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What can I do with a Major in **Agricultural Studies**?

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The Agricultural Studies Program at the University of Lethbridge

Agricultural Studies is the examination of agriculture from a theoretical and applied perspective. The primary goal of this program is to emphasize the relationships among agriculture, science, and society and to develop an understanding of the social, economic, political, and environmental conditions that affect the agricultural sector. This discipline explores a broad range of topics that affect agriculture and deals with the sector's role in provincial, national, and international society.

In completing this course, students will develop skills in critical and analytical problem-solving and information management. Students will gain in debt knowledge of Agricultural issues, while developing fieldwork and risk assessment techniques.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program pursue subfields of Agricultural Economics or General Studies. Student may also pursue a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Studies.

Skills Developed

- An Aptitude for Social Science & Agriculture
- Detail Oriented
- Observant
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Work Independently
- Teamwork
- Self-Motivated
- Organizational
- Leadership
- Research
- Critical Thinking
- Long-Term Planning
- Computer Knowledge
- Meet Deadlines
- Logical Thinking
- Interpret Facts & Figures
- Accuracy and Precision

Work Environments

Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts program may pursue careers in a wide range of sectors and industries such as farm commodity, marketing services, animal and plant production management, resource economy, trade development, private or public agri-business consultation, and agronomy land industries.

Key Areas of Specialization:
Marketing Services (Farm Commodity), Production Management (Animal and Plant), Resource Economy, Trade Development, Agribusiness Consultation, Agronomy, Land Industries

Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require *some* related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not *require* experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Agriculture Services Associate
- Agriculture/Environmental Project & Extention Coordinator
- Associate Grain Marketing Advisor
- Associate Production Supervisor
- Development & Licensing Associate
- Field Trail Compliance Associate
- Production Intern
- Research & Development Clerk
- Research Associate
- Seed Production Trainee
- Summer Production Assistant
- Vegetation Coordinator
- Vegetation Crew Leader
- Vegetation Management Field Assistant

Note: The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Agricultural Branch Manager
- Agricultural Consultant Banker
- Agricultural Extension Agent
- Agricultural/Farm Equipment Technician
- Agricultural Journalist
- Agricultural Manager
- Agricultural Operation Manager
- Agronomy Account Manager
- Agronomy Plant Opertations Manager
- Agronomy Regional Sales Manager
- Agronomy Sales
- Aquaculture Manager
- Application Support Specialist
- Assistant Plant Manager
- Assistant Precision Agricultural Specialist
- Associate Production Planner
- Breed to Wean Section Manager
- Commodity Sourcing/ Planning Specialist
- Crop & Livestock Manager
- Custom Applicator (fertilizer, pesticide)
- Dairy Producer
- Dairy Product Plant Manager
- Documentation Specialist
- Economist
- Environmental Economist
- Farm Management Advisor
- Farm Manager
- Feed Sales
- Field Trial Coordinator
- Food Product Development Manager
- Forestry Field Person
- General Agricultural Business Manager
- Grain Buyer
- Grain Elevator Manager
- Grain Risk Management Specialist
- Instructor/Teacher
- International Agriculture Officer
- International Trade Manager
- Irrigation Technician
- Land Agent
- Land Surveyor
- Livestock and Poultry Producer
- Manager/Supervisors of Agriculture Crop & Horticultural Workers
- Master Production Scheduler
- Nursery Greenhouse Manager
- Patent Administrator
- Product Delivery Customer Advocate
- Product Manager
- Production Coordinator
- Project Leader
- Process Specialist
- Purchasing Agent (Farm Products)
- Quality Assurence Auditor

- Seed Production Agronomist
- Seed Production Specialist
- Seed Production Technician
- Senior Sales Agronomist
- Soil Conservationist
- Soil Services (Sales & Sampling)
- Tree Care Specialist
- University Professor
- Water Treatment Plant Operator

Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their career three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Administrative Assistant
- Administrative Services Managers
- Assistant Branch Manager
- Auctioneer
- Audit Services
- Broadcast News Analysts
- Business Controller
- Business Insight & Analytics Manager
- Business Manager
- Canning & Freezing Plant Manager
- Cartographer
- Clinical Coordinator
- Conservation Officer
- Container Manufacturer
- Data Administrator
- District Sales (Agricultural)
- Ecologist
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Planner
- Exploration Geophysicist
- Geological & Geophysical Technologist
- Geologist
- GIS Specalist
- Grove/Ranch Manager
- Grow Finish Service Manager
- Information Officer
- Hydrometric Technician & Technologist
- Loan Officer/Credit Officer
- Location Manager
- Manager of Market Operations
- Management Analysts
- Management Consultant
- Manufacturer (Fishing Nets)
- Manufacturing Technician
- Market Research Analyst
- Marketing Advisors
- Marketing Assistant
- Operation Research Analyst
- Pricing Data Analyst
- Pricing Officer/Manager
- Private Investigator
- Programmer Analyst
- Public Administration
- Regional Business Development Manager
- Sales Agent
- Sales Consultants
- Sales Representatives
- Senior Buyer/Planner
- Senior Chemist
- State Affairs Manager
- Statistician
- Surveyors
- Vineyard Manager
- Water & Wastewater Operator

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Agricultural Studies and its career opportunities.

Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development's Green Certificate
http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/greencertificate

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
http://esrd.alberta.ca/

Industrial Vegetation Management Association of Alberta (IVMAA)
http://www.ivmaa.com

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca

Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA)
http://www.albertaagrologists.ca

Agriculture Institute of Canada (AIC)
http://www.aic.ca

Canadian Agricultural Economics Society
http://caes.usask.ca/

Canadian Society for Horticultural Science
http://www.cshs.ca

Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council
http://www.cahrc-ccrha.ca/

Canadain Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
http://www.inspection.gc.ca

Canadian Society of Soil Science
http://www.csss.ca

Canadian Society of Agronomy
http://www.agronomycanada.com

4-H-Canada
http://www.4-h-canada.ca/core/

Canadian Seed Growers' Association
http://www.seedgrowers.ca

Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)
http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/

Academic Advising
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising

Native Student Advising
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring
http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/

Accommodated Learning Centre
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/

International Centre for Students
http://www.uleth.ca/international/

Registrar Office & Student Services
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/

Scholarship & Students Finance
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/

U of L Students' Union & Student Clubs
http://www.ulsu.ca/

Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board
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Arts & Science Applied Studies
http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship
http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop

Management Co-op Education
http://www.uleth.ca/management/co-op

Study Abroad & Exchanges
http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study abroad-exchanges

Management Study Abroad & Exchanges
http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad

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