FERGUSON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

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The Ferguson College of Agriculture is the academic unit of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and offers outstanding undergraduate and graduate programs that are recognized at the state, regional, national and international levels. In collaboration with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, the Ferguson College of Agriculture faculty provide great breadth and exceptional quality in teaching, advising, research, extension and service.

The Ferguson College of Agriculture values hands-on instruction and a well-rounded student experience. The college’s award-winning faculty members are dedicated to developing students and passionate about adding value to the total educational experience. The college’s academic programs prepare students to analyze information, communicate effectively, think critically, solve problems and assume leadership roles in their respective fields of study. Students also receive a solid general education in communications, humanities and social sciences.

Students in our college have a broad set of non-agricultural and traditional agricultural experiences. They come from urban cities and rural communities. Our students may be first-generation, legacy, in-state, out-of-state or international students. This diversity of perspective and background adds strength to the college experience for all students.

Career opportunities in agricultural sciences and natural resources are also diverse. The college’s majors include traditional agricultural and natural resource disciplines such as animal and food sciences, agricultural business, soil science, range science, horticulture, entomology and agricultural education, in addition to distinctive areas such as plant and animal biotechnology, food safety, natural resource management, agricultural communications, and agricultural systems technology. Programs in the Ferguson College of Agriculture also include many fields not commonly associated with agriculture such as landscape architecture, turf management, biochemistry and molecular biology, environmental science, leadership, pre-law and pre-medical sciences. Active international programs, including study abroad opportunities, are available to students in every Ferguson College of Agriculture major and add a unique dimension to the college experience.

Accreditation
Agricultural sciences and natural resources include broad and diverse professions and do not have a single accrediting society as do some other professions. Programs in agricultural education, biochemistry and molecular biology, biosystems engineering, forest ecology and management, and landscape architecture are accredited by their professional organizations.

Academic Programs
Undergraduate Programs
The Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources degree is offered in the following major fields of study: agribusiness, agricultural communications, agricultural economics, agricultural education, agricultural leadership, agricultural systems technology, animal science, biochemistry and molecular biology, entomology, environmental sciences, food science, horticulture, natural resource ecology and management, and plant and soil sciences. The Bachelor of Landscape Architecture is also offered in the Ferguson College of Agriculture. The biosystems engineering degree program is jointly administered by the Ferguson College of Agriculture and the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology (Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering). Every major must meet the College/Departmental requirements for the Ferguson College of Agriculture. In addition to undergraduate majors, most of the college’s departments offer one or more minors. The requirements for the minors are available from the department offering the specified minor. The college also offers undergraduate certificate programs in equine enterprise management and in food security.

Graduate Programs
Graduate study is available in all of the Ferguson College of Agriculture academic departments and in the multidisciplinary international agriculture and food science programs. In addition to the Master of Agriculture and Master of Science degrees that may be obtained through several departments, the Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD) may be earned in the following areas: agricultural economics, agricultural education, biosystems engineering, animal science, biochemistry and molecular biology, crop science, entomology, food science, plant pathology, soil science, natural resource ecology and management and in horticulture through interdisciplinary programs in crop science, environmental science and plant science.

High School Preparation and Admission Requirements
The high school preparation and admission requirements for the College are the same as the general University requirements. The undergraduate biosystems engineering degree includes additional enrollment requirements which are described in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology section of this catalog.

Transfer Students
Students who transfer from an accredited college or two-year college must meet the general University admission requirements. All transferred courses are recorded on the OSU transcript; however, a minimum of 60 credit hours must be earned at a senior college (baccalaureate degree-granting institution) to meet the College’s degree requirements. Credits
will be accepted by transfer from a community college to meet lower-division (i.e., 1000- and 2000-level courses) requirements only. Specific departmental requirements needed for graduation are determined by the department in which the student plans to earn his or her degree.

**Scholarships**

Students enrolled and entering the Ferguson College of Agriculture are annually awarded over 1.8 million dollars in scholarships by the College and its departments. The following areas are considered in the awarding of scholarships: scholastic standing in high school or college; leadership and service activities in the college or department; financial need and sincere interest in the various college’s disciplines.

