

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Agriculture - Teacher Education (114)

The agriculture education concentration will prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in agricultural education and teacher licensure (Grades 9-12) in the state of Illinois.

Transfer Considerations

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program.

Note: All agriculture majors need to be computer literate. You must be able to negotiate an operating system such as Windows or Linux; access the Internet; and use word processing, database and spreadsheet software. CIS 109 recommended for students in need of these skills.

1. The Agricultural education major leads to professional educator license with 9-12 endorsement in the state of Illinois. To teach in Illinois public schools, teachers must be licensed by the state of Illinois. Information regarding Illinois standards for Professional Educator license is available on the Illinois Board of Education Website at www.isbe.net. Per Illinois law, a criminal background investigation will be required on applicants for employment. Students who have questions about this law should seek counseling with SVCC faculty or advising staff early in their program to determine if specific criminal background convictions may have an effect on their participation and eligibility.
2. Completion of AGR 170 is highly recommended. In addition, students are strongly encouraged to choose additional Agriculture core courses.
3. For future agricultural teacher resources, go to www.isbe.net/Pages/Ag-Future-Teachers.aspx

Competitive Admissions

Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

For agriculture teacher education:

1. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale), dependent on the transfer school requirements, is required for program admission.
2. Students will also need to achieve a C or better grade in general education and major coursework.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising 815-835-6354
- Kevin M. Larsen, Assistant Professor of Agriculture 815-835-6279

Minimum Total Credit Hours - 66-69 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 16-18 Hours

- Chemistry with Lab 4-5 Semester hour(s)
- AGR170 - Intro to Agriculture Education (3 Semester Hours)
- EDU105 - Prep for Careers in Education (2 Semester Hours)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- MAT203 - Calculus & Analytic Geometry I (4 Semester Hours)

OR

MAT220 - Finite Mathematics (3 Semester Hours)

OR

MAT221 - Calc for Bus & Soc Science (4 Semester Hours)

OR

MAT240 - Elementary Statistics (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 18 Hours

- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Health and Development 1 Semester hour
- AGR102 - Intro to Agriculture Econom (4 Semester Hours)
- AGR109 - Soil Science (4 Semester Hours)
- ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- PSC163 - Am Government & Politics (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 17-18 Hours

- *EDU Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- ** AGR Electives 4 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- Life Science (BIO) with Lab 4-5 Semester hour(s)
- PSY103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 15 Hours

- *EDU Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- AGR142 - Introduction to Horticulture (3 Semester Hours)
- COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- HIS221 - American History to 1865 (3 Semester Hours)

OR

HIS222 - American History Since 1865 (3 Semester Hours)

Footnotes

- * Choose from EDU 210, 220, 224, 275
- ** Choose from AGR 116, 201