Agricultural Leadership

What is Agricultural Leadership?
Agricultural leadership provides a strong appreciation of agriculture and natural resources with a deep understanding of leadership theory and its application. Commitment to agriculture, authentic leadership, diversity, critical thinking and professionalism are the five core values of agricultural leadership.

Why Study Agricultural Leadership?
Agricultural leadership students develop a solid foundation in agricultural sciences and natural resources through a breadth of coursework including agricultural economics, animal science, entomology, mechanized agriculture, and plant and soil sciences. Students also take advanced agricultural courses in rural community development, international agriculture and environmental science.

Finish in 4
For each undergraduate degree program in CASNR, we have prepared example plans of how you may successfully complete your degree plan in four years.

Student Spotlight
Colton Kersey
Paso Robles, California

“A major in agricultural leadership gives me a broadened view of my potential career path by allowing me to experience diverse coursework.”

Where Do You See Yourself?
Association management
Corporate agriculture
Event planning and management
Extension education
Farm and ranch management
Higher education administration
Human resource development
Leadership education and training
Management consulting
Policy and law
Rural community development
Sales and marketing
Social service administration
Student development
Youth education

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Major Options

Within agricultural leadership, you have the option to select a predefined emphasis area or work with your faculty advisor to customize your plan of study.

Extension Education

Specialized coursework will prepare you to pursue a career in Extension and to develop science-based educational programs helping the public solve local issues and concerns.

General

The general option allows you to also complete one of the college’s 12 minors or work with your faculty advisor to select courses that fit an area of special interest.

International Studies

Combine your agricultural coursework with international studies and a foreign language component to prepare to impact agriculture globally.

Oklahoma State University

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Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership

Agricultural Leadership Major

Fast Fact

The agricultural leadership major offers 18 hours of electives, allowing students ample flexibility to pursue personal interests.

Highlight

Leadership is the number one attribute employers seek in new college graduates closely followed by the ability to work in a team, according to a 2016 study conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Agricultural leadership majors complete 10 leadership classes as they prepare to serve as future leaders and integral team members in the agricultural industry.

OSU Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership

Real-World Experience

Students in the department are required to complete an internship or student teaching experience prior to graduation. The opportunity to work at a business or organization in their field of study or to teach in a high school classroom as part of their undergraduate experience prepares students and develops them into well-rounded agricultural professionals.

Scholarship Dollars

The OSU Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership awarded more than $100,000 in scholarships to undergraduate students in the department this year. CASNR awarded an additional $600,000 to students within the college.