College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

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About the College

The mission of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources includes quality teaching, cutting-edge research and the extension of that research to the people of Missouri.

From entering freshmen to postdoctoral scientists, students prepare for a wide range of careers. Professional development through campus organizations and interaction with business and industry prepares our graduates to have an impact in the food system, business, government policy, environmental awareness, education, law, medicine and other areas.

The Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station develops new technology in animal, biochemical, plant, food and natural resource sciences to keep the state’s agribusiness system competitive in world markets and to provide consumers with a safe, low-cost food supply.

Technology reaches the people through the college’s Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension program. State specialists within the college and area specialists in county centers interact with the public for real-life application of research in solving problems.

Finally, the college helps developing nations become trading partners by improving their economies through better agriculture. This also provides a valuable exchange of knowledge and understanding with students, teachers and scientists from many cultures.

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Admissions

Students admitted to the University of Missouri are encouraged to enter the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources as freshmen. Current Mizzou students who are looking to transfer divisions into CAFNR need to contact the Office of Academic Programs first as some degree programs have specific GPA requirements.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree Requirements

Students should refer to degree program sections for course requirements and credit hour requirements. There are no specific CAFNR degree requirements.

University Graduation and CAFNR Requirements

- Students are required to meet all University graduation and degree program requirements to earn their degree. Refer to specific CAFNR degree programs to determine specific course requirements.
- Complete 30 of the last 36 hours with MU course work. Obtain approval of advisor, degree program advisor chair, and associate dean prior to enrolling in courses at another institution.
- Earn no less than a 2.00 GPA, as defined by the GPA of Record (UM cumulative GPA).

Transfer Credits

- University general education requirements are considered completed for students transferring with completed CORE42 or an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a regionally accredited Missouri institution. Some programs will require specific courses to meet degree requirements, which may also count towards University general education requirements.
- Transfer credit from a regionally accredited non-Missouri institution will be evaluated on a course by course basis.

CAFNRR Honors Requirements

Students are eligible to enter the honors program when they have obtained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above based on 30 credits earned at
Career Development and Professional Opportunities

CAFNR believes in career development as a key part of the student experience. Our college provides career resources targeted specifically toward student interests and strengths. The CAFNR Career Services team focuses efforts to help educate, empower, and connect CAFNR students with their future careers. The resources in CAFNR expand beyond résumé reviews, mock interviews and one-on-one sessions to explore career possibilities. We focus on making valuable employer connections to help expand each student’s professional network. Students also have access and are encouraged to use www.HireMizzouTigers.com (http://www.hiremizzoutigers.com) to search open job and internship postings.

CAFN graduates find rewarding careers in a variety of career fields, including: private industry, state and federal agencies, start-ups, production agriculture, and more.

You can receive relevant career planning updates from CAFNR delivered directly to your social media newsfeed. Simply like us at www.facebook.com/CAFN Rcareers (https://www.facebook.com/ CAFNR careers).

We invite you to reach out in the traditional ways, too! Stop by our office in 2-64 Agriculture Building, call us at (573) 882-0088 or email CAFNRcareerservices@missouri.edu.

Experiential Learning

Employers want to hire students who have experience! CAFNR students have a variety of options when it comes to experiential learning. CAFNR’s focus on internships, study abroad, industry tours, and student organizations help students gain relevant experience that employers want to see. Exploring these opportunities gives students the professional growth and network needed for career success after graduation.

Click here to check out some of the most recent student experiences (https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.631051863580078.1073741826.565193606832571&type=3) to see the kinds of opportunities CAFNR students explore. Interested in gaining your own experiences? We want to help you reach your goals! You can reach us in a variety of ways. Stop by our office in 2-64 Agriculture Building, call us at (573) 882-0088 or email CAFNRcareerservices@missouri.edu.

Study Abroad

CAFN provides students with opportunities to study abroad on semester, summer, spring break and winter break programs. Study Abroad complements and enhances a student’s academic program by helping students gain independence and self-confidence, better understand new cultures and the world around them, and enhance their résumé. Study abroad experiences increase a student’s skill-set and add the valuable international dimension to their degree that employers seek.

For more information about CAFNR study abroad programs, contact Shanon Dickerson, CAFNR Director of Study Abroad, Office of Academic Programs, 2-64 Agriculture Building, at dickersonsm@missouri.edu or (573) 882-8301.

Student Activities

CAFN offers a variety of extracurricular student activities that contribute to a student’s education and professional development. Clubs and
organizations sponsor activities related to professional interests as well as social events. Involvement in extracurricular activities fosters leadership development. Involvement in activities outside the classroom also may prove beneficial when applying for scholarships or jobs. Many organizations and companies look favorably on a student who has received good grades while being involved in clubs and other University organizations. Each class and club elects a representative to the CAFNR Student Council. More information can also be found at Fall Round-up each fall semester.

Graduate

Graduate studies in CAFNR are taking an innovative, high-tech approach to traditional agriculture, food and natural resources. Our students are highly engaged with expert faculty mentors who are impacting the future with findings on health breakthroughs, sustainable agriculture techniques and food safety. Prospective students are able to choose from a range of academic programs consistently recognized for excellence:

- Animal Sciences
- Applied Social Sciences
  - Agricultural Leadership, Communication and Education
  - Agricultural and Applied Economics
  - Rural Sociology
- Biochemistry
- Biological Engineering
- Food and Hospitality Systems
- Natural Resources
  - Agroforestry
  - Fisheries and Wildlife
  - Forestry
  - Human Dimensions of Natural Resources
  - Parks, Recreation and Tourism
  - Soil, Environmental and Atmospheric Sciences
  - Water Resources
- Plant, Insect and Microbial Sciences
  - Crop, Soil and Pest Management
  - Entomology
  - Horticulture
  - Plant Breeding, Genetics and Genomics
  - Plant Stress Biology

Find CAFNR degree program descriptions by following the links in the left navigation column.

**Note:** Prospective graduate students must apply to both the degree program of interest and to the MU Graduate School. In most cases, the entire application process may be completed online. Find admission and application details by selecting the degree program of interest in the left navigation column.