

Degree Requirements: Students entering 2023-2024 AY and later**ISU Requirements**

7 crs.

Crs. Term
Earned

		Crs.	Term Earned
Engl 150	Critical Thinking and Communication	3	
Engl 250	Written, Oral, Visual, & Electronic Communications	3	
Lib 160	Information Literacy	1	
MET	U.S. Diversity. <i>Filled with major req. Soc 350</i> http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/div-ip-guide/usdiversity-courses	3	--
MET	International Perspectives. <i>Filled with major req. Soc 348 or 382</i> http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/div-ip-guide/IntlPerspectives-current	3	--

CALS Requirements11 crs. *Math & Physical Sciences* <https://www.cals.iastate.edu/content/math-statistics-and-physical-sciences>

	Mathematics <i>Choose one course from Math 140, 143, 145, 150, 151, 160, 165</i>	3	
Stat 101 or Stat 104	Principles of Statistics or Intro to Statistics	3	
	Physical Sciences <i>Example 3+ cr. courses: Mteor 206 (3cr), Geol 100+100L (4cr), Geol 102+102L (4cr), Chem 163+163L (5cr). Example 1 cr. courses: Astro 102, 103, Geol 105, 111.</i>	5	

3 crs. *Life Sciences* <https://www.cals.iastate.edu/student-services/life-science>

	Biology <i>Choose one course from Biol 101, 211, 212, 251</i>	3	
MET	Life Science Elective. <i>Filled with major req. Agron 181</i>	3	--

6 crs. *Ethics, Humanities, Social Sciences, Communications*

MET	Ethics. <i>Filled with major req. Soc 325</i> https://www.cals.iastate.edu/student-services/ethics	3	--
	Humanities https://www.cals.iastate.edu/student-services/humanities	3	
MET	Social Sciences. <i>Filled with major req. Soc 230</i> https://www.cals.iastate.edu/student-services/social-sciences	3	--
AgEdS 311 or ComSt 214	Presentation & Sales Strategies for Agricultural Audiences or Professional Communication <i>(Sp Cm 212 is also acceptable)</i>	3	

For more information

<http://smalltowns.soc.iastate.edu/AgPolicy>

Major Requirements

37 crs. Agricultural and Rural Policy Studies Core

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		Crs.	Term Earned
Soc 110	Orientation in Agricultural and Rural Policy Studies	1	
Soc 230	Rural America in Transition	3	
Soc 262	Data Discovery and Civic Engagement	3	
Soc 264	Facilitation of Public Issues in Agriculture	3	
Soc 325	Agriculture in Transition	3	
Soc 348	Global Poverty, Resources & Sustainable Development	3	
Soc 350	Human Diversity in Agriculture and the Food System	3	
Soc 382	Environmental Sociology	3	
Soc 415	Agri-food Policy and Social Change	3	
Soc 433	Strategies for Rural Resiliency and Vitality	3	
Soc 444	Sociology of Food and Agricultural Systems	3	
AgEdS 315 or Pol S 475	Personal, Professional, Entrepreneurial Leadership in Agriculture or Management in the Public Sector	3	
	Advanced Communications Choose one course from Engl 302, 309, or AgEdS 327	3	

12 crs. Social Science Foundation

Econ 101	Principles of Microeconomics	3	
Econ 235	Intro to Agricultural Markets	3	
Pol S _____	One of Pol S 335 (Science, Tech. & Policy), Pol S 344 (Public Policy), Pol S 383 (Environmental Politics & Policy), or other approved Pol S course	3	
AgEdS 451	Agricultural Law	3	

11 crs. Agricultural Science Foundation

Agron 180	Global Agriculture in a Changing World	3	
Agron 181	Intro to Crop Science	3	
An S 114	Survey of the Animal Industry	2	
FS HN 242 or Agron 342	The US Food System or World Food Issues: Past & Present	3	

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Specialization and Electives

33 crs. Minor, Co-Major, and Electives.

Crs.

Required Minor or co-Major (see list): _____	15
<i>Minors: 9 crs. must stand alone; 6 crs. must be at 300 or higher.</i>	

2 nd minor, co-major credits, or open electives	18
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Elective courses in ag policy include ...

- Soc 220 Globalization and Sustainability
- Soc 310 Community
- Soc 334 Politics and Society
- Soc 345 Population and Society
- Soc 362 Applied Ethics in Agricultural and Rural Development
- Soc 411 Social Change in Developing Countries
- Soc 470X Agricultural and Rural Policy Internship (3-9 crs., S/F grading)
- Soc 482X Issues in Agricultural and Rural Policy
- Soc 509 Agroecosystems Analysis

120

TOTAL CREDITS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION

Minimum of 120 non-duplicative credits needed to graduate.

Only 65 crs. may be transferred from two-year institutions (may include 16 technical crs.).

Last 32 crs. must be completed at ISU, with certain exemptions (e.g. study abroad).

Only 9 crs. of 490 courses (independent study) may count for graduation.

Only 9 crs. of open electives can be graded P-NP.

Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

Specialization Areas

Chose ONE of the following options: (1) up to two minors; OR (2) one co-major.

List of minors: <https://catalog.iastate.edu/collegescurricula/#undergraduateminorstext>

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	Minor		Co-Major		Minor		Co-Major
	1 st	2 nd			1 st	2 nd	
Recommended Areas				Environment and Sustainability			
Agricultural Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ag & Life Sci Educ – Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--
Community & Regional Planning	--	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food and Nutrition			
Global Resource Systems	--	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--
Political Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food and Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--
Sociology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--
Agriculture				Communications			
Agricultural Studies	--	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal / Dairy / Meat Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Journalism & Mass Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agronomy / Seed Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diversity and Urban Studies			
Horticulture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	African & African American Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--
International				American Indian Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--
Global Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--	U.S. Latino Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--
International Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--
International Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Women & Gender Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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