



PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

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Bachelor of Arts

Agricultural Studies



Agricultural studies delves into the relationships between the social, economic, political and environmental factors that affect the agricultural sector — from farm level production to international policy. This broad range of perspectives will expand your understanding of issues such as policy development, the farm as a production unit and the environmental implications of land use. You'll also be exposed to the latest developments in genetic engineering, precision farming and animal nutrition, to name just a few.

What determines my program requirements?

Please refer to the Academic Calendar (www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar) for complete program information.

Calendar Year: 2025/2026 - Your calendar year is set to the academic year you are admitted (or readmitted) and you should follow the requirements for that year for the duration of your program.

Faculty/School: Faculty of Arts and Science (www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci)

Program(s): Bachelor of Arts

Major(s): Agricultural Studies

Minor: A defined set of courses, designed to provide depth in a particular discipline, study in an interdisciplinary area, or focus on a theme-related topic. To learn more about optional minors see www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/minors.

Am I admissible to this program?

Admission: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad

Transfer: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/transfer-resources

When/How do I apply to the University?

Deadlines: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad/deadlines

Step-by-Step: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/step-by-step

Where can I find information on courses?

Course Catalogue: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses

Registration Guide: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-guide

When can I register for classes?

Register early! (March for Summer and Fall; November for Winter)

Registration Dates: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-dates

How can I enhance my program?

Career Bridge: www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge

Co-op Education: www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/co-operative-education

Honours Thesis: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/undergraduate-thesis

Double Major: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/double-major

What supports are available to students?

Student Services: www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services

Student Success Centre: www.ulethbridge.ca/student-success-centre

Accessible Learning: www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/alc

Counselling Services: www.ulethbridge.ca/counselling





PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (2025/2026)

Required courses and notes

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Major Requirements (20 Courses)

- _____ 1. Agricultural Studies 1000 - The Evolution of Agriculture
- _____ 2. Agricultural Studies 3300 - Modelling of Agricultural Systems
- _____ 3. Agricultural Studies 4000 - Seminar in Agricultural Issues
- _____ 4. Agricultural Studies 4300 - Advanced Modelling of Agricultural Systems
- _____ 5. Biology 1020 - Diversity of Life
- _____ 6. Economics 1010 - Introduction to Microeconomics
- _____ 7. Geography 1200 - Introduction to Human Geography
- _____ 8. Statistics 1770 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics
- _____ 9. **One of:**
 - _____ Philosophy 2001 - Introduction to Ethics
 - _____ Philosophy 2236 - Environmental Philosophy
- _____ 10. **One of:**
 - _____ Anthropology 1000 - The Anthropological Perspective
 - _____ Political Science 1000 - Introduction to Political Science
 - _____ Sociology 1000 - Introduction to Sociology
- _____ 11.-18. Eight courses (24.0 credit hours) from either subfield list (1. or 2.) below (must include either Economics 2900 or Sociology 2100, depending on chosen subfield)
- _____ 19.-20. Two courses (6.0 credit hours) from the other subfield list below
- _____ **REQ.** Four of the subfield courses (12.0 credit hours) must be at the 3000/4000 level

1. Agricultural Economics

- _____ Economics 1012
- _____ Economics 2150
- _____ Economics 2350
- _____ Economics 2750
- _____ Economics 3010
- _____ Economics 3030
- _____ Economics 3220
- _____ Economics 3300
- _____ Economics 3350
- _____ Economics 4300

Quantitative Methods Requirement:

- _____ Economics 2900

2. Rural Sociology and Development

- _____ Economics 2150
- _____ Economics 3300
- _____ Economics 3800
- _____ Economics 4300
- _____ Geography 1000
- _____ Geography 2210
- _____ Geography 2700
- _____ Geography 3210
- _____ Political Science 2210
- _____ Sociology 3110
- _____ Sociology 3120

Research Methodology Requirement:

- _____ Sociology 2100

Technical Studies Term (5 courses)

The Technical Studies term should be taken after at least 20 university courses have been completed and prior to registration in the final 10 courses for the degree.

