

Pre-Agricultural Communication

Pre-agricultural communication majors pursue an Associate of Science degree which enables them to complete the first half of a major in agricultural communication in a Bachelor of Science program at Ohio State.

This degree also includes the transfer module, a common set of courses which apply to other bachelor's degree programs in Ohio.

Pursuing Pre-Agricultural Communication at Ohio State ATI

Students pursuing the Associate of Science program must complete the following high school curriculum in order to be admitted to the program without conditions:

- four units of English
- three units of mathematics
- two units of natural science
- two units of social science
- two units of the same foreign language*
- one unit of visual or performing arts
- one additional unit from any of the above categories

* Students with a deficiency in foreign language are permitted to fulfill the requirement upon transfer to the Columbus campus.

Applicants to the Associate of Science program in pre-agricultural communication who have not followed this curriculum will have conditions placed on their enrollment. These conditions must be satisfied by earning college course credits in the high school subject areas in which the students are deficient.

Students seeking an Associate of Science in pre-agricultural communication enter directly into the program upon completion of their admission requirements. All applicants are strongly advised to arrange a pre-admission conference in order to acquaint themselves with the various aspects of this major.

With the Associate of Science pre-agricultural communication majors complete a combination of technical and general courses that allow them to gain hands-on experience while completing 50 percent of the curriculum for a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

When students complete this curriculum, they will be able to apply 100 percent of their Ohio State ATI credits toward a degree at the Columbus campus of Ohio State.

Students must complete a minimum of 95 quarter credit hours of technical and general studies courses, with a cumulative point-hour ratio of 2.0 or above, to earn the Associate of Science in pre-agricultural communication. A minimum of 45 quarter credit hours must be earned through regular course work at the institute.

Technical courses emphasize principles of animal science, soil management, crop production, business technology, and lab sciences, depending upon the students' interests. A minimum of 18 quarter credit hours are required in technical courses. All Pre-Agricultural Communication students also take two Agricultural Communication courses while at Ohio State ATI.

Pre-agricultural communication students also complete 55 credit hours of general studies which include communications, social sciences, mathematics, and biological and chemical sciences.

Seventeen credit hours of electives, either technical or general, round out the curriculum.

Internships

Students in the pre-agricultural communication program do not complete an internship while attending Ohio State ATI.

Career Prospects in Agricultural Communication

Agricultural communication graduates have many career options. A few of the possibilities include: writers and editors for agricultural publications, advertising and public relations professionals who work with agribusinesses and commodity groups, directors of communication for agricultural organizations, and on-air broadcasters and reporters for agriculture-related radio and television programs.

Beginning salaries for agricultural communication graduates range from \$20,000 to \$31,000 per year, depending upon the position, candidates' skills, and other factors determined by employers.

Opportunities for Outstanding Students

Each spring, the Outstanding Student Banquet recognizes the top student in each major or technology. Ohio State ATI also has a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students at two-year institutions. Selection for this prestigious society is based

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Pre-agricultural Communications:

www.ati.osu.edu/programs

Ohio State ATI: www.ati.osu.edu

Ohio State: www.osu.edu

Admissions: www.ATIadmissions.osu.edu

Visit ATI: www.ati.osu.edu/visit_campus.html

Curriculum Sample

First Year:

Autumn Quarter

Agriculture Survey	1
First-Year English Composition	5
Introduction to Agricultural Communications	5
Rural Sociology	5

Winter Quarter

Algebra and Trigonometry and their applications	4
Chemistry I	5
Publication Design and Production	3
American Civilization to 1877	5

Spring Quarter

Principles of Food and Resource Economics	5
Electives	10
Total hours	48

Second Year:

Autumn Quarter

Biology I	5
Social Groups in Developing Societies	5
Elective	5

Winter Quarter

Elective	5
Agricultural Issues in Contemporary American Society	5
Music Cultures of the World	5

Spring Quarter

Oral Communications in Agriculture	5
Elective	5
Elective	3
Total hours	43

upon academic achievement and leadership qualities. Students with cumulative grade point averages of between 3.7 and 4.0 are eligible to graduate with Latin honors (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude).

About Ohio State ATI

Ohio State ATI, located in Wooster, Ohio, is ranked number one in the nation in the awarding of associate degrees in agriculture and related sciences and is the associate-degree granting unit of The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Twenty-five technical programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Science degree are offered at the Wooster campus. Two Certificate of Competency programs, in hydraulic service and repair and commercial turf equipment, are also offered. Within four months of graduation, 99% of Ohio State ATI graduates are employed or pursuing bachelor's degrees.

Ohio State ATI's 50-acre central campus features classroom and laboratory buildings, horticultural facilities, the student activities center, residence hall, and Applewood Village student apartments. A 1700-acre farm laboratory is located five miles east of the central campus.

Halterman Hall houses classrooms, the Library Learning Resource Center, computer labs, administrative and faculty offices, as well as specialized laboratory facilities for chemistry, physics, entomology, biology, botany, soils, floral design, and landscape classes.

Adjacent to Halterman Hall is Skou Hall, home to classrooms, academic offices, and laboratories for animal, dairy, and equine sciences and turfgrass management. Skou Hall also houses engine, electronics, construction, and Fluid Power classes, and contains the Ohio State ATI Bookstore, Café Carmen, a student lounge, and the office of Student Success Services, which provides career and personal counseling, tutoring, study groups, disability services, and other support services to students.

Ohio State ATI's greenhouse complex, tropical plant conservatory, and numerous outdoor gardens assure that the campus is blooming and beautiful year-round.

Ohio State ATI's student activities center features a weight room, game room, gymnasium, and racquetball courts and coordinates activities and events sponsored by student clubs. An active intramural sports program makes use of ATI's multi-purpose athletic field.

The Ohio State ATI residence hall features fully-furnished efficiency apartments that include a kitchenette and full bath. The Applewood Village student apartments are fully-furnished one-, two-, or three-bedroom townhouses. Both the residence hall and apartment village are air conditioned and include utilities, cable TV, and Internet access. Parking is free on the ATI campus.

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