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# Department of Agricultural Education & Communication

The University of Florida's **Department of Agricultural Education and Communication (AEC)** is among the country's best in developing leaders, instructors, and communicators to meet society's challenges in agricultural and life sciences. The department provides students with the tools and resources needed for success. In addition, AEC supports Florida Cooperative Extension's efforts and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences' varied research programs. Through its land-grant mission of teaching, research, and extension, the department enhances leadership in communities and organizations, educates individuals, and communicates ideas and issues to various audiences.



#### Undergraduate Programs

At the undergraduate level, two specializations are offered for the bachelor of science degree: **agricultural education** and **communication and leadership development**. Each specialization requires a core of technical agriculture courses and preprofessional education. Department advisers help students select appropriate electives. Most departmental courses will have no more than 25 students, contributing to the department's family-like atmosphere.



Careers in these areas include middle school and high school agricultural science and natural resource teachers, Peace Corps, Cooperative Extension, trade and commodity associations, agribusiness sales, management, community and government agencies, public relations, and media production.

The department also offers minors in agricultural communication and extension education and is a major partner of UF's interdisciplinary minor in leadership.

## Graduate Programs

Two degrees are offered at the graduate level: **master of science** and **doctor of philosophy**. Graduate students' degree programs are individually tailored to meet their unique needs for professional development. Four specializations are offered at the graduate level: **agricultural education, agricultural communication, leadership development, and extension education**.

The master's degree is offered in a traditional face-to-face format for on-campus students and through the Web for agricultural teachers and Extension personnel at a distance. The master's degree is designed to prepare graduates for teaching, research, extension, administrative, and leadership positions in the public and private sectors. The doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree prepares students for careers as university faculty.

## Student Organizations Agricultural Education and Communication Graduate Student Association

The **Agricultural Education and Communication Graduate Student Association** is the department organization for graduate students. They are actively involved in community service projects and frequently host socials for the department.



## Collegiate FFA

**CFFA** provides opportunities for students to improve their understanding of problems and issues in agricultural education, extension, leadership and communication. The club also maintains close contact with professionals in the field. The annual program of activities includes many social, recreational, and professional development events, including working with local FFA chapters and assisting at the state and national FFA conventions.



## Agricultural Communicators and Leaders of Tomorrow

**Agricultural Communicators and Leaders of Tomorrow** is designed for college students who have a professional interest in the fields of communication and leadership related to agriculture. The national and local organizations provide students with a broad network of professional contacts. ACLT travels to professional agricultural communicators across the state, sponsors contests and conducts professional development seminars.



## Alpha Tau Alpha

**Alpha Tau Alpha** is a national honor society for students in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication.

## Scholarships

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences awards more than \$300,000 in scholarships each year. In addition, the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication awards more than \$12,000 annually to students exclusively in the department.

## Departmental Events

In addition to professional development activities, the department and its student organizations hold several events throughout the year for students and faculty just to have fun. Some of these department-wide events include:

### Kickball Tournament



### ATA Induction



**ACLT Industry Tour to Discovery Cove**



**Annual Banquet**