Students must have the college course selection approved by the Coordinator of Agricultural Studies. Further details are available from the Coordinator.

- _____ 21. Agricultural Studies unspecified 2000-level
- _____ 22. Agricultural Studies unspecified 2000-level
- _____ 23. Agricultural Studies unspecified 3000-level
- _____ 24. Agricultural Studies unspecified 3000-level
- _____ 25. Agricultural Studies unspecified 3000-level

Notes

Courses which appear in both subfield lists may be counted in only one of the subfields. Students choosing Agricultural Economics as their eight-course subfield must choose two courses from the Rural Sociology and Development subfield which **are not** Economics courses.

Applied Studies, Independent Studies and Topics courses may be counted toward the subfield requirements provided they are (1) clearly related to one of the subfields and (2) approved by the Coordinator of Agricultural Studies.

Students may not receive credit for courses at the University of Lethbridge for which close equivalents have been taken at the college, and vice versa. Students must ensure that their course selection has been approved by the Coordinator of Agricultural Studies.

Students wishing to pursue graduate studies in Agricultural Economics should also include Economics 3012, Economics 4010, Economics 4012, and Mathematics 1560 in their programs.

A student who successfully completes this major may apply to the Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA) to be registered as a Professional Agrologist within Alberta. Students should contact the Coordinator of Agricultural Studies early in the program for further information.

Electives (15 Courses)

- _____ 26.-40. Fifteen additional courses (45.0 credit hours) chosen to complete program requirements
 - _____ 26. _____
 - _____ 27. _____
 - _____ 28. _____
 - _____ 29. _____
 - _____ 30. _____
 - _____ 31. _____
 - _____ 32. _____
 - _____ 33. _____
 - _____ 34. _____
 - _____ 35. _____
 - _____ 36. _____
 - _____ 37. _____
 - _____ 38. _____
 - _____ 39. _____
 - _____ 40. _____

Optional Concentration: Agricultural Business

Courses taken to complete the concentration will fill in as electives in the program requirements above.

For information about the Agricultural Business concentration, see **Faculty of Arts and Science** in the 2025/2026 University of Lethbridge Calendar, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar.

1.-5. Required Courses

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____



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Liberal Education List Requirement

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total may be counted from any one discipline toward the Lib Ed Requirement. Disciplines are identified by separate course subject codes. Cross-listed courses count toward the limit for both disciplines (e.g. IGBM 3250/INDG 3250 counts toward the limit for Dhillon School of Business courses and Indigenous Studies).

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total from the Faculty of Education (EDUC), Faculty of Health Sciences (ADCS, HLSC, INHL, NURS, PUBH, and TREC), and the Dhillon School of Business (ACCT, AGEM, FINC, GLBU, HRLR, IGBM, MGT, and MKTG) may be counted towards the Lib Ed Requirement.

To determine if a course has a Liberal Education designation, see School of Liberal Education in the 2025/2026 University of Lethbridge Undergraduate Calendar, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar.

_____ **1.-4. List I: Fine Arts and Humanities**

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____

_____ **5.-8. List II: Social Science**

- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
- _____ 7. _____
- _____ 8. _____

_____ **9.-12. List III: Science**

- _____ 9. _____
- _____ 10. _____
- _____ 11. _____
- _____ 12. _____

General Requirements

- _____ A minimum of 40 courses (120.0 credit hours) with a GPA of at least 2.00.
- _____ A maximum of five Independent Study courses (15.0 credit hours) may be completed for credit towards the degree.
- _____ A maximum of five Disciplinary Credit Applied Studies courses (15.0 credit hours) may be completed for credit towards the degree. Students may, in addition, complete Applied Studies 2000, 2001, 2010, and 2011.
- _____ A maximum of 24 courses (72.0 credit hours) may be completed from any one discipline for credit towards the degree. Disciplines are identified by a specific course label (e.g. KNES, ASTR, and HIST are separate disciplines).
- _____ A maximum of 6.0 credit hours in Activity courses (i.e. courses labelled PHAC and MUSE) may be completed for credit towards the degree, except for Kinesiology majors (not more than 15.0 credit hours) and Music majors (not more than 12.0 credit hours).
- _____ A maximum of six courses (18.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered outside the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education may be completed for credit towards the degree (i.e. labelled ACCT, ADCS, AGEM, CDEV, CRED, EDUC, FINC, GLBU, HLSC, HRLR, IGBM, INHL, MGT, MKTG, NURS, PUBH, and TREC). Courses cross-listed between the Faculty of Arts and Science and another Faculty or School do not count towards this limit.
- _____ Residence requirement: a minimum of 20 courses (60.0 credit hours) must be completed at the University of Lethbridge, including at least 10 courses (30.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education at the 3000/4000 level. At least half of the courses required in the major must be completed at the University of Lethbridge.

