Bachelor of Agribusiness
Farm Management

Course Code: 303437

Course Description
The Farm Management course is designed for students who plan to own or manage a commercial farm or wish to work in a farm consulting business. It recognises that farm managers need extensive agricultural knowledge and management skills, and that they must operate complex businesses that will be challenged by a range of external factors. Students study a number of technical units in crops, agronomy, soils, pastures and animal production combined with business management units in accounting, taxation, farm management, marketing, economics and finance. Students are also able to specialise in a minor field of study in either agronomy or animal production.

Career Opportunities
Farm Management graduates are provided with the skills to assume managerial responsibilities of commercial farming operations, or gain employment within farm consulting practices.

As world populations continue to rise, so does the demand for food and fibre products. The challenge for agriculture in the future will be how to increase on-farm production in both an economic and environmentally sustainable manner.

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Entry Requirements
TER 2008 – 74.40
Mature Age – STAT, elements E, V or Q.

Agribusiness Enabling Course
WACOA – At least 4 As, nothing lower than a B.
TAFE – Completion of an accredited diploma, advanced diploma or associate diploma.

Duration
3 years full-time or equivalent part-time.

Location
Northam.

Real World Practice
In the final year of the degree students spend 12 weeks undertaking professional practice. They develop their management skills whilst working in an agribusiness organisation anywhere in Australia or overseas. This hands-on placement provides students with essential experience that ensures they are job ready when they graduate.

Throughout the degree students studying on the Northam Campus have the commercial farming property at their disposal. This provides incredible scope for students apply their knowledge to a real farming operation.

Professional Recognition
Graduates may be eligible to apply for membership of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology (AIAST).

Salary Trends
The average maximum wage in the Agribusiness/Agriculture industry is $104,000, with the average industry wage being $57,608.


Graduates of Agribusiness degrees usually secure an above average graduate wage upon completion of the degree. This is accompanied with prosperous employment due to the shortage of graduates entering the Industry. Companies are competing to attract less than 800 graduates into around 2000 available positions.


Graduate Profile
Adam Metcalf
Farm Manager
Commercial Farm, Dowerin.

Having grown up and attended school in the Grain belt of WA I developed an interest in agriculture at a young age. After completing high school I returned to the family farm and quickly realised there was much more to farming than tractor driving and sheep work. Personal dissatisfaction with “not knowing” lead me to Muresk, where I was accepted as a mature age student.

Muresk was a totally enjoyable experience, and satisfied my thirst for knowledge. Whether it be study tours to China or field trips to wool processors, abattoirs, or grain handlers, there was always something of interest. Muresk sure opens your eyes to the world. A benefit I found is that my fellow graduates are now networked throughout the agribusiness sector; some I deal with regularly and others I can call on when the need arises. Although my degree was a key to many potential employer doors, I chose to return to the family farm in Dowerin. The implementation of new cropping and sheep programs based on information gained in my degree has increased farm profitability and sustainability. Marketing and risk management learned at Muresk has also played a major role.

International Students
International Students studying in Australia on a student visa can only study full-time and there are also 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 booklet 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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