



University of
Reading

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Underpinning careers in the agricultural and rural sector

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AT READING

Agricultural Business Management is a multi-disciplinary honours degree programme – a stepping stone for a wide range of careers in agricultural and other land-based industries.

The programme combines the study of management with agricultural production processes, giving you an understanding of economic and business principles and their application to agricultural and rural sector businesses. Throughout the programme you will develop a critical appreciation of techniques to assist effective execution of business management processes, and the range of personal and transferable skills that are expected from 'Reading graduates'.



OUR COURSES

BSc Agricultural Business Management (D4N2)
3 years full-time

BSc Agricultural Business Management with Placement Year (DN42)
4 years full-time

TYPICAL OFFER

UCAS tariff BBB

International Baccalaureate 30 points overall

BTEC Extended Diploma DDM

Other qualifications are considered and we welcome applications from mature students with relevant practical experience.

With
**Foundation
year**

Did you know we also offer **BSc Agricultural Business Management with Foundation**, and **BSc Agricultural Business Management with International Foundation Year**?

To find out more about the foundation year options, browse our website: reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/subject-area/agriculture-ug.aspx

HOW TO APPLY

For full details on subject and grade requirements and how to apply, visit reading.ac.uk/bsc-agricultural-business-management



WHY READING?

At Reading, you will be studying Agricultural Business Management in the highest ranked UK university for Agriculture and Forestry according to QS World Rankings*, that has been educating the world's agriculturalists for more than 125 years and is recognised for its research expertise. When transferred to a teaching environment, this will enable you to develop excellent research skills that are highly regarded by employers. Our modern facilities are located on an award winning parkland campus which complements the University's own 800 ha mixed farms that are situated within easy reach of the University.

This programme is supported by visits to regional farm businesses. We have two short residential trips enabling you to experience a variety of different farms, businesses, enterprises and organisations.

We pride ourselves on our reputation with employers, as we are recognised for giving our students an excellent starting point for the development of a wide range of careers in agricultural and land-based industries in the UK and overseas.

Students interact with employers during the programme, through guest lectures, case study work and optional work placement experiences, all of which are particularly important as organisations look to employ graduates with a broad practical knowledge of their industry and the skills that can be applied to 'real-life' situations. Previous students have undertaken placements with John Deere, ADM, Syngenta, Waitrose, Heygates and Rothamstead Research. You can apply for one of the many advertised placement years in the UK or abroad, or you can develop your tailor-made placement.

'The course has equipped me with a strong understanding of the broad principles of agriculture and has also given me the opportunity to experience real-life agricultural business issues through mock-consultancy projects. I have benefitted from being part of a real student community'

Joe Pitt, BSc Agricultural Business Management



BREADTH AND DEPTH

Our degree is built on a number of core modules covering topics such as:

- Agriculture in practice
- Farm business management
- Business entrepreneurship
- Crop and livestock production systems
- Economic and market environment
- Global sustainability
- Research methods and data analysis

We also offer a variety of optional modules that enable you to specialise in the areas that interest you the most. These cover topics such as:

- Horticulture
- Crop agronomy and management
- Livestock production, nutrition and welfare
- Marketing
- Food supply chain management
- Climate smart agriculture

For a complete list, visit:

reading.ac.uk/bsc-agricultural-business-management

YOUR CAREER ASPIRATIONS

The majority of our graduates join the agricultural, food and associated industries, in managerial, consultancy and advisory roles, but the breadth of this applied degree programme makes BSc Agricultural Business Management an excellent foundation for careers beyond the agri-food chain.

In addition, some graduates enter self-employment immediately upon graduating, largely within the farming sector, while others continue their studies with postgraduate taught programmes related to rural economy, agricultural economics and management of the natural environment or PhD studies in Applied Economics and Agri-Business Management.

*In the top 20 in the world according to the QS World Rankings by subject for Agriculture and Forestry (2023).



High Ranking
In the top 20 in the world
(QS world rankings for
Agriculture and
Forestry 2023)



Placement
experience



Links to industry



The School of Agriculture, Policy and Development is committed to empowering change through our teaching and research, with our academics working to tackle some of the world's most pressing issues.

Our mission is to make a difference in the context of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, so we offer a diverse range of modules giving you knowledge and skills that will enable you as an individual to have an impact and be part of global change, whatever your chosen pathway.



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Topics

Topics are provided as a taster of the areas of study that may be available on each course. Information is correct at the time of going to press (May 2023), for a list of compulsory (core) modules please check reading.ac.uk for the most up to date information.

Year abroad and placement fees

Some courses include an optional or compulsory year abroad or placement year. During this year you will only pay a partial fee which is currently set at 15% of the normal tuition fee. Check the website for the latest information: reading.ac.uk/fees-and-funding

Placements

Programmes with a Professional Placement Year (also known as 'Year in Industry' or 'Placement Year') are fully dependent on students securing their own placement opportunity, normally through a competitive recruitment process. The University provides dedicated career and application support for placement year students. Students who do not secure a placement or who are unable to complete the placement year due to extenuating circumstances, have the option to transfer to a three year variant of their programme with agreement from their School/Department.

Study abroad

The partnerships listed are correct at the time of publication (May 2023). For up to date information on the University's partnerships contact studyabroad@reading.ac.uk

Where Study Abroad is not a compulsory part of the degree programme, the University of Reading cannot guarantee that every applicant who applies for the scheme will be successful. Whilst efforts are made to secure sufficient places at partner institutions, the number of places available and the University's partners can vary year-on-year. In all cases, the University cannot guarantee that it will be possible for applicants to choose to study abroad at a particular institution.

Further, certain courses and/or institutions may require you to satisfy specific eligibility criteria. It can be a competitive process. For further information on the University's Study Abroad Scheme please contact studyabroad@reading.ac.uk