASNR, we have prepared example plans of how you may successfully complete your degree plan in four years.

Where Do You See Yourself?

Agricultural literacy coordinator
Agricultural professor
Agricultural sales
Curriculum developer
Extension educator
High school teacher/FFA advisor

Junior/community college
Judging coach
Natural resource education
Production agriculture
State and federal agencies

Student Spotlight

COLTON HENRY
Waterloo, Illinois

“Agricultural education goes beyond teaching. It’s truly educating people about agriculture and helping build a bridge of communication between what is in the industry and consumers.”
Within agricultural education, you have the option to select a predefined emphasis area and work with your faculty advisor to customize your plan of study.

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY**
Meet state teacher certification requirements with a broad-base of technical agriculture and coursework in professional education.

**AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS**
Use courses in agricultural business, economics, and policy and professional education coursework to meet state teacher certification requirements.

**AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS**
Combine a specialization in communications, such as writing, design and visual arts with professional education courses to meet state teacher certification requirements.

**ANIMAL AGRICULTURE**
Focus your technical agriculture coursework in animal science along with professional education courses to meet state teacher certification requirements.

**HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES**
Pair professional education courses with a concentration in the science, business and art of horticulture to meet state teacher certification requirements.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**
Emphasize ecology, environmental sciences and natural resource development with professional education coursework to meet state teacher certification requirements.

**FAST FACT**
The agricultural education faculty have more than 30 years combined teaching experience in school-based agricultural education.

**HIGHLIGHT**
Agricultural education is a nationally recognized program of study designed to provide both a comprehensive study in agriculture and an Oklahoma license to teach agricultural education. This license also is recognized as meeting the requirements for initial employment as a teacher in most other states.

**REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE**
Students in the department are required to complete an internship or student teaching experience prior to graduation. The opportunity to work at a business or organization in their field of study or to teach in a high school classroom as part of their undergraduate experience prepares students and develops them into well-rounded agricultural professionals.

**SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS**
The Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership awarded more than $100,000 in scholarships to undergraduate students in the department this year.