A **maximum** of 12 courses (36.0 credit hours) may be completed at the 1000 level (or lower) for credit towards the degree, excluding Activity courses (labelled PHAC and MUSE) and courses numbered in the range of 0520 to 0530.

_____ **1.-12. Introductory Course Limit**

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
- _____ 7. _____
- _____ 8. _____
- _____ 9. _____
- _____ 10. _____
- _____ 11. _____
- _____ 12. _____

A **minimum** of 15 courses (45.0 credit hours) from disciplines offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Fine Arts, or School of Liberal Education at the 3000/4000 level, excluding Activity courses (labelled PHAC and MUSE). Out-of-faculty courses (i.e. labelled ACCT, ADCS, AGEM, CDEV, CRED, EDUC, FINC, GLBU, HLSC, HRLR, IGBM, INHL, MGT, MKTG, NURS, PUBH, and TREC) will not meet this requirement.

_____ **1.-15. Senior Course Requirement**

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____
- _____ 7. _____
- _____ 8. _____
- _____ 9. _____
- _____ 10. _____
- _____ 11. _____
- _____ 12. _____
- _____ 13. _____
- _____ 14. _____
- _____ 15. _____

Optional Minor:

For information about minors see **Minors** in the 2025/2026 University of Lethbridge Calendar, www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar. Consult with an Academic Advisor if you wish to add a minor to your program.

_____ **1.-6. Required Courses**

- _____ 1. _____
- _____ 2. _____
- _____ 3. _____
- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____



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Shown below is the recommended sequence of courses for your degree. Consult timetables for course offerings, prerequisites, and corequisites before registering each term as some courses may have limited offerings (ie. once a year, alternating years, or only offered in the Fall or Winter terms). Consult with an Academic Advisor in your faculty if you wish to alter this sequence with regard to the specifically listed courses.

Note that this sequence was prepared based on course scheduling at the time of publication and may change during your studies.

First Year

- Agricultural Studies 1000
- Biology 1020
- Economics 1010**
- Geography 1200
- Statistics 1770
- One of: Anthropology 1000, Political Science 1000, Sociology 1000
- Lib Ed Requirement course
- Lib Ed Requirement course
- Elective
- Elective

Second Year

- One of: Philosophy 2001 or Philosophy 2236
- Primary subfield course
- Primary subfield course
- Primary subfield course
- Secondary subfield course
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

Third Year

- Agricultural Studies 3300
- One of: Economics 2900 or Sociology 2100
- Primary subfield course 3000/4000 level
- Primary subfield course 3000/4000 level
- Elective
- Technical Studies Term (15.0 credit hours)**
- Students will receive credit for the following (upon successful completion and receipt of transcripts):
- 2 Agricultural Studies 3000-level non-science courses
- 3 Agricultural Studies 2000-level non-science courses

Fourth Year

- Agricultural Studies 4000
- Agricultural Studies 4300
- Primary subfield course 3000/4000 level
- Primary subfield course 3000/4000 level
- Secondary subfield course 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
- Elective 3000/4000 level
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Note: Courses in bold in Years 1 and 2 of the sample sequence are prerequisite(s) for required courses and should be completed early in your program. Students are advised to review the prerequisites for elective courses within the major and plan accordingly. Students choosing to complete requirements for the Concentration in Agricultural Business should choose those prescribed courses in place of Elective courses.