

# AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS, B.S.

## WISCONSIN EXPERIENCE

### CAPSTONE

Students with a major in agricultural and applied economics (AAE) must all complete the senior capstone requirement. For our majors, the capstone is a specific class which offers students the opportunity to work in a group with other students in their area of interest to produce a final project and present it to their fellow students and AAE faculty. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate how the concepts they have learned in their AAE classes are applied to real-world situations.

### STUDY ABROAD

Many students with a major in agricultural and applied economics choose to study abroad. Study abroad programs offer students the opportunity to gain an international perspective and can prepare students to participate in today's global economy. International Academic Programs (IAP) (<https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/>) serves as the primary study abroad office on campus, offering over 200 programs in over 60 countries around the world. IAP program offerings, available to all majors, range from short-term, faculty-led opportunities to intensive language study, internships, a semester or a year at a university overseas, service learning, and programs with special themes. There are also international programs offered through the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) (<https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-students/studyabroad/>). Study abroad programs in CALS cover a variety of content areas such as sustainable development, food systems, agriculture, health and wellness, and community and economic development.

### RENK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Agricultural and applied economics majors are eligible to apply for the Renk Scholarship Program (<https://renk.aae.wisc.edu/renk-scholarship/>), which can provide scholarships for up to three years. The Renk Scholarship Program is part of the Renk Agribusiness Institute (<https://renk.aae.wisc.edu/>) and emphasizes leadership in contemporary agricultural issues and activities linked to agribusiness.

### INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students in the agricultural and applied economics major may have the opportunity to work with an AAE faculty member on an independent study project. They will work with one of our faculty and engage in independent reading and research for credit. Students will have the opportunity to experience the excitement and frustrations of doing research, while learning techniques that might prove useful in future projects.