The Farm & Industry Short Course (FISC) (http://fisc.cals.wisc.edu) is a 16-week, hands-on education for people who want to develop or expand the skills needed to work in production agriculture. The University of Wisconsin—Madison has offered the program for over a century and provided opportunities for generations of farmers to expand their career options. The credits earned are eligible for transfer to many four-year universities.

Classes begin in late fall and end in early spring—timed to coordinate with the nongrowing season in the Midwest. Courses are offered in the areas of soils, crops, dairy, meat animals, agricultural engineering, farm business planning, agribusiness, human relations, and communications. Students in their first year will earn a Certificate in Foundations of Farm Management (http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/shortcourse/foundations-farm-management-certificate). This certificate serves as a prerequisite to returning for a second year to earn a certificate in one of the more specialized areas listed below.

Participants are UW–Madison students in University Special student status. They live on campus, enjoy all the benefits of being a UW–Madison student, and are encouraged to participate in campus groups, committees, and clubs—as well as athletic, social, and alumni events. A scholarship program is available. Current tuition, housing, and other fees are listed on the FISC webpage. (https://fisc.cals.wisc.edu/prospective-students/tuition-housing-other-fees)

- Dairy Farm Management, Certificate (http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/shortcourse/dairy-farm-management-certificate)
- Farm and Equipment Operations, Certificate (http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/shortcourse/farm-equipment-operations-certificate)