

Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Agricultural Engineering Technology and Business (AETB)

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The curriculum in Agricultural Engineering Technology and Business (AETB) is designed to provide students the academic and technical background on the operation and management of current and emerging agricultural production systems, technologies, and businesses. Students gain real-world experience by participating in community-based immersive learning projects or field studies. AETB graduates can find rewarding careers in a variety of agricultural, environmental, and industrial businesses. Technologists focus on managing, operating, and troubleshooting technology systems (rather than engineering design) by applying their knowledge of technology and business applications. This hands-on curriculum teaches students to manage equipment and machinery, biological processes, computers, computer simulations, and other technologies to create and maintain current and new production systems. A Bachelor of Science degree is offered by the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Students may pursue one of four concentrations within AETB:

- a. Precision Agriculture (PRAG)
- b. Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM)
- c. Enterprise Management (EMGT)
- d. Surveying and Geomatics (SGEO)

The concentrations are achieved by completing 36-38 hours of restricted and free electives. PRAG, NREM, and SGEO concentrations provide students a pathway to complete the requirements of the Geospatial and Remote Sensing Minor.

Students are required to earn a "C" or better in all AETB major core courses. Students who plan to attend a community college before transferring to Mississippi State University are strongly encouraged to contact the AETB Undergraduate Coordinator regarding their proposed community college schedule and transfer requirements. A maximum of 12 transfer hours of technical credit from a community college can be applied toward degree requirements. Concentration descriptions and employment opportunities are discussed below.

Internships or co-op experiences are highly encouraged and help students translate their classroom and laboratory experiences into the reality of the business setting.

The primary emphases of the **Natural Resource & Environmental Management** (NREM) concentration are on resource conservation, best management practices, and environmental impacts of human activities on urban and agricultural landscapes.

The **Precision Agriculture** (PRAG) concentration provides students the background and technical skills in current and emerging technologies in decision-based agricultural planning and implementation. Technologies include communication networks, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), Artificial Intelligence (AI), sensors, robotics, and other advanced machinery and often draws on the principles of the Internet of Things (IoT).

The **Enterprise Management** (EMGT) concentration is designed to provide the students the academic and technical training to apply engineering technology in an agricultural enterprise setting.

The **Surveying & Geomatics** (SGEO) concentration provides the students the knowledge and training in property/boundary survey, topographic and construction survey, and control survey. This concentration is designed to provide the necessary prerequisites to begin a three-step process (academic training, supervised surveying experience, testing) to become a registered land surveyor.

Degree Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1104	Expanded English Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Mathematics

MA 1323	Trigonometry	3
MA 1613	Calculus for Business and Life Sciences I	3
or MA 1713	Calculus I	

Science

PH 1113 & PH 1123 or PH 2213 & PH 2223	General Physics I and General Physics II ¹ Physics I and Physics II	6
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Humanities

Select from General Education courses		6
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Fine Arts

Select from General Education courses		3
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Social Science

AEC 2713	Introduction to Food and Resource Economics	3
Select from General Education courses		3

AETB Major Core

ABE 1073	Technology Design I. ¹	3
ABE 1863	Engineering Technology in Agriculture	3
ABE 2873	Land Surveying ¹	3
ABE 3513	The Global Positional System and Geographic Information Systems in Agriculture and Engineering ¹	3
ABE 4263	Soil and Water Management	3
ABE 4383	Building Construction	3
ABE 4473	Electrical Applications for Agriculture	3
ABE 4961	Seminar	1

AETB Science Courses

CH 1043 & CH 1053 & CH 1051 or CH 1213 & CH 1211 & CH 1223 & CH 1221	Survey of Chemistry I and Survey of Chemistry II and Experimental Chemistry Chemistry I and Investigations in Chemistry I and Chemistry II and Investigations in Chemistry II	7-8
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AETB Statistics Requirement ²

BQA 2113 or MA 2113 or ST 2113	Business Statistical Methods I Introduction to Statistics Introduction to Statistics	3 3 3
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AETB Business Courses

