

Master of Agribusiness, Minor in Non-Profit Sustainable and Community Development

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 69 (including 15 credit hours for minor)



Program Description

The Master of Agribusiness at HBI University is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage and lead in the agricultural industry. This program integrates business management principles with agricultural economics, sustainability, and food production systems to prepare graduates for leadership roles in agribusiness enterprises.

Students will engage in coursework covering agricultural finance, supply chain management, policy development, and the impact of agribusiness on local and global economies. The minor in Non-Profit Sustainable and Community Development focuses on the role of non-profits in promoting sustainable agricultural practices and food security within communities.

This 69-credit hour program includes 30 credit hours of foundational courses, 24 credit hours of core agribusiness courses, 15 credit hours in Non-Profit Sustainable and Community Development, elective coursework, a supervised practicum, and a research-based master's thesis.

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in agribusiness, agriculture, economics, business management, or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose outlining interest in agribusiness and sustainable community development
- Interview with faculty committee

Practicum Requirement

Students will complete a 300-hour supervised practicum in an agribusiness company, cooperative, or non-profit organization focused on sustainable agriculture. This experience allows students to apply their knowledge in a real-world agricultural business environment.

Master's Thesis

Students must complete a research-based master's thesis focusing on a relevant agribusiness issue. The thesis should be between 60-100 pages, adhere to APA formatting guidelines, and contribute to the field of agribusiness and sustainable development.

Program Outcomes

- Apply business management principles to agribusiness operations.
- Analyze the economic and policy factors affecting the agricultural industry.
- Develop strategies for sustainable food production and community development.
- Understand the role of non-profits in agricultural sustainability and food security.
- Engage in research that contributes to the advancement of agribusiness and community development.

Foundational Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
AGB 6001	Introduction to Agribusiness Management	3
AGB 6002	Agricultural Economics and Policy	3
AGB 6003	Farm and Ranch Management	3
AGB 6004	Agribusiness Finance	3
AGB 6005	Sustainable Food Production Systems	3
AGB 6006	Marketing Strategies for Agribusiness	3
AGB 6007	Supply Chain Management in Agriculture	3
AGB 6008	International Trade and Agribusiness	3

AGB 6009	Risk Management in Agribusiness	3
AGB 6010	Research Methods in Agribusiness	3

Core Courses (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
AGB 6101	Advanced Agribusiness Management	3
AGB 6102	Sustainability in Agribusiness	3
AGB 6103	Agricultural Law and Ethics	3
AGB 6104	Rural Economic Development	3
AGB 6105	Technology and Innovation in Agriculture	3
AGB 6106	Agricultural Entrepreneurship	3
AGB 6107	Food Security and Policy	3
AGB 6108	Supervised Agribusiness Practicum	3

Non-Profit Sustainable and Community Development Minor (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
NPSC 6201	Introduction to Non-Profit Management	3
NPSC 6202	Community Development and Sustainability	3
NPSC 6203	Grant Writing for Sustainable Initiatives	3
NPSC 6204	Leadership in Non-Profit Organizations	3
NPSC 6205	Food Systems and Community-Based Agriculture	3

Career Outcomes and Potential Salary

- Agribusiness Manager – \$65,000-\$120,000
- Agricultural Economist – \$70,000-\$130,000
- Food Systems Policy Analyst – \$60,000-\$110,000
- Sustainable Agriculture Consultant – \$55,000-\$105,000

Advocacy and Professional Development

Students are encouraged to advocate for sustainable agricultural practices and community development through involvement in organizations such as the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) and the Agribusiness Council. Participation in professional networks and industry conferences is also recommended for career advancement.

Additional Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
ELE 901	Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems	3
ELE 902	Agribusiness Development Strategies	3
ELE 903	Non-Profit Farm and Community Development	3
ELE 904	Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy	3
ELE 905	Climate Change and Agriculture	3