

AGRICULTURAL & CONSUMER ECONOMICS: CONSUMER ECONOMICS & FINANCE, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science 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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Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 126 hours.

University Requirements

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. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog.

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements. Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Composition I		4-6
Advanced Composition		3
Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)		6
Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)		6
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)		6
fulfilled by ACE 100, ECON 103, and two other courses approved as Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)		3
Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Cultures (1 course)		3
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)		3
Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)		6-8
fulfilled by MATH 220, MATH 221, or MATH 234; and ACE 262		
Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required)		0-15

Code	Title	Hours
Department Foundation		
ACE 123	Introduction to ACE	2
ACE 100	Introduction to Applied Microeconomics	4
ECON 103	Macroeconomic Principles	3
ACE 161	Computer Concepts & Applications	3
or CS 105	Intro Computing: Non-Tech	
Calculus Option - Select one of the following:		4
MATH 220	Calculus	
MATH 221	Calculus I	
MATH 234	Calculus for Business I	
ACCY 201	Accounting and Accountancy I	3
ACE 262	Applied Statistical Methods and Data Analytics I	3
ACE 264	Applied Statistical Methods & Data Analytics 2	3
Communication Option		3 or 6
CMN 101	Public Speaking	
ALEC 115	Let's Talk about Food, Agriculture, and the Environment	
CMN 111 & CMN 112	Oral & Written Comm I and Oral & Written Comm II	
Minimum of 6 additional hours of Social & Behavioral Sciences (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/)		6
ACE 341	Careers and Professionalism	1 or 2
ACE 300	Intermediate Applied Microeconomics	3
ACE International Course or Study Abroad Experience Option - Select one of the following:		3
ACE 411	Environment and Development	
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	
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ACE 240	Personal Financial Planning	3
ACE 270	Consumer Economics	3
ACE 474	Intermediate Consumer Economics	3
ACE 476	Behavioral Economics and Financial Decision Making	3
Advanced Consumer Economics & Finance Option - Select two of the following:		6
ACE 335	Food Marketing and Behavior	
ACE 345	Small Business Finance	
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	
ECON 418	Health Economics	

ECON 440	Economics of Labor Markets	
FIN 221	Corporate Finance	
Code	Title	Hours
Minimum hours in the College of ACES, 20 of which must be in the Department of ACE		35
Total Hours		126

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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 and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year		
First Semester		Hours
ACE 100		4
ACE 123		2
Calculus Option		4
Communication Option or Composition I		3
Language Other Than English (3rd level)		4
		17

Total Hours 17

First Year		
Second Semester		Hours
ACE 161 or CS 105		3
Composition I or Communication Option		4
General Education course		3
ECON 103		3
General Education course		3
		16
Total Hours 16		

Second Year		
First Semester		Hours
ACCY 201		3
ACE 240		3
ACE 262		3
ACE 341		1
General Education course		3
General Education course		3
		16
Total Hours 16		

Second Year		
Second Semester		Hours
ACE 270		3
ACE 264		3
ACE 300		3
General Education course		3
General Education course		3
		15
Total Hours 15		

Third Year		
First Semester		Hours
Advanced Consumer Economics & Finance Option		3
ACE International Course or Study Abroad Experience		3
General Education course		3
ACE or ACES Elective Course		3
Free Elective course		4
		16
Total Hours 16		

Third Year		
Second Semester		Hours
ACE 474		3
Advanced Consumer Economics & Finance Option		3
General Education course		3
General Education course		3
Free Elective course		4
		16
Total Hours 16		

Fourth Year		
First Semester		Hours
ACE or ACES Elective Course		3
General Education course		3
Free Elective course		3
Free Elective course		3
Free Elective course		3
		15
Total Hours 15		

Fourth Year**Second Semester**

	Hours
ACE 476	3
ACE or ACES Elective course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course or 400-level ACE Elective	3
	15

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1. ACE students will acquire broad and deep knowledge of Agricultural and Consumer Economics.
2. ACE students will develop a critical and reflective orientation toward global systems (such as natural, environmental, social, cultural, economic, and political) and cultural differences (such as race, indigeneity, gender, class, sexuality, language, and disability).
3. ACE students will develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.
4. ACE students will develop their ability to communicate in a variety of settings.
5. ACE students will build and sustain productive relationships to be effective leaders who can respond to civic and social challenges at local, national, and global levels, creating positive change in their communities.
6. Develop knowledge and skills to help consumers with everyday problems. Explore consumer economics, personal finance, and behavioral economics to gain a broad understanding of the role of consumers in the marketplace. Analyze data using financial and statistical tools.

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