Bachelor of Agribusiness - Equine
Combine a love of horses with a degree in business.

The agriculture and equine industries are heading for an exciting future as we confront challenges such as climate change, renewable energy and increased competition for land. There is a critical need for skilled graduates to work on these complex issues.

Course description
Agribusiness is the term given to systems and activities involved in the breeding, training and marketing horses. Students who undertake an agribusiness degree are benefiting from not only gaining a qualification that offers a comprehensive understanding of the science and technologies applied in agriculture and equine industries but also a degree with an emphasis on the business environment. Northam students can study Agribusiness while selecting streams in broad-acre Agriculture or Equine Management. The Bachelor of Agribusiness Equine Management stream course provides students with a solid business foundation with training in a number of equine technical areas such as equine science, equine health, nutrition, exercise physiology, reproduction and breeding. Students study business units, including management, marketing, finance, economics and business planning, as well as the technical and scientific understanding of horses and their management. The course is suited to students who wish to pursue a career in the diverse equine industry, especially in top level management roles.

Career opportunities
Career opportunities include equine nutritionist, business manager, equine consultant, equine chemical and merchandise retailing, horse breeder or trainer, equine health consultant or in a marketing and communications role within the industry. Graduates are able to select career paths as qualified for management and leadership positions within the equine industry, equine support industries, or the broader agribusiness industry such as areas as agribusiness management, export marketing, rural finance, consulting, livestock and research and development. Graduates are also in steady demand as teachers for rural high schools and specialist secondary agricultural colleges.

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Entry requirements
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Mature Age – STAT, elements E, V or O
Agribusiness Enabling Course
Associate Degree in Agribusiness

Duration
3 years full-time or equivalent part-time

Location
Muresk (Northam)

An Agribusiness major is also offered within the Bachelor of Commerce at Bentley Campus.

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

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 also offers a stream in 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, practicals, tours, eight weeks work experience and ten weeks of professional practice with a relevant agribusiness anywhere in the world analysing how businesses are managed. Students find professional practice an invaluable component of their degree.

Professional recognition
Graduates are eligible to apply for membership of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology.

Graduate profile

Eloise Paust

My passion for Equine grew out of my childhood love for horses. I was thrilled when I realised that Curtin offered a business related degree in Equine. It was a natural progression for me to study Equine Management and I enjoyed every moment of the course. The Industry staff who taught the equine components were excellent and after a life time around horses I was learning at a much higher level. I completed my degree and continued on with studies in Education, gaining my Diploma of Education and securing a role teaching the equine component at Narrogin Agricultural College. It was fulfilling to be using both of my degrees.

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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
Equine Exercise Physiology
Animal Production
Food and Agribusiness Marketing
Agribusiness Management

YEAR 2, SEMESTER 2
Equine Health
Broadacre Crop and Pasture Science
Agribusiness Financial Management
Agribusiness Taxation
Agribusiness Law

YEAR 3, SEMESTER 1
Equine Nutrition
Agricultural Production Systems
Agribusiness Marketing Research
Sustainable Agricultural Systems

YEAR 3, SEMESTER 2
Equine Reproduction
Agricultural Production Systems
Agribusiness Planning (Business or a Farm)
International Agricultural Trade OR
Agricultural Extension and Info Systems

Curtin innovation
Curtin aspires to be a leading edge university of technology. To fulfill this vision, we strive to be innovative and forward-looking in everything we do. It’s in our approach to teaching and learning, it’s in our research, it’s in our staff, it’s in our students. It’s in our graduates. It’s in the way we think and act. It’s what we call Curtin innovation.