

AGRIBUSINESS AGRONOMY TECHNICIAN

Technical Diploma

Program Code: 31-006-4

Total Credits: 26

Students in Mid-State's Agribusiness Agronomy Technician program gain a deep understanding of the science and technology of using plants as a source of food. They also acquire the specialized skills needed for precision agriculture applications and regulatory requirements. The program will prepare you to use the latest technology to help farmers yield maximum production from the land. You'll also get hands-on experience producing a crop, keeping pests away, making soil more fertile, marketing commodities, and managing a farm.

Estimated tuition and fees: mstc.edu/programcosts

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715.422.5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit **mstc.edu/advising**.

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This section will be completed when meeting with your academic advisor.

- ☐ FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
- ☐ Financial Aid Form(s)

Form(s): _____

☐ Follow-Up Appointment:

Where: _____

When:_____ With:

Official TranscriptsMid-State Technical College

Student Services Assistant 1001 Centerpoint Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481

☐ Other:_____

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Certificate • 5 Credits

AGRONOMY EQUIPMENT BASICS

Certificate • 5 Credits

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Certificate • 8 Credits

INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURE TOPICS

Certificate • 10 Credits

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Start Your Career

- Grower
- Field Worker
- Irrigator

FARM OPERATION

Technical Diploma • 27 Credits

Start Your Career

- Production Agriculturalist
- Herdsperson
- · Livestock Breeder



AGRIBUSINESS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) • 61-62 Credits

Start Your Career

- · Agronomy Technician
- Herdsperson
- Production Agriculture Manager



BACHELOR'S DEGREE OPTIONS

Arizona State University, Bellevue University, Colorado State University Global, Concordia University, Franklin University, Grand Canyon University (GCU), Lakeland University, Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), Mount Mary University (MMU), Northern Michigan University, University of Phoenix, UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield, UW-Stout, UW-Whitewater, Western Governor's University, and Wisconsin Private-Nonprofit Universities/Colleges.

For more information and additional opportunities, visit mstc.edu/transfer.



RELATED PROGRAMS

· Arborist Technician

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as an Agribusiness Agronomy Technician graduate, to be able to:

- Develop a crop management plan.
- · Apply relevant technologies.
- Investigate opportunities in agribusiness.
- Interact as a professional in agribusiness.
- Apply economic and marketing strategies to agribusiness industry.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure program outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Students are notified of TSA reporting in the Principles of Crop Management course.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The GPS for Student Success course is required for all Mid-State program students and is recommended to be completed before obtaining 12 credits. (Not counted in the total credit value for this program.) Some students are exempt from this requirement. Please see your program advisor for more information.

GPS for Student Success & 108901021 credit

Integrate necessary skills for student success by developing an academic plan, identifying interpersonal attributes for success, adopting efficient and effective learning strategies, and utilizing Mid-State resources, policies, and processes. This course is recommended to be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits and is a graduation requirement unless you receive an exemption from your program advisor.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum Accuplacer scores.

College Reading and Writing 1

108311043 credits

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra

108341093 credits

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

Prerequisite: Accuplacer Math score of 65, Accuplacer Algebra score of 30, ABE Math Prep V 76854785 and ABE Math Prep VI 76854786 with a grade of "S." (Note: ABE Math Prep V and VI courses cannot be used to satisfy program completion requirements at Mid-State.)

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Term		13 credits
10090101	Agriculture Business Management	3
10091103	Animal Nutrition	4
10093102	Intro to Precision Agriculture	3
10093104	Principles of Crop Management	3
Term		13 credits
10006101	Agricultural Computations	3
1006007	Agriculture Internship	2
10070103	Basic Agriculture Electrical, Mechani	cal,
	and Irrigation	3
10080105	Intro to Soil Science	3
10093101	Integrated Pest Management 🗹	2
	Total	credits 26

SAMPLE PART-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Term 10091103 10093102	Animal Nutrition	7 credits 4 3
Term 10006101 10080105	Agricultural Computations	5 credits 3 3
Term 10090101 10093104	Agriculture Business Management Principles of Crop Management	5 credits 3 3
Term 1006007 10070103 10093101	Agriculture Internship Basic Agriculture Electrical, Mechanicand Irrigation Integrated Pest Management	7 credits 2 al, 3 2
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This course has options available to receive credit for prior learning (CPL) or work experience. Visit the website at mstc.edu/cpl or contact your advisor for details.

Please Note:

- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to **mstc.edu/schedule**.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Agricultural Computations

10006101.....3 credits

Deals with the application of quantitative tools to support agribusiness management decisions. These management decisions are executed using spreadsheet and data analysis (e.g., Microsoft Excel) while using elementary mathematical tools in an agricultural economics context. This course is designed to prepare students for upper-level agribusiness courses as well as real-world situations in agriculture.

Agriculture Business Management 10090101......3 credits

Examines the farm business as a complex set of enterprises that all need to be managed effectively to be successful and sustainable. Students learn to develop a business plan, set short- and long-term goals, identify and implement alternatives for reaching goals. Includes strategies and tools to monitor success. Students also learn to organize and maintain farm business records as well as how to interpret and analyze the records to make sound farm management decisions.

Agriculture Internship 10060072 credits

This course provides an opportunity for students to apply concepts of agribusiness classroom study with specific off-campus real-life agricultural experiences at local employers. An organized plan of experiences built around agriculture competencies is planned, supervised, and evaluated by the instructor and cooperating business supervisor.

Prerequisites: Admission to the Agribusiness and Science

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Animal Nutrition

10091103 4 credits

Includes classification and function of nutrients, deficiency symptoms, characterization of feedstuffs, and formulation of diets for domestic animals. They are also able to successfully understand the digestive processes of monogastric and ruminant animals.

Basic Agriculture Electrical, Mechanical, and Irrigation

100701033 credits

Students learn the fundamentals of electrical and irrigation systems related to agricultural equipment and facilities. Electrical topics discussed include safety precautions, Ohm's law, generators, batteries, electric motors, water heaters, overcurrent protection, conductor sizing, and national electrical code requirements. Irrigation topics include an introduction to irrigation systems which includes the study of systems design, pump selection and repair, safety controls, power units, power requirements, power distribution, and basic electrical concepts of irrigation systems.

Integrated Pest Management 🗹

10093101.....2 credits

An effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management. Learners explore various approaches in integrated pest management (IPM) and gather information on the life cycles of pests and their interactions with the environment. This information in combination with available pest control methods are used to identify the most economical pest management options, with the least possible hazard to people, property, and environment.

Intro to Precision Agriculture

100931023 credits

Explores agricultural applications of GPS, yield monitoring systems, and mapping. Students learn to interpret maps generated by precision agriculture equipment. Learners experience setup, calibration and operation of equipment/software designed to support the production crop industry.

Intro to Soil Science

100801053 credits

Designed to provide students with fundamental knowledge of soil and soil composition. Includes study of soil types, formation factors, physical properties, biological properties, and basic soil chemistry. Units covering tillage, conservation, pH, soil management, plant nutrients, and fertilizer sources are also included. Students gain the skills required to interpret soil test reports and soil survey maps and recognize qualities of various soil types. Students perform soil sampling, residue measurements, compaction assessments, and soil loss determinations per crop rotation guidelines.

Principles of Crop Management

100931043 credits

The basic principles and concepts of sound agronomic practices are discussed for corn, soybeans, small grains, and forage crops grown in Wisconsin. All sound agronomy practices are emphasized for each crop area as it relates to cultural and other specific inputs of crop production, environmental factors, and sustainable systems.