



AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (PHD)

Agricultural economics applies principles of economics and econometrics to the analysis of issues related to the production, marketing, distribution, and consumption of food and the supporting natural and human resource systems.

Description

The STEM-certified agricultural economics program at Nebraska provides a foundation for professional problem solving through courses in production economics, agricultural industrial organization, international agricultural trade, agricultural development, natural resource economics, and agribusiness. Cooperation with the Departments of Economics and Statistics and the College of Business provides excellent opportunities for supplementing and complementing the courses offered through the Department of Agricultural Economics.

The broad base of the educational program supports diverse career opportunities in areas such as private, university and government research, business management, loan analysis, consulting, agricultural production, and college-level education. Graduates are employed by businesses, governments, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions around the globe.

Program-Related Information

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Program Website

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Applying for Admission

Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.
If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.

When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.

- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

Additional requirements specific to this program

- Entrance exam(s): GRE (<http://www.ets.org/gre/>) is not required but strongly recommended for students seeking an assistantship.
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Personal Statement: This statement should describe your goals and your reasons for pursuing this degree in three pages or less.
- Writing Sample (optional)
- Coursework Form: Prerequisite Worksheet for Ag Econ (PhD) (https://graduate.unl.edu/sites/unl.edu/executive-vice-chancellor/graduate-studies/files/media/file/Courses_AECN-PHD.pdf).
- Faculty (optional): Identify up to three faculty members that you are interested in working with. This information will help match admitted students with advisors and funding opportunities.
- Three letters of recommendation

Admission Application Deadlines

For financial consideration (<https://agecon.unl.edu/assistantships/>), apply by December 31 for Fall. *Unless there are extenuating circumstances, applications are only accepted for a fall semester start due to the timing of core coursework.*

Requirements

Hours required: 90