ACC 2013	Principles of Financial Accounting ¹	3
ACC 2023	Principles of Managerial Accounting ¹	3
AEC 3133	Introductory Agribusiness Management	3
BL 2413	The Legal Environment of Business ¹	3
MGT 3513	Introduction to Human Resource Management	3

AETB Oral Communication Requirement

CO 1003 or CO 1013	Fundamentals of Public Speaking Introduction to Communication	3
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AETB Writing Requirement

AELC 3203	Professional Writing in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences	3
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Concentration Courses -- see specific lists for courses 30-32

Total hours 122-124

Natural Resource & Environmental Management (NREM) Concentration**Required Concentration Courses**

ADS 1113 & ADS 1121 or BIO 1134	Animal Science and Animal Science Laboratory Biology I	4
PSS 1313	Plant Science	3

or BIO 1023	Plants and Humans	
GR 4303	Principles of GIS	3
PSS 3303	Soils	3
PSS 3301	Soils Laboratory	1

NREM Restricted Electives - choose 9 hours from the following:

ABE 1083	Technology Design II (NREM Restricted Electives - choose 9 hours from the following:)	3
ABE 4313	Biological Treatment of Nonpoint Source Pollutants	3
ABE 4803	Biosystems Simulation	3
GG 3613	Water Resources	3
GR 3113	Conservation of Natural Resources	3
PSS 4333	Soil Conservation and Land Use	3
PSS 4373	Geospatial Agronomic Management	3

NREM Electives - choose 15 hours from the following:

ABE 4483	Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies	3
ABE 4800	Undergraduate Research in Ag & Bio Engineering	13
AEC 3233	Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy	3
AEC 4223	Applied Quantitative Analysis in Agricultural Economics	3
AEC 4233	Environmental Economics	3
AEC 4243	Natural Resource Economics	3
BIO 2503	Environmental Quality	3
BL 4263	Environmental Law	3
FO 4483	Forest Soils	3
GG 3133	Introduction to Environmental Geology	3
GG 4613	Physical Hydrogeology	3
GR 2313	Maps and Remote Sensing	3
GR 4313	Advanced GIS	3
GR 4333	Remote Sensing of the Physical Environment	3
NREC 3213	Environmental Measurements	3
NREC 4313	Spatial Technologies in Natural Resources Management	3
NREC 4353	Natural Resource Law	3
NREC 4463	Forest Hydrology and Watershed Management	3
PSS 4383	Agriculture Remote Sensing I	3
PSS 4393	Agriculture Remote Sensing II	3
PSS 4483	Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies	3
PSS 4733	Ag. Flight Technologies I	3
PSS 4743	Ag. Flight Technologies II	3

Precision Agriculture (PRAG) Concentration**Required Concentration Courses**

ADS 1113 & ADS 1121 or BIO 1134	Animal Science and Animal Science Laboratory Biology I	4
PSS 1313 or BIO 1023	Plant Science Plants and Humans	3
GR 4303	Principles of GIS	3
PSS 3303	Soils	3
PSS 3301	Soils Laboratory	1

PRAG Restricted Electives - choose 9 hours from the following:

ABE 1083	Technology Design II (PRAG Restricted Electives - choose 9 hours from the following:)	3
ABE 2173	Principles of Agricultural and Off-Road Machines	3
ABE 2543	Precision Agriculture I	3

