



Curtin University



# Associate Degree in Agribusiness

Curtin University offers an Associate Degree in Agribusiness at Muresk Institute in Northam, with a consolidated face-to-face component to allow for student commitments and lifestyle. It will provide you with experience in agricultural production systems and the business principles associated with the production, processing, marketing and distribution of food. This degree also provides an alternate entry into Bachelor-level degrees for non-ATAR students.

## What are the entry requirements?

Entry is via Portfolio application. School leavers with a WACE, Agricultural College students, students who have completed a TAFE Cert III, IV or Diploma in Agriculture and mature-age students are encouraged to apply.

## What are my study options?

A full-time commitment involves attending Muresk Institute on Wednesdays and Thursdays during Curtin University's 12 teaching weeks per semester. There are also occasional additional commitments, such as lab intensives, events and study tours. In addition, students are expected to complete pre- and post-workshop activities and assessments in their own time. Part time enrolment and mid-year intake are also offered.

## What will this give you?

Completing our Associate Degree in Agribusiness will give you:

- a pathway to a great career in agriculture or business
- hands-on, authentic experiences solving relevant problems
- exposure to a wide variety of agribusiness industries
- practical skills relevant to the workplace
- opportunities to network and advance in your chosen field
- the skills to help you map your career and meet your career development goals
- credit towards a variety of Bachelor degrees at Curtin University

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Associate Degrees prepare students to develop broad knowledge and skills for paraprofessional/highly skilled work and further learning corresponding to AQF level 6 qualifications.

This two-year (full time) associate degree is a combination of commerce, agricultural science and agribusiness units that equips students for employment in the agribusiness management sector and for further study at Bachelor level. Students develop an understanding of the breadth of the modern agribusiness sector through units in agricultural production systems farm business management, food and agribusiness marketing and farm accounting and finance.

Students are encouraged to work within the agricultural industry for a minimum of 70 hours during semester breaks to advance their practical skills and to better understand how they can apply their theoretical knowledge in the modern agribusiness workplace. The learning activities in the course will be based primarily at the Muresk Institute which allows for engaging and practical on-farm experiences. Students successfully completing the associate degree will qualify for entry into the Curtin's Bachelor of Agribusiness (and many other courses). The structure of this course will deliver content with relevance across the agri-food industries.

Themes that underpin the course structure include:

- A strong foundation in principles of business (accounting, finance, economics, marketing) within an agricultural context;
- An understanding of management and risk in agribusiness production systems;
- In-depth knowledge of agricultural production systems: biological, economic, social and environmental considerations for cropping and livestock production in Australian agriculture;
- Practical application of new and emerging technologies in agriculture (e.g. precision agriculture, remote sensing, GIS, data management);
- Options for ag-related certification to be obtained within some units; and,
- Requirement for industry experience

Please visit [curtin.edu/ad-agrib](http://curtin.edu/ad-agrib) to apply.

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