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Bachelor of Science Applied Economic Management

Community Economic Development

The Community Economic Development major prepares students to work with local, state, or federal government as well as non-governmental organizations in managing issues related to improving economic conditions in rural areas.

This degree focuses on rural job creation, labor markets, growth-agriculture conflicts, and land-use management.

According to the Department of Education, the median salary for our students, four years post graduation, is nearly \$76,000.

Key skillsets

- Economic analysis
- Community impact assessments
- Geographic informational analysis

Potential careers

- Extension agent
- Economic developer
- Community financial specialist
- Community engagement officer
- Community and tourism assessor

CHECKLIST

Pathways general education: 45 hours

Degree core requirements: 19 hours

Major requirements: 19 hours

Analytical methods requirements: 3 hours

Area of specialization and free electives: 25 hours

Restrictive electives: 9 hours

A HIGHLIGHT OF COMPANIES WHO HIRE OUR GRADUATES

USDA Farm Service Agency, Virginia
Department of Housing, AmeriCorps,
CropLife America, Virginia Cooperative
Extension, World Health Organization,
a variety of community economic
development offices, and many more.



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EXAMPLES OF COMMON CORE AND MAJOR REQUIREMENT CLASSES

- **Foundations of Agribusiness**
Introduction to the primary management tools as they relate to farm production enterprises and agribusinesses.
- **Agricultural Production and Consumption Economics**
Focuses on the economic principles of production, applications to decision-making and the allocation of resources for an agricultural firm, in addition to consumer behavior and demand for agricultural products.
- **Agricultural Law**
Legal problems of farm and agribusiness management. Practical application of principles of contracts, negligence, debt instruments, and commercial transactions of the farm and agribusiness organization.
- **International Agricultural Development and Trade**
Examination of the role of agriculture in less developed countries and how that role is affected by public policies.