A Career in Agribusiness

With the 2+2 agribusiness program available through the partnership of Columbia State and MTSU, you will have the opportunity to acquire skills needed to enter into or expand your presence in the business side of food and fiber.

A few employers of MTSU agribusiness alumni include the following:

- Archer Daniels Midland
- Aviagen
- BWI Inc.
- Cal-Maine Foods
- Crop Production Services
- Dechra Veterinary Products
- Farm Credit Services Mid-America
- Heritage Farms Dairy
- Hubbard
- Jack Daniel’s Distillery
- Koch Foods
- MWI Veterinary Supply
- Pilgrim’s Pride
- Shenandoah Mills
- Tennessee Farmers Co-op
- Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Tennessee Farm Bureau
- Tennessee Pork Producers
- Tennessee Poultry Association
- Tyson Foods
- Drexel Chemical Company
- Middle Tennessee State University

Contact the MTSU agribusiness advisor at Columbia State–Lewisburg to discuss your goals and plan your future in agribusiness.

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Columbia State Community College and Middle Tennessee State University have partnered to give you a way to earn your B.S. in agribusiness at the Columbia State–Lewisburg campus. Agriculture is an important part of the world's economy, and it is especially important to the economy of southern middle Tennessee. Whether you want to learn how to grow and expand your current agricultural operation, open a new agribusiness to serve the surrounding community, or venture into a new learning experience that can open up employment opportunities nationally or internationally, this is the program for you. MTSU's agribusiness program covers a broad range of topics including economics, management, marketing, finance, laws and regulations, policy, food and wine science, and international agriculture.

Columbia State Community College Associate of Science Degree

First, you should complete your Associate of Science degree from Columbia State Community College. Columbia State and MTSU have agreed on the following A.S. agribusiness program to best prepare you to enter into the MTSU B.S. agribusiness program.

Communication (9 hours)
- ENGL 1010 Composition I
- ENGL 1020 Composition II
- SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Speech Communication

Humanities and Fine Arts (choose two, 6 hours)
- ART 1030 Introduction to Visual Arts
- MUS 1030 Music Appreciation
- ARTH 2010, 2020
- PHIL 1030, 2030, 2033
- THEA 1030

Humanities/Fine Arts, Literature Requirement (choose one, 3 hours)
- ENGL 2130 Survey of American Literature
- ENGL 2230 Survey of British Literature
- ENGL 2330 Survey of World Literature

Social/Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)
- ECON 2010 Macroeconomics
- ECON 2020 Microeconomics

History (choose two, 6 hours)
- HIST 2010 Survey of U.S. History I
- HIST 2020 Survey of U.S. History II
- HIST 2030 Tennessee History

Mathematics (6 hours)
- MATH 1530 Elementary Statistics
- MATH 1830 Applied Calculus*

Natural Sciences (8 hours)
- BIOL 1110 General Biology I
- CHEM 1110 General Chemistry I*

Agricultural Courses (12–13 hours)
- AGRI 1010 Introduction to Agricultural Business
- AGRI 1020 Introduction to Animal Science
- AGRI 1030 Introduction to Plant Science
- AGRI Elective

Elective (2–3 hours)

Total: 60 hours

*MTSU does not require that you take calculus or chemistry. MTSU will accept other science and math classes to satisfy these requirements. Be sure to talk with your MTSU agribusiness advisor to learn about what other classes may satisfy these requirements.

Middle Tennessee State University Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness

Once you have completed your A.S. degree, you should begin your B.S. program with MTSU at the Columbia State–Lewisburg campus. The following classes must be taken to earn your MTSU B.S. in agribusiness:

- ABAS 3130, Principles of Agricultural Economics (3 hours)
- ABAS 2210, Introduction to Agricultural Engineering (3 hours)
- ABAS 4150, Agricultural Policy, or ABAS 4190, International Agriculture (3 hours)
- Agribusiness Electives (18 hours)*
- Animal Science Elective (3 hours)
- Plant and Soil Science Elective (3 hours)
- Chosen Minor (15 hours)
- Upper-division Elective (9 hours)
- Elective (3 hours)

Total: 60 hours

Please see the MTSU catalog for a full list of agribusiness electives. Some agribusiness elective courses include Value Added Agriculture (ABAS 3016), Agricultural Price Analysis and Price Management (ABAS 4130), and Agricultural Cooperatives (ABAS 4160).

All classes listed in this program are available at the Columbia State–Lewisburg campus, so you never have to travel to MTSU's main campus to successfully complete this program. Talk to your MTSU agribusiness advisor at Columbia State–Lewisburg to find out more about completing your minor and elective requirements, all of which can be fulfilled through classes offered in Lewisburg or online.

A minor in Communication can be completed at the Lewisburg campus.