The two-year associate degree is specifically designed for students seeking a career on a family-owned farm or as a salaried farm manager. Applicants who narrowly miss the TER required for entry into the Agribusiness courses are encouraged to explore this course as an alternative pathway into a Degree course. Students successfully completing the first semester of the associate degree may apply to be individually assessed for entry into the School’s Bachelor of Agribusiness (Agriculture or Equine Management).

Course description
The course is a combination of commerce and technical agricultural units and provides students with business management training as it relates to commercial broadacre farming. Students learn agricultural production systems at an advanced level and become involved in the business management area through units in farm business management, food and agribusiness marketing and farm accounting and finance. Students should work within the agricultural industry for a minimum of eight weeks during semester breaks to gain practical skills to complement their studies.

There are numerous pathways into this course. Contact us for further information.

The Associate degree in Agribusiness covers the fundamentals of animal production and agronomy within a farm business framework.

Career opportunities
While the Associate Degree in Agribusiness is specifically designed for students seeking a career on a family-owned farm or as a salaried farm manager, graduates may also find employment in the wider agribusiness industry.
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Entry requirements
TER – Applicants who narrowly miss the TER required for entry into the Agribusiness courses
TAFE - Minimum Certificate 4 (plus C.U.T.E test)
Mature Age – STAT, elements E, V or Q
Agribusiness Enabling Course

Duration
2 years full-time or equivalent part-time. Students may be eligible to apply for entry into the Bachelor of Agribusiness (Agriculture or Equine) after successful completion of one semester in the Associate Degree.

Location
Muresk (Northam)
An Agribusiness major is also offered within the Bachelor of Commerce at Bentley Campus.

Real world practice
Students develop knowledge and skills in technical production, management and marketing. The course takes a holistic view of agribusiness, developing an understanding of links between consumers and the production, processing and distribution systems, and their management. The course offers a stream in Equine Management or broad acre Agriculture. Students will develop professional attributes highly sought after by employers, including the ability to understand, apply and communicate key principles and to think analytically and strategically. There is a strong practical emphasis, with students having the opportunity to work with equine and related agribusiness industries in real life situations. This establishes a strong link between the student and potential employers and makes students career ready. Lecturers have significant practical and/or research experience in the agribusiness industries in Australia and internationally. Students tailor the course to their industry of interest through assignments, practical, tours and eight weeks work experience.

Why choose Muresk?
Muresk Institute graduates have earned a reputation within the agriculture, equine and food industries as being hard working, knowledgeable and innovative. They have both excellent practical skills and a solid theoretical base. In fact, graduates are so keenly sought by employers that many students secure jobs well before they graduate. Plus, the integrated approach of presenting agriculture to students in a business context means that our graduates are able to choose from an extremely diverse range of careers.

Graduate profile
Darren Higgins
Farm Manager

“Muresk was a really great choice for me, and I am glad I made the decision to gain further education and qualifications. Although I always knew I wanted to be involved in the operations of a farming property this qualification means I have more opportunities for the future, better pay than if I was unqualified and all while it gave me information on the business aspect of farming and increased my background knowledge of the many components to the industry as a whole.”

International students
International students studying in Australia on a student visa can only study full-time and there are specific entry requirements that must be met. Please refer to www.international.curtin.edu.au or phone +61 8 9266 7331 for further information, as some information contained in this flyer may not be applicable to international students. Australian citizens and permanent residents and international students studying outside Australia may have the choice of full-time, part-time and external study. Information about TISC only applies to Australian residents.

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Course Structure

YEAR 1, SEMESTER 1
Food Chain Systems
Agribusiness Communications
Principles of Plant and Animal Production
Land Resources
Farm Management Practices

YEAR 1, SEMESTER 2
Climate Change and Adaptation
Principles of Plant and Animal Production
Agribusiness Accounting Practices
Agricultural Market Analysis

YEAR 2, SEMESTER 1
Agricultural Production Systems
Animal Production
Food and Agribusiness Marketing
Agribusiness Management

YEAR 2, SEMESTER 2
Agricultural Production Systems
Broadacre Crop and Pasture Science
Agribusiness Financial Management
Agribusiness Taxation
Agribusiness Law

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