

**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
AGEC HONORS
PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

Purpose

- To discover how research contributes to advancement of knowledge.
- To experience discovery outside of classroom activities.
- To learn professional skills.

Advantages

- Stretch your abilities.
- Prepare for life after graduation by working on a research team.
- Enhanced research opportunities and support for attending national meetings.
- Those graduating with AGEC Honors will be awarded Honors Scholar pins (to be worn at graduation) with honors designation in the commencement program.

Eligibility

The AGEC Honors program is an academic society for students majoring in agribusiness or applied economics. It is designed for highly motivated students seeking an active and engaging research or outreach experience. Acceptance is based on specific eligibility requirements.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Overall GPA of 3.25 or higher (all courses taken at any post-secondary school).
- Extracurricular activities (particularly those activities associated with the major area of study), scholarships, and other awards earned.
- Completed at least 30 credit hours.
- At least three semesters in residence remaining before expected graduation.

Conditions

- All memberships will be reviewed each semester.
- Must maintain a 3.25 GPA to remain in good standing.
- If a GPA falls below a 3.25, a one probationary semester will be allowed to restore a 3.25 GPA. Faculty mentor will then certify satisfactory progress on research efforts. A petition for reestablishing good standing will then be considered.
- In order to graduate with AGEC Honors designation, must be a member in good standing.

To Apply

Complete attached application
Include a resume, statement of purpose, and copies of transcripts

Invitation

There are no set number of invitations into the AGEC Honors program.
Invitations are determined by the AGEC Honors faculty committee.

Program

Intensive directed research experience designed to contribute critical thinking, intellectual development, research skills, and career goals. Upon satisfactory completion the student will graduate with Honors in Agricultural Economics.

First Semester

AGEC 375, Research Methods (The Process of Economic Research), 1 credit

Learn the research process, methodology, data collection, and professional writing.

Select a topic and a faculty research mentor.

Submit a research plan to the AGEC Honors coordinator.

Subsequent Semesters

AGEC 499, Honors Thesis, 1 to 5 credits, each semester, maximum of 6 credits.

The number of credits is determined by the expected semester research effort.

Credits may be used as AGEC electives.

A student will typically complete their research over three semesters.

The student and faculty mentor

Will mutually agree on their goals for each semester.

Have full responsibility for all phases of the research.

Develop a semester plan with milestones

Milestones

1. Problem justification
2. Research objectives
3. Hypothesis
4. Literature review
5. Theory
6. Data collection
7. Empirical model
8. Results
9. Policy implications
10. Conclusions.

Article

Develop a journal quality article.

Submit the article electronically to the AGEC Honors coordinator.

Present an AGEC departmental seminar.

Develop a poster to be displayed within the department.

Consider presentations at college, university, and professional student competitions.

Consider submitting the article for publication to:

Journal of Purdue Undergraduate Research or another professional journal.

Agricultural Economics Purdue University AGEC Honors Program Application

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Circle one: (Home, Work, Cell)

Major:

College credits completed:

Credits completed at Purdue University:

Cum. GPA:

Applicant: _____ *Signature of Applicant* **Date:** _____