

**Grow your  
future in**



**Agribusiness**

**MISSISSIPPI STATE  
UNIVERSITY**<sup>TM</sup>

*Department of Agricultural Economics*

# THE AGRIBUSINESS MAJOR

**D**id you know over 100 firms in the Fortune 500 are agribusinesses? If you're looking for a career with one of these firms, or if you want to start your own business, a degree in **Agribusiness** at **Mississippi State University** is where to begin. The major's built-in flexibility provides students with a highly marketable degree, one that's now better than ever following the creation of three new concentrations: **Management**, **Policy and Law**, and **Production**.

## Management



The **Management** concentration is designed for students seeking careers in management, marketing, finance, and other areas with top agribusiness firms.

Students can choose electives from a wide range of business interests to prepare them to make an immediate impact with these employers.

## Policy and Law



The **Policy and Law** concentration prepares students for placement in the public sector or to enter law school. Courses in this concentration provide students with the critical thinking and writing skills needed for successful careers in agricultural policy or law. Students in the Policy and Law concentration have completed internships in Washington, DC, with government agencies and members of Congress.

## Production



The **Production** concentration readies students who want to manage their own agricultural operations, or consult those who do. Through the available electives, students can focus on their area of interest in agriculture. Students are encouraged to seek minors in other departments in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

## Internships

Students can find a number of internships available to provide hands-on experience, including:

- Public and private companies
- Federal and state agencies
- Industry trade associations

# What can Mississippi State offer you?

## The People's University

- Classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a "very high research activity" university—the highest level of research activity for doctorate-granting universities and one of only 108 in the U.S.
- Ranked as one of the top 20 Best College Buys in America in 2009 by Forbes
- Recognized as an honor institution by the Truman Foundation, which awards the Truman Scholarships to those who plan a career in public service

## Leading Faculty

The award-winning faculty in the Department of Agricultural Economics have a wide range of research interests, including areas in production, agricultural policy, marketing, and risk management. Recent research projects include commodity programs, livestock marketing and the economic impacts of ethanol.

Our faculty represent some of the leading teachers and researchers in their fields, often called upon by state and national policymakers for their analysis of current issues. They contribute their knowledge and experience to classroom teaching by not only providing students with the latest happenings in their field but also putting them in perspective.



The Lloyd-Ricks-Watson Building,  
home of the Department of  
Agricultural Economics

## Scholarships

Students majoring in **Agribusiness** are eligible for consideration for College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) and Department of Agricultural Economics scholarships, as well as University-wide scholarships.

Students should complete and submit the CALs scholarship application form by the deadline date of February 1 for consideration for both CALs and Departmental scholarships.

While all applications are considered on a case-by-case basis, almost all scholarships require a minimum GPA of 3.0. Scholarships for entering freshmen consider a student's high school GPA. Eligibility criteria on specific scholarships are available from the Undergraduate Coordinator.

## Why choose Agribusiness at Mississippi State?

- Excellent career placement
- Internship opportunities
- Internationally-recognized faculty
- Low student-to-faculty ratio

### Admission to the degree program

Admission to the Department's **Agribusiness** program requires admission to **Mississippi State University**. Specific requirements and an online application can be obtained from [www.admissions.msstate.edu](http://www.admissions.msstate.edu). In addition to completing the application, the application process requires a non-refundable application fee, submitting official ACT or SAT test scores, official copies of high school and/or college transcripts, and proof of immunizations.



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