

GRADUATE MINOR IN EXTENSION EDUCATION

Department of Agricultural Education & Communication
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Objective:

The extension education graduate minor is intended to prepare students to become effective change agents in nonformal educational settings, such as the Cooperative Extension Service and the National Park Service. Courses grounded in the theories of program development, program evaluation, and the facilitation of planned change will provide an educationally-oriented complement to students' technical expertise.

Application Procedures:

With adviser approval, all graduate students in the college are eligible for this minor. Students intending to pursue careers with an educational outreach component will find the minor most beneficial. Students in other colleges can also enroll with approval from the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication.

Requirements:

Master's Level

6 hours core requirements: AEE 6300
 AEE 6512

Doctoral Level

9 hours core requirements: AEE 6300
 AEE 6512
 AEE 6552

3 hours electives: AEE 5073
 AEE 5454
 AEE 5541
 AEE 6316
 AEE 6426
 AEE 6511
 AEE 6611

Course Descriptions

Core Requirements

- AEE 6300 *Methodology of Planned Change*
Processes by which professional change agents influence the introduction, adoption, and diffusion of technological changes. Applicable to those who are responsible for bringing about change. 3 credit hours, offered every fall.
- AEE 6512 *Program Development in Extension Education*
Concepts and processes drawn from the social sciences relevant to the development of extension education programs. 3 credit hours, offered fall in even years.

AEE 6552 *Evaluating Programs in Extension Education*
Concepts and research drawn from the social sciences relevant to evaluating youth and adult extension programs. 3 credit hours, offered spring in odd years.

Electives

AEE 5073 *Agriculture, Resources, People, and the Environment: A Global Perspective*
Interdependence in the global context, and the need to cultivate a lifelong global perspective. 3 credit hours, offered every fall.

AEE 5454 *Leadership Development for Extension and Community Nonprofit Organizations*
Application of concepts related to developing leaders for organizing and maintaining extension and community nonprofit organizations. 3 credit hours, offered every fall.

AEE 5541 *Communication and Instructional Technologies in Agricultural and Life Sciences*
Planning and producing written and visual instructional and communication materials for programs in the agricultural and life sciences. Requires a major instructional project or communication campaign. 3 credit hours, offered every summer/fall.

AEE 6316 *From America to Zimbabwe: An Overview of International Extension Systems*
Various extension models and delivery systems, extension partners, linkages and issues affecting extension internationally. Field trip. 3 credit hours, offered spring in odd years.

AEE 6426 *Development of a Volunteer Leadership Program*
Identification, recruitment, training, retention, and supervision of volunteer leaders. 3 credit hours, offered fall in odd years.

AEE 6511 *Experiential Learning: Theory and Practice*
This course focuses on theory and practice in facilitating learning from experiences in formal, informal, and non-formal settings. 3 credit hours, offered summer in even years.

AEE 6611 *Agricultural and Extension Adult Education*
Concepts and principles related to design, implementation, and evaluation of education programs for adults. 3 credit hours, offered summer in even years.