DIFFERENCE MAKERS
Become One at VCSU

Business Administration
AgriBusiness Concentration
Department of Business

MAJOR
Business Administration is a versatile bachelor’s degree which offer students the ability to demonstrate business and economic specilization within the agricultural industry. Program completers will successfully and effectively apply agricultural marketing and business management skills to improve agribusiness. Students will be able to effectively communicate, coordinate, and collaborate amongst related industry firms along the agriculture and food supply chain.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIP
Students are encouraged to earn credits by extending their learning beyond the classroom. For example, several prominent firms in the region offer internship programs that provide supervised business training. Firms such as Bank Forward, John Deere Seeding Group, Gander Mountain, Coca-Cola, Rod Buck, CPA, WDAY, and Best Buy have had VCSU students in their internship programs. Cooperative research projects with faculty give students first-hand experience with advanced research techniques. Shadowing allows students to observe managers in daily work routines. Students will have the opportunity to also participate in economic development activities such as tours, workshops, fairs, and conferences. An internship can be a part of a student’s academic program and can take place any semester, any place and for any number of credits from 3 to 12. Student interns gain hands-on workplace experience to build resumes, become better prepared to enter a specific career field, network with professionals in the career field of interest, and may gain a full-time position.

TESTIMONIAL
“The VCSU Ag Business concentration was extremely beneficial towards my education. The courses allowed me opportunities to dive into critical areas of production agriculture such as financing, record keeping, and farm management principals. The experienced teachers have a great understanding of how important agriculture is to our state and are very informed with all modern productions practices. I recommend to ALL students, whether you have no experience in agriculture or your life revolves around it, to enroll in the VCSU Ag Business program. It truly is a program that will not disappoint.”

-Harrison Weber, Casselton, ND, 2013 Graduate

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING
VCSU has entered into an agreement with SAP, a leading, worldwide provider of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, to join the SAP University Alliances Program. The program allows VCSU faculty to incorporate SAP software into its business and information technology coursework, giving students hands-on experience with popular application software and adding immediate value to their skills in the marketplace. SAP is a provider of collaborative business solutions for all types of industries and for every major market. Serving more than 41,200 customers worldwide, SAP is the world’s largest business software company and the world’s third-largest independent software provider overall.

TECHNOLOGY
• Notebook computers with multimedia capabilities
• Digital cameras, video cameras, and other peripherals
• Blackboard online learning environments

ORGANIZATIONS
• Collegiate DECA- The mission of Collegiate DECA is to serve its diverse international membership as a professional organization, providing leadership and career-oriented opportunities to develop and enhance tomorrow’s leaders. Collegiate DECA provides a natural outlet for leadership, competition, networking, and community service. DECA students at VCSU take part in leadership and competitive conferences on state and international levels.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Agricultural Management, Crop and Livestock, Farm Management, Farm and Home Management, Agricultural Marketing, and Agricultural Consultation

EXPLORE THE BUSINESS WORLD
www.khake.com/page13.html
www.collegegrad.com/careers/manag.shtml
www.careeroverview.com/business-careers.html
www.accountingmajors.com
www.nyse.com
www.cpa-exam.org
www.aicpa.org
Business Administration - AgriBusiness Management Concentration

Composite Major

MAJOR
Students who successfully complete the agribusiness management concentration will be able to demonstrate business and economic specialization within the agriculture industry. Program completers will successfully and effectively apply agricultural marketing and business management skills to improve agribusiness. Students will be able to effectively communicate, coordinate, and collaborate amongst related industry firms along the agriculture and food supply chain.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Identify seasonal price patterns and utilize pre-harvest marketing plans. (Problem Solving)
2. Know how to use futures and options as a risk management tool. (Problem Solving)
3. Recognize the impact of the global agricultural production to domestic production. (Global Awareness)
4. Understand relationships between economic theory, financial analysis, accounting, and risk analysis and its application to agribusiness management decisions. (Problem Solving)
5. Construct and analyze financial statement to make informed agribusiness decisions both as a producer and/or a leader in the industry. (Technology)
6. Explore environmental laws and policies applicable to agriculture. (Global Awareness)
7. Effectively communicate the role of agriculture on the economy. (Communication)
8. Collaborate and network with leaders in the agribusiness industry. (Collaborate)

ABILITIES
Collaboration
To work together to reach a common goal.
Communication
To convey thoughts, ideas, data, information, and messages effectively.
Global Awareness
To look beyond one’s immediate self and local community.
Problem Solving
To select and use appropriate and effective approaches and tools in solving a wide variety of problems.
Technology
Use technological tools and processes to improve learning, productivity, and/or performance.

For degree and graduation requirements see pages 39-40.

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General Education Requirements

Communication & Collaboration 9 Hours
ENGL 110 College Composition I 3
ENGL 125 Intro to Professional Wrtg * 3
COMM 110 Fund of Public Speaking or COMM 212 Interpersonal Comm or COMM 216 Intercultural Comm 3

Problem Solving 11 Hrs
Mathematics (Select one course) 3 Hrs
BUSI 103 College Algebra
MATH 104 Finite Mathematics
MATH 107 Precalculus
MATH 165 Calculus I

Lab Science (Select two courses) 8 Hrs
Biol 111, 150, 151, 170, 220, 221
CHEM 115, 116, 121, 122
GEOG 100, 106
PHYS 100, 110, 161, 162, 251, 252
TECH 161

Technology (Select one course) 3 Hrs
CISC 170 Intro to Computer Info Systems * 3
CSCI 127 Intro to Programing in Java 3
CSCI 160 Intro to Structured Programming I 3

Wellness 2 Hrs
HERP 100 Concepts Fitness & Wellness

Aesthetic Engagement 6 Hrs
Literacies (Select one course) 3 Hrs
ENGL 220, 225, 241, 242, 261, 262
HUM 201 Civil, Thought, & Lit Heritage
SPAN 201 2nd Yr I; SPAN 202 2nd Yr II
THEA 110 Intro Theatre; THEA 161 Acting I

Art & Music (Select one course) 3 Hrs
ART 110 Introduction to Visual Arts

HUM 202 Fine Arts & Aesthetics
MUS 100 Music Appreciation
MUS 101 Music Fundamentals
MUS 207 History of Rock’n’Roll

Global Aware & Effective Citizen 6 Hrs
ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics * 3
ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics * 3

Additional General Education 2 Hrs
Select one additional course from the area of Aesthetic Engagement or Global Awareness or Art 112 (3), ART 231 (3), ART 281 (3), GEOG 111 (2), MUS 104 (1), MUS 105 (1), MUS 131 (1), MUS 141 (1), PHYS 275 (1), THEA 201 (1-3)

* Required course

For electives, students are encouraged to select a Business Internship and/or courses outside the Department of Business.

Required Courses 50 Hours
ACCT 200 Elements of Accounting I 3
ACCT 201 Elements of Accounting II 3
ACCT 315 Business in the Legal Environment 3
ACCT 321 Financial Reporting & Analysis I 3
BUSI 314 Business Reports & Communication 3
BUSI 336 Business Data Solutions 3
BUSI 337 Authoring Digital Publications 3
BUSI 249 Business Profession & Emerging Leaders 1
BUSI 491 Senior Portfolio 1
BUSI 245 Business Statistics 3
FIN 375 Business Finance I 3
MGMT 330 Principles of Management 3
MGMT 350 Operations Management 3
MGMT 370 Business Ethics 3
MGMT 460 International Business 3
MGMT 480 Strategic Planning 3
MGMT 485 Entrepreneurship 3
MRKT 305 Principles of Marketing 3

AgriBusiness Management 18 Hours
AGEC 474 Cooperatives (NSDU) 3
Biol 360 Environmental Law & Regulations 3
BUSI 242 Intro to Agriculture Management 3
BUSI 341 Agricultural Economics 3
BUSI 342 Financial Analysis of Agribusiness 3
BUSI 346 Agriculture Commodity Marketing 3

Electives/Internship 15 Hours
Students are strongly encouraged to select a Business Internship and/or courses outside the Department of Business.

Total General Education 39 Hours
Total Major Requirement 68 Hours
Total Credits Needed to Graduate 120 Hours