Matador Institute of Leadership Engagement (MILE)

Advising Information

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The Matador Institute of Leadership Engagement (MILE) Program is a three-semester leadership certificate program that provides structured agricultural leadership development for selected undergraduate students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Participants will be encouraged to develop a leadership philosophy that will guide them as they start their professional careers. The MILE program will include on- and off-campus workshops and networking opportunities and will expose participants to important issues and policies affecting local, state, and national agriculture through field tours. Participants will also travel to Austin and Washington, D.C. to meet with government representatives about agriculture and public policy.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
Students who are eligible for selection into the MILE Program must have no less than 30 and no more than 60 graded degree applicable credit hours completed at a postsecondary institution. Each MILE cohort will be comprised of 14 undergraduate CASNR students representing the college’s six departments. Students selected to be in the MILE Program must remain within a CASNR academic department for the entirety of their MILE cohort.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
While in the MILE Program, participants will complete a total of 12 credit hours to receive the leadership certificate. Participants must complete three academic leadership courses for a total of 9 credit hours as well as three internship credit hours from their home department. Once accepted into the MILE Program, the CASNR’s dean’s office will permit students into each course.

• AGSC 2302 (3): Individual Leadership in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.
• AGSC 3301 (3): Service Leadership in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.
• AGSC 3302 (3): Community Leadership in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.
• INTERNSHIP (3): Home department internship course.
  o Students are expected to complete an internship for 3 hours of credit while they are an active MILE program member.
  o The internship must take place while the student is a MILE participate. Internships completed prior to participant’s MILE cohort will NOT count toward the MILE internship credit.
  o The internship requirement for the MILE Program will work much like the contracting process for honors courses. Students will complete their department’s specified internship course requirements AND the MILE Program’s internship requirements. Please refer to the MILE Internship Manual for more information.

For more information about the MILE Program, course enrollment, eligibility, and the application process, please visit http://casnr.ttu.edu/mile.