or PSS 2543	Precision Agriculture I	
ABE 4163	Agricultural and Off-Road Machinery Management	3
or PSS 4373	Geospatial Agronomic Management	
PRAG Electives - choose 15 hours from the following:		
ABE 4483	Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies	3
ABE 4543	Precision Agriculture II	3
or PSS 4543	Precision Agriculture II	
ABE 4800	Undergraduate Research in Ag & Bio Engineering	13
AEC 4413	Public Problems of Agriculture	3
FO 4453	Remote Sensing Applications	3
GR 2313	Maps and Remote Sensing	3
GR 3303	Survey of Geospatial Technologies	3
GR 4313	Advanced GIS	3
GR 4323	Cartographic Sciences	3
GR 4333	Remote Sensing of the Physical Environment	3
GR 4343	Advanced Remote Sensing in Geosciences	3
NREC 4313	Spatial Technologies in Natural Resources Management	3
PSS 3133	Introduction to Weed Science	3
PSS 4103	Forage and Pasture Crops	3
PSS 4123	Grain Crops	3
PSS 4133	Fiber and Oilseed Crops	3
PSS 4383	Agriculture Remote Sensing I	3
PSS 4393	Agriculture Remote Sensing II	3
PSS 4483	Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies	3
PSS 4733	Ag. Flight Technologies I	3
PSS 4743	Ag. Flight Technologies II	3
PSS 4813	Herbicide Technology	3

Enterprise Management (EMGT) Concentration

Required Concentration Courses

ADS 1113 & ADS 1121 or BIO 1134	Animal Science and Animal Science Laboratory Biology I	4
PSS 1313 or BIO 1023	Plant Science Plants and Humans	3
GR 4303	Principles of GIS	3
PSS 3303	Soils	3
PSS 3301	Soils Laboratory	1

EMGT Restricted Courses - choose 9 hours from the following: ²

ABE 1083	Technology Design II (EMGT Restricted Courses - choose 9 hours from the following:)	3
ABE 2173	Principles of Agricultural and Off-Road Machines	3
ABE 4163	Agricultural and Off-Road Machinery Management	3
AEC 3113	Introduction to Quantitative Economics	3
EC 2113	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
MGT 3323	Entrepreneurship	3

EMGT Electives - Choose 15 hours from the following;

ABE 4483	Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies	3
ABE 4800	Undergraduate Research in Ag & Bio Engineering	13
ADS 4323	Beef Cattle Science	3
AEC 2223	Introduction to Sustainability Economics	3
AEC 3233	Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy	3

AEC 4113	Agribusiness Firm Management	3
AEC 4213	Ag Finance I	3
AEC 4343	Advanced Farm Management	3
AEC 4413	Public Problems of Agriculture	3
AEC 4623	Global Marketing of Agricultural Product	3
BL 4243	Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship	3
MGT 3113	Principles of Management	3
MGT 3823	Socially Responsible Leadership	3
PO 4334	Broiler Production	4
PSS 4103	Forage and Pasture Crops	3
PSS 4123	Grain Crops	3
PSS 4133	Fiber and Oilseed Crops	3

Surveying & Geomatics (SGEO) Concentration

Required Concentration Courses

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
CE 2213	Surveying ¹	3
CE 4233	Control Surveys	3
CE 4243	Land Surveys ¹	3
GR 4303	Principles of GIS	3

SGEO Restricted Elective

ABE 1083 or EG 1143	Technology Design II Graphic Communication	3
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SGEO Electives - choose 18 hours from the following: ²

ABE 4483	Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies (SGEO Electives - choose 18 hours from the following:)	3
ABE 4800	Undergraduate Research in Ag & Bio Engineering	13
BL 4243	Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship	3
BL 4333	Real Estate Law ¹	3
FO 4453	Remote Sensing Applications	3
GR 2313	Maps and Remote Sensing	3
GR 3303	Survey of Geospatial Technologies	3
GR 4313	Advanced GIS	3
GR 4323	Cartographic Sciences	3
GR 4333	Remote Sensing of the Physical Environment	3
GR 4363	Geographic Information Systems Programming	3
MGT 3323	Entrepreneurship	3
NREC 4463	Forest Hydrology and Watershed Management	3
PSS 4383	Agriculture Remote Sensing I	3
PSS 4393	Agriculture Remote Sensing II	3
PSS 4483	Introduction to Remote Sensing Technologies	3
PSS 4733	Ag. Flight Technologies I	3
PSS 4743	Ag. Flight Technologies II	3
REF 3333	Principles of Real Estate	3