

NEW TO AGBIO



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WELCOME



You are now part of the best college on campus! The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has fabulous undergrad programs that will show you how to link environmental awareness with efficient production of healthy food for a growing world, use your business acumen and understand the government policies that control things—all providing you with a foundation for a wonderful career in the province, the country and the world.

Although Agros only make up about eight per cent of the University of Saskatchewan's undergraduates, we provide 90 per cent of the fun on campus! Your fellow students are diverse and welcoming, so you can make friends quickly and get involved in activities with them that will give you fun stories to remember all your life. Your classes will be interesting — challenging yes, but exposing you to ideas you never dreamed of. Your professors are great teachers who enjoy teaching and being with you, in class, and in the many labs, hands-on field courses, at your events, and just chatting with you whenever and wherever you bump into each other.

Those professors also do amazing research — addressing issues such as climate change, animal impacts on environments and humans, precision agriculture, big data, improving crops, developing policy and business models, reclaiming damaged land, creating better feed for animals, designing and processing healthy human foods, discovering genes that code for robustness and disease

resistance, producing fuel or fibre or plastics from wastes or from crops grown on land where food crops can't grow, and improving global food security and water quality and availability — things the world needs now more than ever. Your professors are prolific and active researchers on campus, and you will have lots of opportunities to join them in their efforts during your years here.

Over 90 per cent of our students have jobs every summer and most have several jobs to choose from upon graduation. That's because we focus on renewable resources and sustainably producing healthy food and bioproducts that are always in demand by consumers locally and globally.

As Agros we are dedicated to stewarding our precious world and addressing the diverse needs of people locally, nationally and globally.

Welcome to the best college on campus!

Mary Buhr, Dean
College of Agriculture and Bioresources



Always be open to meet new people! The College of AgBio and the whole university is such a great place to meet people from all walks of life. Talk with your neighbor in each of your classes or say hello to someone new in the student lounge. Being friends with students, staff, and faculty will build communities for you that last the rest of your life.

David MacTaggart, B.S.A. Crop Science

There's such a strong sense of community here and I think that's incredibly valuable when you're taking a big step into your life. You're supported academically, in your personal life, and professionally, and it's just a really well-rounded college to be a part of. My favorite thing about the College of AgBio is that everyone wants to see you succeed and fulfill your goals.

Kyla Beaudry, B.Sc. Renewable Resource Management, Resource Science



What makes AgBio unique is that it focuses on employable skills and relevant, up-to-date industry information. I really want to contribute to food security. I think food is a human right, and we should work towards the goal of everyone having enough. I look forward to seeing my professors talking about subjects they really love. You can tell that they're passionate about what they do and that they love teaching their subjects.

Eleanor Yates, B.S.A. Food and Bioproduct Sciences

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has inspired me to become a lifelong learner. I have made some of my closest friends during my time as an Agro and will forever be thankful for the community environment that the College of AgBio provides. Through the study abroad program, I was able to complete a semester of my degree in the Netherlands. This experience provided me with an entirely new perspective of the global agriculture industry and the cultures and traditions that are rooted in food production.

Amy Carruthers, B.Sc. Agribusiness



I chose the College of AgBio here in Saskatchewan so I could be close to home, but I also think it has such a good reputation around the globe that when I pursue a future career, I want to have graduated from this prestigious college. Coming from a small town, I was really worried about going from a class of 30 to 300, but AgBio is its own small community—it's coming from one small town to a new small town. Every morning when you walk into the college, somebody says hi to you, somebody smiles at you if you're having a rough day; if you go into the student lounge, there's always people willing to greet you, play a game or talk about a class with you. We are a true community where everybody cares for each other. It doesn't matter if you're in first year or fourth year, we're all there for each other.

Kaitlyn Kitzen, B.Sc. