

# AGRICULTURAL & CONSUMER ECONOMICS: CONSUMER ECONOMICS & FINANCE, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science Major in Agricultural & Consumer Economics, Consumer Economics & Finance Concentration

Students in Consumer Economics and Finance develop knowledge and skills to help consumers with everyday problems. Coursework in consumer economics, personal finance, and economics gives students a broad-based background and an understanding of the role of consumers in the marketplace. Students can choose an emphasis in consumer economics, family economics, or financial planning and counseling, which leads to career opportunities with government and public agencies, marketing and sales firms, and financial institutions.

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## Prescribed Core Courses including Campus General Education

Minimum hours for graduation is 126, to include a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework generally at the 300- and 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Composition I and Speech</b>		
Requirement to be satisfied in the first year		
RHET 105 & CMN 101	Writing and Research and Public Speaking (or equivalent (see College Composition I requirement)	7
<b>Advanced Composition</b>		
Students are encouraged to complete this requirement prior to the seventh semester.		
Select from campus-approved Advanced Composition list ( <a href="https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/ACP/">https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/ACP/</a> )		3-4
<b>Foreign Language</b>		
Coursework at or above the third level is required for graduation.		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning I</b>		
Select one of:		7-8
MATH 124	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 231	Calculus II	
Select one of:		
MATH 220	Calculus	
MATH 221	Calculus I	
MATH 234	Calculus for Business I	
<b>Quantitative Reasoning II</b>		6
ACE 262	Applied Statistical Methods and Data Analytics I	
ACE 264	Applied Statistical Methods & Data Analytics 2	
<b>Humanities and the Arts</b>		
Select from campus-approved Humanities & the Arts list ( <a href="https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/HUM/">https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/HUM/</a> )		6

<b>Natural Sciences and Technology</b>		
Select from campus-approved Natural Sciences & Technology list ( <a href="https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/NAT/">https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/NAT/</a> )		6
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>		
Select from campus-approved Social & Behavioral Sciences list ( <a href="https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/SBS/">https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/SBS/</a> )		6
<b>Cultural Studies</b>		
Select one course from Western culture, one from non-Western culture, and one from U.S. minority culture from campus approved lists. ( <a href="https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/CS/">https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/CS/</a> )		9
<b>ACES Prescribed</b>		
ACES 101	Contemporary Issues in ACES (for first year students only)	2
<b>Department Requirements</b>		
Minimum Hours in the College of ACES of which 20 must be in the Department of ACE		35
Minimum of two 400-level courses in ACE		6
ACE 100	Introduction to Applied Microeconomics	4
ACE 161 or CS 105	Microcomputer Applications Intro Computing: Non-Tech	3
ACE 300	Intermediate Applied Microeconomics	3
ACE 341	Issues&Careers in Applied Econ	1 or 2
ACCY 201	Accounting and Accountancy I	3
ECON 103	Macroeconomic Principles	3
At least 3 hours of credit for study abroad or one international course selected from:		3-4
ACE 435	Global Agribusiness Management	
ACE 436	International Business Immersion	
ACE 451	Agriculture in Intl Dev	
ACE 452	The Latin American Economies	
ACE 455	International Trade in Food and Agriculture	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Required for the Consumer Economics and Finance Concentration in Addition to Department Requirements</b>		
ACE 240	Personal Financial Planning	3
ACE 270	Consumer Economics	3
ACE 474	Economics of Consumption	3
ACE 476	Behavioral Economics and Financial Decision Making	3
Select two of the following:		6
ACE 335	Food Marketing and Behavior	
ACE 345	Finan Decision Indiv Sm Bus	
ACE 346	Tax Policy and Finan Planning	
ACE 444	Financial Services & Investing Planning	
ACE 445	Intermediate Financial and Estate Planning	
ACE 455	International Trade in Food and Agriculture	
ACE 456	Agricultural and Food Policies	
ACE 471	Consumer Economic Policy	
ECON 418	Health Economics	
ECON 440	Economics of Labor Markets	
FIN 221	Corporate Finance	

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<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>126</b>

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**Sample Sequence**

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. The introduction to applied microeconomics and macroeconomics courses do not count toward the social science general education requirement. Students must take 6 hours above and beyond these two courses to meet the social and behavioral sciences requirement. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree General and Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

**First Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ACE 100		4 ACE 161	3
ACES 101		2 CMN 101 or RHET 105	3
MATH 124		3 MATH 234	4
RHET 105 or CMN 101		4 ECON 103	3
Language Other than English (3rd level)		4 General Education course	3
		<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>

**Second Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ACCY 201		3 ACE 270	3
ACE 240		3 ACE 264	3
ACE 262		3 ACE 300	3
ACE 341		1 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3	
		<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

**Third Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Consumer Economics Elective		3 ACE 474	3
ACE international course or study abroad experience		3 Consumer Economics Elective	3

General Education course	3 General Education course	3
ACE or ACES Elective course	3 General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3 Free Elective course	3
		<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ACE or ACES Elective course		3 ACE 476	3
Free Elective course		3 ACE or ACES Elective course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	4
Free Elective course		3 Free Elective course	4
Free Elective course		3 Free Elective course	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>

**Total Hours 126**

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**Admissions**

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