

International Food and Agribusiness, MS

Department: Applied Economics Department
College: College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

Overview

About This Degree

The MS in International Food and Agribusiness focuses on the global competitive environment in food production and agribusiness. An essential curricular component occurs during a semester spent at the Royal Agricultural College located at Cirencester, U.K., one of the top agricultural colleges in the world, where students will interact with agribusiness students from every continent of the world.

This exchange program is one of the few of its kind in the nation for students wishing to pursue agribusiness, and it provides the opportunity for future agribusiness managers to gain understanding and experience with producers, processors, consumers, and policy makers at an international level. The increasing globalization of the food industry has highlighted the need for managers who have experience with the social, cultural, production, and consumption conditions in the major markets of the world.

Students begin the program fall semester at USU, spend the following spring semester at the Royal Agricultural College, and then return for the fall to finish at USU. Course topics studied at USU include accounting, marketing, agricultural marketing, price analysis, supply-chain management, and econometrics. Course topics studied at the Royal Agricultural College include marketing, human resource management, production and operations, food chain and agribusiness industry, economics, and agricultural policy.

Career Options

Students who graduate with a MS in International Food and Agribusiness can pursue the following careers:

- Marketing, sales, accounting, and more for international agribusiness firms
- Credit analysts for regional agribusiness banks
- Consulting for private firms and government agencies

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

Prerequisite course work for all Masters Degree programs in APEC:

B.S./B.A. in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics, Economics, Environmental/Natural Resource Economics, or a closely related degree.

Or at a minimum evidence of the following coursework:

- Microeconomic principles
- Calculus
- Basic Statistics
- Intermediate/Managerial Microeconomics or comparable course

Application Requirements:

- Complete the [online application](#)
- Pay the \$55 application fee
- Score at or above the 40th percentile on the GRE
- Have a 3.0 or higher GPA on your last 60 semester or 90 quarter credits
- Provide transcripts of all college/university credits
- Provide three contacts for letters of recommendation

International students have [additional admissions requirements](#).

Admissions Deadlines

The department has the following application deadline for students wishing to receive funding:

- Fall semester – January 31

The deadline for admission without funding is:

- Fall semester – June 30

Master's Degree Plan Options

Students can receive a MS in International Food and Agribusiness by pursuing one of the following options:

- In the Plan A option, students must complete 24 credit hours of academic coursework and six credit hours of research.
- In the Plan B option, students must complete 27 credit hours of academic coursework and three credit hours of research.

Financial Assistance

USU's partnership with the Royal Agricultural College allows U.S.-based students to pay the lower USU tuition for the entire program.

Occasionally, students can apply for research stipends that are funded through faculty grants.

A variety of additional funding opportunities are available, including [fellowships](#), [scholarships](#), [assistantships](#), and [travel support](#). Additionally, students may be eligible for subsidized [health insurance](#) through qualifying assistantships.

Program Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Master of Science**.

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Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

International Food and Agribusiness Management Association: This is an international management organization that brings together current and future business, academic, and government leaders, along with other industry stakeholders to improve the strategic focus, transparency, sustainability, and responsiveness of the global food and agribusiness system.

Master of Business Administration Association: This provides students with an opportunity to enhance their professional and academic skills while building their resumes. Members take advantage of networking opportunities with faculty, alumni, and employers. The MBAA also works to increase awareness of the USU MBA program and assists the Huntsman School of Business in developing an effective curriculum for the MBA program.

National Agri-Marketing Association: NAMA is the nation's largest professional association for professionals in marketing and agribusiness. Members enjoy networking, leadership development, and workshop opportunities within the agri-business industry.

Agribusiness Club: The Agribusiness Club is a club designed for students interested in agribusiness. We hold activities and meetings to help students get to know each other and learn about career options. For further information contact [Kynda Curtis](#).