

Technology Systems Management

Undergraduate Study

The Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering offers work for the bachelor of science degree with majors in agricultural systems technology and industrial technology .

Missions

The mission of the Agricultural Systems Technology program is to prepare women and men for careers that integrate and apply agricultural and biosystems engineering technology to manage human and natural resource systems for producing, processing, and marketing food and other biological products worldwide.

The mission of the Industrial Technology is to prepare women and men for careers that integrate and apply industrial technology to lead and manage human, manufacturing, and safety systems.

Objectives

At two to five years after undergraduate graduation, through the professional practice in technology, graduates should:

1. Have demonstrated competence in methods of analysis involving use of mathematics, fundamental physical and biological sciences, technology, and computation needed for the professional practice in the field of agricultural systems technology or industrial technology.
2. Have developed skills necessary to contribute to the design process; including the abilities to think creatively, to formulate problem statements, to communicate effectively, to synthesize information, and to evaluate and implement problem solutions.
3. Be capable of addressing issues of ethics, safety, professionalism, cultural diversity, globalization, environmental impact, and social and economic impact in professional practice.
4. Have demonstrated continuous professional and technical growth, with practical experience, so as to be licensed in their field or achieve that level of expertise, as applicable.
5. Have demonstrated the ability to:
 - a. be a successful leader of multi-disciplinary teams.
 - b. efficiently manage multiple simultaneous projects.
 - c. work collaboratively.
 - d. implement multi-disciplinary systems-based solutions.
 - e. to apply innovative solutions to problems through the use of new methods or technologies.
 - f. contribute to the business success of their employer, and
 - g. build community.

Outcomes

At the time of graduation, students of the Agricultural Systems Technology or Industrial Technology programs should have:

- a) an ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, technology, and applied sciences;
- b) an ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data;
- c) an ability to formulate or design a system, process or program to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability;
- d) an ability to function on multi-disciplinary teams;
- f) an understanding of professional and ethical responsibility;
- g) an ability to communicate effectively;
- h) the broad education necessary to understand the impact of solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context;
- i) a recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning;
- j) a knowledge of contemporary issues; and

k) an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern scientific and technical tools necessary for professional practice.

Graduates have developed and demonstrated workplace competencies, and have completed a professional internship. They are able to communicate effectively, have problem-solving skills and awareness of global, economic, environmental and societal issues.

Agricultural Systems Technology graduates have the ability to apply science and technology to problems related to agriculture; they manage complex agricultural systems for sustainability. They find careers within a variety of agriculturally-related industries, businesses, and organizations, including: agricultural machinery, environment, government, farm builders, grain, feed, seed, fertilizer, chemical, food, biorenewable resources, and production agriculture.

Industrial Technology graduates understand commonly-used manufacturing processes, lean manufacturing principles, continuous improvement, quality management, safety, regulatory issues affecting manufacturing, and the properties of manufacturing materials. They find careers within a variety of industries, businesses, and organizations focusing in manufacturing (e.g., quality control, production supervision, and process and facility planning) or occupational safety (e.g., development, management, and evaluation of safety programs and systems; and hazard identification and mitigation).

Certificate in occupational safety

The Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering offers a undergraduate certificate in occupational safety (<http://www.abe.iastate.edu/undergraduate-students/industrial-technology/certificate-in-occupational-safety>) which may be earned by completing a minimum of 20 credits of technology systems management courses, which includes:

TSM 270	Principles of Injury Prevention	3
TSM 370	Occupational Safety	3
TSM 371	Occupational Safety Management	2
TSM 372	Legal Aspects of Occupational Safety and Health	2
TSM 470	Industrial Hygiene: Physical, Chemical, and Biological Hazards	3
6 credits from a departmentally approved list		6
TSM 493D	Workshop in Technology: Occupational Safety (Note: This course needs to be the last course taken toward completion of the Occupational Safety Certificate)	1-4

Graduate Study

The department offers work for the degrees master of science, and doctor of philosophy with a major in industrial and agricultural technology. It cooperates in the interdepartmental programs in professional agriculture, sustainable agriculture, environmental sciences, biorenewable resources and technology, and human computer interaction.

The master's program prepares advanced practicing professionals for industrial and/or agricultural technology positions in industry, business, and public service; it also provides a sound foundation for further graduate study. The doctoral program prepares exemplary industrial and/or agricultural technology professionals for learning, discovery, engagement, and leadership roles in education, industry, business, and public service organizations.

The department also offers work for the degrees master of science, master of engineering, and doctor of philosophy with a major in agricultural engineering. See College of Engineering, Curricula.

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