



AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSION EDUCATION

Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Students in the Davis College are offered fields of study that complement a wide variety of careers. Programs are constantly being updated to reflect industry trends, and student initiative is strongly encouraged. Advising is conducted by faculty members, promoting mentorship. Many current students and alumni comment on the small-school feel of the Davis College, citing the individual attention from faculty, substantial extracurricular opportunities, and hands-on learning that enhance our academic experience.

The Davis College has 22 undergraduate major fields of study and a growing number of minors in the academic divisions of animal and nutritional sciences, design and merchandising, forestry and natural resources, plant and soil sciences, and resource management. Our programs allow for considerable flexibility, as several offer individual academic tracks depending on student interests and goals.

Instructional facilities and unique settings offer varied learning opportunities for students. The majority of classrooms, laboratories, design studios and offices are located on WVU's Evansdale Campus. The College also maintains eight farms, a campus greenhouse, and more than 8,000 acres of forest land for teaching and research. Hands-on experiences, service learning, undergraduate research and study abroad are strongly encouraged for students in every program.

The Agricultural and Extension Education Program prepares students for agricultural teaching, extension, production, and technical agriculture positions, or other professional employment in government, industry, or entrepreneurship where competence in communications and leadership are required. Each student has the opportunity to choose one of two areas of emphasis—*agriculture teacher education* or *extension, leadership, and communication*.

Program Admission and Curriculum

Students who meet University admission requirements may be accepted directly into the Davis College as Agricultural and Extension Education majors. To earn a bachelor's degree, all students must complete 128 credit hours, including the General Education Curriculum required by the University.

All Agricultural and Extension Education students are required to take courses in agronomy, agricultural economics, animal and nutritional sciences, and plant and soil sciences. In addition to those courses students emphasizing *extension, leadership, and communication* must also take courses in adult agricultural and natural resources education, extension education methods, journalism, psychology, and professional experience.

The *agriculture teacher education* emphasis requires additional courses in psychology, education, reading, special education, curriculum development, adult agricultural and natural resources education, and methods of teaching agriculture. Those students who intend to teach must complete teacher preparation courses, including student teaching. After successful completion of the teacher preparation program, students are eligible for certification by the West Virginia Department of Education.

Complete course listings and descriptions can be found in the current *WVU Undergraduate Catalog*.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates have found jobs in the fields of extension and teaching, as well as with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Credit, Farm Service Agency, and state and municipal environmental management agencies. Others enter the private sector or become entrepreneurs in farming, agribusiness, and landscaping. Salaries for teaching, extension service, and environmental agency positions range from \$32,000 to \$45,000.



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Majors in the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Agribusiness Management & Rural Development:	B
Agricultural & Extension Education:	B, M
Agricultural & Resource Economics:	M
Agriculture, Forestry, & Consumer Sciences:	M
Agroecology:	B
Agronomy:	B, M
Animal & Food Science:	D
Animal & Nutritional Sciences:	B, M
Applied & Environmental Microbiology:	B
Biochemistry:	B
Design Studies:	B
Entomology:	M
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics:	B
Environmental Microbiology:	M
Environmental Protection:	B
Family & Consumer Sciences:	M
Fashion Design & Merchandising:	B
Forest Resources Management:	B
Forest Resources Science:	D
Forestry:	M
Genetics & Developmental Biology:	M, D
Horticulture:	B, M
Human and Community Development:	D
Human Nutrition & Foods:	B
Interior Design:	B
Landscape Architecture:	B
Multidisciplinary Studies:	B
Natural Resource Economics:	D
Plant & Soil Sciences:	D
Plant Pathology:	M
Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Resources:	B, M
Reproductive Physiology:	M, D
Resource Management:	D
Soil Science:	B
Wildlife & Fisheries Resources:	B, M
Wood Science & Technology:	B

B = Bachelor's; M = Master's; D = Doctorate

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