# Agriculture Education *and* Advocacy

### From Classrooms to Boardrooms

This degree will allow you to develop the skills and knowledge needed to create curriculum, training materials, advocacy campaigns, and communicate content in a variety of settings. Our program provides students with a practical international experience, multicultural training, and is considered a national leader in multiculturalism and multicultural education. The Agricultural Education courseload will help you become an agriculture advocate equipped with more than 200 hours of educating experience and a license in agricultural education.

Students will choose from three focus areas:

### **Agricultural Industrial Education**

focuses on the training industry within corporate agriculture companies

Agricultural Service and Advocacy Education focuses on building public support and/or global service toward an agricultural need

### Agricultural Teacher Education (ATE)

focuses on 5th to 12th grade teacher certification in agricultural science education

### CAREERS

This multidisciplinary degree will prepare you for a variety of opportunities. Potential career paths may include:

### High School Educators<sup>2</sup>

develop academic lessons and various skills that learners will need to attend college and to enter the job market 2019 Median Pay: \$61,660

#### Training and Development Managers<sup>2</sup>

oversee staff, plan and coordinate programs to enhance the knowledge and skills of an organization's employees 2019 Median Pay: \$113,350 Ten-Year Job Outlook: 8% (faster than average)

Sales Managers<sup>2</sup> direct organizations' sales teams 2019 Median Pay: \$126,640

### Advocacy Directors<sup>3</sup>

advocate for programs, funding, and proper legislation in order to maintain positive overall public health 2020 Median Pay: \$50,815

<sup>1</sup> National Agricultural Education Supply & Demand Study, 2018 Executive Summary

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook www.bls.gov/ooh/

<sup>3</sup> Glassdoor.com, 2020



graduates obtain a career working in Agribusiness and Industry<sup>1</sup>

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Our students participate in a plethora of service learning projects such as the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Field Day which attracts an average of 2,000 middle and high school youth. The variety and quality of our service-learning opportunities landed the Agricultural Education program to be recognized at the National ATA Convention as the best undergraduate program in the nation three of the last four years.



### **Agricultural Education** graduates don't just receive a degree.

On top of gaining real educating experience in a classroom setting, learning how to adapt to formal and non-formal educational settings, and achieving proficiency in a variety of teaching methods, graduates attain their Rank III teaching certification in Agricultural Education.











## **ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS**

#### National Association of Agricultural Educators

provide agricultural education for the global community through leadership advocacy and service

### Agricultural **Education Society**

for students who are passionate about sharing the story of agriculture and serving affiliated youth organizations

### **Collegiate Farm Bureau**

develop leadership abilities while learning about agricultural issues, philosophy and public policy.

### HIGHLIGHTED COURSES

Many of our students obtain a minor in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment because our program requires over 60 hours of coursework in various agricultural subject areas including animal science, plant science, economics and agriculture mechanics.

### AED 362: Field Experiences in **Career and Technical** Education

Students gain supervised experiences in schools and other agencies through observations, participation, field trips, inspection of programs, and professional organizations.

### **AED 580:** Foundations of **Teaching Career and Technical Education**

This course is a multicultural approach on the foundation of understanding the educator and the consumer of information being delivered in order for cultural autonomy to be gained.

### AED 586: Methods of Teaching Career and Technical Education

Students work towards developing educating competencies with emphasis on discussion, demonstration, problem-solving, cooperative learning, service learning methods.

Photo 1: Graduate receiving her diploma on stage Photo 2: Group of graduates at the 2019 UK Commencement Photo 3: Ag Ed student with learning materials in the classroom Photo 4: Incoming Ag Ed students for the Class of 2023 Photo 5: UK Ag Ed students at the 2019 National FFA Organization Convention