

# Agribusiness

## THE PROGRAM

Agribusiness is the economic sector that includes all agriculture and agriculture-related commercial endeavors. Agribusiness includes all the steps required to produce an agricultural goods – whether crop or livestock – and send it to market: production, processing, and distribution, both across the country and around the world. Agriculture plays an integral role in the overall economy of the U.S. contributing significantly to GDP and import-export balance.

The Agribusiness Program at Kishwaukee College prepares students with the solid foundation of coursework and hands-on experience to prepare them for any position in agribusiness. From short-term certificates to degrees that lead directly into the workforce or can transfer for a continuation toward a four-year agribusiness degree, the programs at Kish are a great place for students interested in combining agriculture with the drive to enter a professional business career.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With an emphasis in Precision Agriculture and Agriculture Management skills, the Kish College Agribusiness Program prepares students for careers in all levels of agribusiness, including: Farm Management, Custom Applicator, USDA employee, Sales Representative, Livestock Manager, Insurance Representative and more. The agribusiness fields are growing steadily across the area and the employment outlook is strong.

## FOUNDATIONS OF AGRIBUSINESS

### Curriculum No. 425

A certificate program designed for students to explore the agribusiness field of study. This certificate provides students with foundation knowledge in Agribusiness and prepares them for entry-level positions and/or the opportunity to continue education in agribusiness. Requires 25 credit hours. Gainful employment information for certificates in the Agribusiness program can be found at [www.kish.edu/agribusiness](http://www.kish.edu/agribusiness).

### ONE YEAR PROGRAM

#### Fall Semester

AGT 100	Orientation Agricultural Careers	(1)
AGT 140	Introduction to Animal Science	(4)
AGT 210	Introduction to Crop Science	(4)
AGT 215	Introduction to Soils & Fertilizers	(4)

#### Spring Semester

ACC 108	Business Accounting	(3)
AGT 170	Intro to Agricultural Mechanization	(3)
BUS 101	Introduction to Business	(3)
MM 269	Entrepreneurship	(3)

## PRECISION AGRICULTURE

### Curriculum No. 447

A certificate program designed for students to explore the applications of precision technology in agricultural crop production. Students will gain valuable skills related to agricultural processes, crop science, soil and fertility testing, equipment design and operation, and the applications of hardware and software necessary for success in a number of career pathways related to the current and future agribusiness environment. Requires 27 credit hours. Gainful employment information for certificates in the Agribusiness program can be found at [www.kish.edu/agribusiness](http://www.kish.edu/agribusiness).

### ONE YEAR PROGRAM

#### Fall Semester

AGR 112	Intro to Precision Agriculture	(3)
AGR 116	Precision Ag Equipment	(3)
AGT 100	Orientation Agricultural Careers	(1)
AGT 210	Introduction to Crop Science	(4)
AGT 215	Introduction to Soils & Fertilizers	(4)

#### Spring Semester

AGR 204	Integrated Precision Agriculture	(3)
AGT 170	Intro to Agricultural Mechanization	(3)
BUS 101	Introduction to Business	(3)
	AGR/BUS Elective	(3)

### Additional Sources of Information:

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