

# Agribusiness Management

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## An Interdisciplinary Program

The Master of Agribusiness Management (M.A.B.M.) program is an interdisciplinary degree between the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Business, and is administered by the Department of Agricultural Economics. The program is designed to prepare students for employment in the management of agribusiness. Graduate coursework for the Starkville campus program may begin only during the Summer semester, while coursework for the online program may begin during the Fall, Spring, or Summer semester. Research assistantships are not available for students in the M.A.B.M. program. Additional information is found at the department's website, [www.agecon.msstate.edu](http://www.agecon.msstate.edu) (<http://www.agecon.msstate.edu/>).

## Admission Criteria

An applicant for admission to graduate study must hold a bachelor's degree from a fully recognized four-year educational institution that has unconditional accreditation with appropriate regional accrediting agencies. He/she must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and the Master of Agribusiness Management Program. Admission is based primarily on past performance, letters of recommendation, and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores. Regular admission to graduate study in the M.A.B.M. program requires a minimum grade point average (last four semesters of undergraduate work) of 3.00/4.00. When a student is deficient in one of the criteria cited, the student's application, nevertheless, may be considered for admission based on the strength of other materials contained in the student's application. However, reasonable minimum levels of performance must be achieved in both the applicant's GPA and GRE or GMAT scores. International applicants not holding degrees from U.S. institutions must submit a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) report of 575 PBT (84 iBT) or an IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems) score of 7.0 or higher to be considered for admission.

## Provisional Admission

An applicant who has not fully met the GPA requirement stipulated by the University may be admitted on a provisional basis. The provisionally-admitted student is eligible for a change to regular status after receiving a 3.00 GPA on the first 9 hours of graduate courses at Mississippi State University (with no grade lower than a C). The first 9 hours of graduate courses must be within the student's program of study. Courses with an S grade, transfer credits, or credits earned while in Unclassified status cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. If a 3.00 is not attained, the provisional student **shall** be dismissed from the graduate program. Academic departments may set higher standards for students to fulfill provisional requirements; a student admitted with provisional status should contact the graduate coordinator for the program's specific requirements. **While in the provisional status, a student is not eligible to hold a graduate assistantship.**

## Academic Performance

Unsatisfactory performance may be defined as the failure to maintain a B average in graduate courses attempted after admission to the program, a grade of U, D, or F in any course, more than two grades below a B, or any other failure of a required component of one's program of study. Any one of these, or any combination of these, may constitute the basis for the termination of a student's graduate study in the program.

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### Prerequisites:

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| ACC 2203<br>or ACC 2013               | Survey of Accounting<br>Principles of Financial Accounting   | 3 |
| BQA 8443<br>or BQA 2113<br>& BQA 3123 | Statistical Analysis for Business Decision-making<br>Business Statistical Methods I<br>and Business Statistical Methods II | 3 |
| EC 4043                               | Survey of Economics  | 3 |
| FIN 3123                              | Financial Management   | 3 |
| MGT 8063                              | Survey of Management   | 3 |

**Total Hours**

**15**

The foundation portion of the program consists of 15 hours that may be satisfied in part or total by prior undergraduate or graduate preparation. In addition, ACC, BQA, and FIN foundation requirements can be satisfied during the MBAMath week offered prior to the beginning of the Summer 1 term.

**Core Requirements**

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| ACC 8213                          | Financial Statement and Management Accounting Report Analysis for Decision Making | 3         |
| AEC 6530                          | Agribusiness Management Internship  | 3         |
| FIN 8113                          | Corporate Finance   | 3         |
| MKT 8153                          | Strategic Marketing Management  | 3         |
| AEC Graduate Courses <sup>1</sup> |   | 9         |
| Approved Electives <sup>2</sup>   |   | 9         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                |   | <b>30</b> |

<sup>1</sup> The student must receive credit for AEC 6113 and AEC 6223 if credit was not earned for these or equivalent courses at the undergraduate level.

<sup>2</sup> The student must receive credit for EC 8103 if credit was not earned for EC 3123 or an equivalent course at the undergraduate level.

**Program of Study/Completion Requirements**

The Master of Agribusiness Management degree program requires a minimum of 31 hours of coursework which includes an internship. M.A.B.M. students must also successfully complete a comprehensive oral examination. At least 15 of the total course credit hours must be at the 8000 level.