Program Description: Agribusiness Minor

New Agribusiness Minor

Beginning Fall 2014, Northern State University students now can combine a minor in Agricultural Business with their major degree to better prepare them for a challenging career in management and marketing of agricultural products and services. The new NSU minor in Agricultural Business will benefit those students who desire to pursue careers in production agriculture, agribusiness, agriculture finance, rural banking and other agriculture related areas.

Program Description
The Agricultural Business minor combines business, management, marketing, finance and economics courses offered at Northern State University with specialized course offerings in agricultural areas available from South Dakota State University. The SDSU course offerings (AGEC) are all available online, making this new NSU Agribusiness minor convenient to complete.

Requirements for Agricultural Business Minor: 21-22 Credits
To earn the Agricultural Business minor, students will need to complete 15 core credits and an additional 6-7 credits in courses of their choice for a total of 21-22 credit hours. Students who successfully complete the course requirements for the Agribusiness Minor will have the minor appear on their official NSU transcript.

Program Requirements
A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for the courses in the minor.

Course Delivery Format
The Agribusiness Minor offers courses on campus as well as online coursework in agriculture related courses available through South Dakota State University.

Course Offerings
The course requirements for the minor are as follows:

ECON 201 – Principles of Microeconomics (3 credits)
ECON 202 – Principles of Macroeconomics (3 credits)
AGEC 300-level or above (9 credits) from:

- AGEC 364 – Introduction to Cooperatives (3 credits)
- AGEC 371 – Agricultural Business Management (3 credits)
- AGEC 372 – Introduction to Resource and Environmental Economics (3 credits)
- AGEC 430/530 – Advanced Agricultural Marketing and Prices (3 credits)
- AGEC 454 – Economics of Grain and Livestock Marketing (3 credits)
- AGEC 471-571 – Advanced Farm & Ranch Management (3 credits)
AGEC 473-473L – Rural Real Estate Appraisal and Lab (3 credits)
AGEC 478-478L – Agricultural Finance and Lab (3 credits)
AGEC 479 – Agricultural Policy (AW) (3 credits)
AGEC 484 – Trading in Agricultural Futures and Options (3 credits)
AGEC 494 – Internship (1-6 credits)

Plus any two of the following:

ACCT 210 – Principles of Accounting I (3 credits)
AGEC 271-271L – Farm and Ranch Management and Lab (4 credits)
AGEC 354 – Agricultural Marketing and Prices (3 credits)
BADM 310 – Business Finance (3 credits)
BADM 350 – Legal Environment of Business (3 credits)
BADM 360 – Organization and Management (3 credits)
BADM – ECON 370 – Marketing (3 credits)

For more information about the new Agribusiness Minor available through Northern State University, contact Dr. Bill Broucek, Dean of the Northern State University School of Business, at (605) 626-2400 or business@northern.edu.