

Business Administration (Agriculture)

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

Why consider a degree in Business Administration (Agriculture Management)?

UFV is proud to offer this new business degree option where graduates in agriculture diploma programs can continue their education and strive for great career and management opportunities.

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This program is designed to help people working in agriculture business, who have at least two years experience, to learn how to successfully work as managers and owners of agri-related businesses. The innovative program combines bridging courses (e.g. business math, statistics, and management techniques) with more specific coursework in the areas of human resources management, marketing, financial management, industrial relations, project management, research, strategic management, information systems, and management of innovation, as well as special topics in areas such as environmental sustainability.

WHY STUDY BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN AGRICULTURE AT UFV?

UFV has a long track record of providing outstanding agriculture programs. Our new BBA Agriculture Management offers students another level of study once they have completed their diploma options in agriculture. It also keeps Fraser Valley farmers in the Fraser Valley, on their land, while they further their education.



“What a great way to earn your BBA right here in B.C.’s agricultural greenbelt. We offer flexible class times, and great instructors. It’s a winning combination”

— MARK BREEDVELD,
Chair, UFV
Business department.

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“I have always been fascinated by horticulture and plant science. This degree would really help me a lot with my career and I could work my way into management.”

— JOEL VAN MEER, Ag diploma graduate.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The study of business involves both theory and practice. Successful business people must be able to analyze a situation, examine various alternatives, and combine parts of solutions to solve the particular problem being faced. Our combination of bridging courses immerses you into the business program before you go further to learn more about human resources, marketing, financial management, industrial relations, research, strategic management, information systems, as well as specialized topics in areas such as environmental sustainability.

HOW DO I QUALIFY TO GET IN?

You should have at least two years work experience and have completed a diploma program in agriculture with a grade point average of at least 2.67. If you have a comparable two-year diploma in agriculture from a recognized post-secondary institution you will be assessed on an individual basis.

You will be asked to submit a 500-word written statement outlining why you wish to earn a BBA, the life/work experiences that have contributed to your decision, and the experiences that you believe have prepared you for the program.

We would also like to meet you in person for a short interview. Students who complete these requirements will be admitted conditional upon completion of the bridging courses.

Note: If you do not meet the certification requirement, you may still be considered for admission; contact the department for more details at 604-854-4551.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

Our professors are committed teachers who are passionate about communicating their knowledge about a subject they love while cultivating enthusiasm in their students. UFV faculty members have earned credentials from world-class business schools and have significant industry experience.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? CAN I CONTINUE TO WORK WHILE I COMPLETE MY STUDIES?

If you choose to study full-time, you can complete your degree in as little as two years. You can also choose to complete the program by studying part-time, in which case it might take you four years to complete. We offer flexible class scheduling to best fit into your busy lifestyle.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

In addition to tuition, your costs will include books, supplies, housing, meals, transportation, and personal expenses. On average, full-time BBA students pay \$4,000 tuition each academic year. Books and supplies are in addition to this. A helpful budget planning worksheet is available online at www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget.

You may wish to investigate the non-refundable tax credits associated with tuition costs and education amounts offered by the Canada Revenue Agency. You can get a breakdown on UFV tuition and other fee details through UFV's Admissions & Records web page at www.ufv.ca/ar.

It's worth a visit to UFV's Financial Aid and Awards office, which facilitates the disbursement each year of about \$12 million in federal and provincial student loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards to UFV students.

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BRIDGING COURSES

COURSE #	TITLE
BUS 100	Introduction to Business
BUS 203	Organizational Behaviour
MATH 170 or BUS 162	Business Math and Stats Mathematical Methods for Business
and MATH 106	Statistics I

* Students must successfully complete the bridging courses prior to beginning Semester V.

SEMESTER V

COURSE #	TITLE
BUS 201	Human Resource Management
BUS 301	Economic and Business Statistics
BUS 339	Introductory Financial Statement Analysis
BUS 350	Operations Management
BIO 210* or	Introduction to Ecology Approved 200-level Business elective

* Students should ensure they meet prerequisites for this course

SEMESTER VI

COURSE #	TITLE
BUS 305	Industrial Relations
BUS 320	Business Research Methods
BUS 321	Business to Business Marketing
BUS 349	Financial Management I
ECON 307*	Managerial Economics I

* Students should ensure they meet prerequisites for this course

SEMESTER VII

COURSE #	TITLE
BUS 404	Management Science
BUS 406	Compensation and Benefits
BUS 415	Venture Initiation
BUS 440	Management Information Systems
BUS 457	Project Management

SEMESTER VIII

COURSE #	TITLE
BUS 403	Strategic Management
BIO 420	Special Topics (Global Sustainability)
BUS 430	Management of Innovation
<i>Elective</i>	<i>Upper-level Business Elective</i>
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ELECTIVES

COURSE #	TITLE
BIO 310	Conservation Biology
BIO 360	Insect Biology
BIO 390	Animal Behaviour
BIO 410/ GEOG 410	Plant Ecology
BIO 420	Special Topics (Equine Science topic)
ECON 361	Environmental Economics
ECON 410	Economics and Financial Markets
<i>Elective*</i>	<i>Approved upper-level elective</i>

* Students should contact the Business department for approval of this elective

WHERE WILL MY CLASSES BE OFFERED?

UFV is pleased to offer this program in the province's agriculture green-belt on UFV's Abbotsford campus.

I'M INTERESTED. WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

It's best to check out our online calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar and download an application form. Read the Business Administration section of the calendar carefully. Fill out the application form and submit it, along with the required documents and the \$45 application fee, to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre. You can also transmit it through the internet at www.pas.bc.ca.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Apply right away as applications are being accepted now. You can get started right away by taking some or all of the bridging courses noted above.

CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE GAINED IN MY LIFE SO FAR?

Yes. UFV offers Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), a flexible assessment process that evaluates your experiential learning (what you already know and can do) for post-secondary credit. Experiential learning includes independent study, volunteer activities, non-credit courses, workplace learning, and military service. To find out more, check out the PLAR website at www.ufv.ca/plar or contact Susan Brown, Assessment Services Coordinator, PLAR at 604.851.6342 or susan.brown@ufv.ca.

WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE IS THERE TO HELP ME ADJUST?

Please visit www.ufv.ca/student-services to learn about the broad range of services designed to help you learn about and adjust to the university environment. Business students can also take advantage of the Business Administration Student Association (BASA), which organizes events and forums and provides student support.

CAN I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MY OPTIONS?

Contact Business Administration department head Mark Breedveld at 1-888-504-7441, local 6308, directly at 604-851-6308, or via email at mark.breedveld@ufv.ca, or contact the program advisor at 604-854-4551, or e-mail businfo@ufv.ca. You can also visit the web at www.ufv.ca/agriculture/Programs/Bachelor_of_Business_Administration_for_Agriculture_Management.htm

You can also contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to arrange a tour of UFV, attend a Becoming a Student info session, connect with an educational advisor, or arrange for career counselling.



About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

Get to know us better at www.ufv.ca.



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