Why Study Agriculture and Applied Economics (AAEC)?

The Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics provides a strong foundation in economics and mathematics, emphasizing writing and communication skills. This field is concerned with decision making in the public sector and in firms that provide materials and services, credit, processing, marketing, and distribution of products, as well as analysis of economic behavior in the food and fiber industries.

The major objective of the department is to teach students to think analytically and base decisions on economic principles. Students develop skills in economics, mathematics, statistics, and communication. Training in policy, price analysis, and marketing is also provided. The department prepares graduates to manage business and financial firms, farms, ranches, and related organizations and direct land and property development and real estate activities.

Why Choose College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resource (CASNR)?

Since Texas Tech’s beginning in 1925, we’ve provided programs of excellence in teaching, research and public service to prepare students for employment in the modern agricultural and renewable natural resources industry. Our faculty and staff provide programs of excellence in teaching, research and public services, all designed to qualify you for the dynamic agricultural and renewable natural resources industry. We invite you to join us in the exciting journey that lies ahead.

Our classes average about 30 students per class, and the student/teacher ratio is approximately 14 to 1.

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

- **Undergraduate Research**
  The International Center for Agricultural Competitiveness (ICAC) is dedicated to the creation and dissemination of knowledge related to the competitiveness of U.S. and global agriculture. A core focus of the Center is on both domestic and international policy. But, other relevant research area are in technology adoption, product development, resource management, trade, and international development. The Center promotes graduate education and research as well at undergraduate student experiences to help achieve its mission of a broader understanding of competitiveness.

- **Study Abroad**
  Each year the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics takes a group of students to learn the culture and experience the agriculture of other countries. This is a great opportunity for students to experience different cultures, people, and agricultural and natural resource systems and industries. The willingness to travel and expand one's personal experiences to international settings is often highly cited by employers as key signals for good future employees in the hiring process.

- **Graduate Education**
  The AAEC offers a Master of Science (M.S.) degree with either a thesis or non-thesis track. Both options are available under the Accelerated Bachelor-to-Master degree programs, where students can complete both degrees in a time and cost efficient. Students may also work on a joint M.S. AAEC and Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree. The joint M.S./J.D. degree offers the unique experience for students who want to practice law in an agricultural setting with training in economics that ties back to rural area and natural resource business. Student can complete both degrees in as little as four years, rather than five which would be required if each degree was taken separately.

- **Scholarship Information**
  The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resource (CASNR) recognizes scholastic capability as well as qualities of leadership, citizenship, and character. As such, scholarships are available through the department for students who qualify. A university-wide application must be completed and will be distributed to CASNR and to the department within CASNR that your major falls into. This allows you to apply for scholarships at all three levels at Texas Tech (university, college, and department) with only one application. For more information and a list of scholarships for your major, please visit [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/scholarships/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/scholarships/)

- **Student Organizations**
  From horticulture to entomology, meat science to pre-vet, get better connected with TTU and CASNR through one of our many student organizations. Participating in club and organizational activities enables students to build strong leadership skills and reinforce classroom learning. Also, students get to better connect with their fellow classmates, faculty, and the community while participating in student organizations on campus.

Texas Tech also has many agricultural related teams such as Meat Judging, Agro- my Quizbowl, Range Plant ID, and more!

For information on how you can get involved more as a student in CASNR, please visit their website: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/current_students/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/current_students/)

And click on “Get Involved” in the far right of the page

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

▪ The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

▪ A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution’s transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

▪ The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

▪ Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks:

https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

▪ Admission Requirements
  Application from applytexas.org
  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)
  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*
  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours
  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409
  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

Transfer Admissions Counselors:

Zach Fisher—West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.834.2104
  Email: zach.fisher@ttu.edu

Maryellen Baeza—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.742.1480
  Email: Maryellen.baeza@ttu.edu

Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferrable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admission. GPA is cumulative for all transferrable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

▪ Academics—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
▪ Student-submitted essay—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
▪ Extracurricular activities/employment information—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/