Additional information may be obtained from the office of the associate dean, Ferguson College of Agriculture, Oklahoma State University, 136 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078 (http://agriculture.okstate.edu/).

**Student Success Center**

The Ferguson College of Agriculture Student Success Center (SSC) helps students with educational, career and personal goals. The SSC provides important services, programs and student support including Student Academic Mentors, Ambassadors, Career Liaisons, Multicultural Programs Leaders, Freshmen in Transition, Career Services, Prospective Student Services, and assistance with tutoring and other campus services.

**Academic Advising**

All students in the College have the advantage of being advised by a faculty member working in the individual student’s academic discipline. Academic advisors are readily available to students and work closely with the students throughout their academic careers.

**Special Academic Programs**

**Honors Program**

The Honors Program through the Ferguson College of Agriculture is designed to provide outstanding students with opportunities to pursue new challenges and academic excellence. Honors courses, seminars and special honors contracts provide for discussions and independent study by students who have the desire and ability to explore academic subjects beyond the normal classwork material. The OSU Honors College oversees the following Honors Award Recognitions:

1. General Honors.
2. College or Department Honors.
3. The Honor’s College Degree.

Award descriptions and Honors College eligibility requirements can be found in the Honors College section of the catalog. Online information is available at http://honors.okstate.edu (http://honors.okstate.edu/).

**Pre-Veterinary Medicine Curriculum**

Specific pre-veterinary science options in agribusiness, animal science, biochemistry and molecular biology, entomology, and natural resource ecology and management as offered in the Ferguson College of Agriculture, include courses required for admission to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Graduation Requirements**

General University requirements for graduation are stated elsewhere in the Catalog. In addition, specific requirements must be met for the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degrees. For the BSAG degree, the required total semester credit hours vary by department, major and option. A minimum of 40 semester credit hours and 100 grade-points must be earned in courses numbered 3000 or above. The Bachelor of Landscape Architecture is a five-year program requiring 150 credit hours.

**College and Departmental Organizations, Competitive Teams and Honor Societies**

AECL Graduate Student Association
Aggie-X Club
Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
Agricultural Economics Graduate Student Association
Agricultural Economics Quiz Bowl Team
Agronomy Club
Alpha Epsilon
Alpha Zeta (College Honor Society)
American Fisheries Society
American Society of Agricultural & Biological Engineers
American Society of Landscape Architects
Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon Team
Animal Science Graduate Student Association
Leaders of Excellence in Animal and Food Sciences
Beekeeping Club
Biochemistry Club
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Graduate Student Association
Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Graduate Student Association
Block and Bridle Club
Ferguson College of Agriculture Ambassadors
Ferguson College of Agriculture Career Liaisons
Ferguson College of Agriculture Student Council
Collegiate 4-H
Collegiate American Farmers and Ranchers
Collegiate Farm Bureau
Collegiate FFA/ATA
Cowboy Motorsports
Cowboy Waterworks
Crops Judging Team
Dairy Cattle Judging Team
Dairy Science Club
ENPP Graduate Student Association
Environmental Science Club
Equine Judging Team
Food Science Club
Freshmen in Transition
Horsemans Association
Horticulture Club
Horticulture Club Judging Team
Linnaean Games Team
Livestock Judging Team
Meat Animal Evaluation Team
Meat Judging Team
Meat Science Association
Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences
NREM Graduate Student Association
Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlemen
Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlemen
OSU Student Chapter of the Society for Range Management/Range Club
Pi Alpha Xi
Plant ID Team
Plant and Soil Sciences Graduate Student Organization
Pre-Veterinary Science Club
Rodeo Association
Sanborn Entomology Club
Sigma Alpha
Sigma Lambda Alpha (Landscape Architecture Honor Society)
Society of American Foresters/Forestry Club
Soils and Water Conservation Society
Soil Judging Team
STORM
Student Organization for International Agriculture
Swine Club
Turf Club
Weed Science Team
Wildlife Society
Xi Sigma Pi