



# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

what is your **DESTINY?**

## agricultural education

The Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and 4-H Youth Development at Oklahoma State University offers a degree in Agricultural Education. The nationally recognized program of study offered is designed to provide both a comprehensive study in agriculture and an initial Oklahoma license to teach Agricultural Education.

## careers

The undergraduate program in Agricultural Education is structured to provide educational experiences in general education, technical agriculture and professional education.

Students in Agricultural Education study courses in science, agriculture, general education and professional education that will prepare them to teach agricultural education in the state of Oklahoma. A 12-week off-campus student teaching experience in a selected school district is required.

The undergraduate program is designed to qualify the bachelor's degree recipient for the Oklahoma Agricultural Education Teaching License. This license is recognized as meeting requirements for initial employment as a teacher in most states.

## double majors

The opportunity to complete double majors in Animal Science, Agricultural Economics and Horticulture, along with an emphasis in Agricultural Education, is available to OSU students. Many of today's service-oriented careers require advanced degrees. As a result, numerous Agricultural Education graduates have worked to complete requirements for a double major. Please contact the department for information about its graduate degree programs.

## expanded opportunities

Over the past five years, 75 percent of OSU's Agricultural Education graduates accepted teaching positions, and the other 25 percent took jobs in corporate agriculture, extension, sales or banking. Agricultural Education graduates are prepared for a wide variety of jobs in the agriculture industry because they have a broad base of knowledge combined with excellent "people skills."

## student organizations

The department sponsors a wide range of student organizations to assist students in gaining the leadership, interpersonal and professional skills needed for a successful career and for personal fulfillment. Student organizations include Collegiate FFA, Alpha Tau Alpha, Collegiate 4-H and Collegiate Farm Bureau.

## academic advising

Agricultural Education students have faculty advisers to ensure each student's unique interests and professional aspirations are taken into consideration. Advisers are committed to assisting students in achieving their career objectives and professional aspirations.

## for more information

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# roads TRAVELED



Agricultural Education Alumni Profile:

## Name:

Travis Bradshaw  
Burlington, Okla.

## Current Occupation:

Agricultural Education Instructor

## Travis's Story:

*"My love for youth will spur me on to impart something from my life that will help make for each of my students a full and happy future."*

This excerpt from the Ag Teachers' Creed is something Travis Bradshaw not only knows, but also lives by.

"The most important thing you can do with your life is help another."

- Travis Bradshaw  
CASNR Graduate

As the Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Adviser at Burlington Public Schools, Travis works each day to influence the life of every student who enters his classroom.

"Nothing is more rewarding than knowing that the hard work you are doing today will help better prepare students in their future

career," Travis said. "We have the amazing privilege, as agricultural educators, to serve our students as not only a teacher, but also a mentor."

Travis gained the skills he feels are necessary to be a good Agricultural Education Instructor through his studies at Oklahoma State University.

"The Agricultural Education program allowed me to learn from the most experienced individuals in the industry," Travis said. "Through hands-on work in courses such as soil science, animal science and plant science, I was able to better understand the technical components of agriculture. Agricultural Education classes gave me the chance to develop my teaching practices and to work with students."

In addition to learning technical skills, Travis recommends that students interested in Agricultural Education hone their communication skills as well.

"Being able to communicate is essential when dealing with students, parents, school administrators, community members and others in the profession," Travis said. "Teachers must be able to clearly state their expectations and then share with others the successes of students in their programs."

If you have a passion for agriculture and a desire to help others, you will want to be a part of the Agricultural Education program at OSU.

## which PATH are you taking?

Careers for Agricultural Education Graduates:

- High School Agricultural Education Teacher
- Middle/High School Science Teacher
- Community College Agriculture Instructor
- 4-H Extension Educator
- Agricultural Loan Officer
- Agricultural Sales Representative
- Director of Member Services
- Director of Information
- Farm Service Agency Representative
- Natural Resource Conservation Manager

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## MILE MARKERS

### Enrollment:

- 150 Students

### Double Majors:

- Agricultural Economics
- Animal Science
- Horticulture

### Minor:

- A Leadership minor is offered through the department to any major at OSU

### Student Organizations:

- Alpha Tau Alpha
- Collegiate Farm Bureau
- Collegiate FFA
- Collegiate 4-H

### Scholarships:

- In addition to the \$400,000 offered through CASNR, the department offers \$25,000 to \$30,000 in scholarships to Agricultural Education students

### For More Information:

- [www.casnr.com](http://www.casnr.com)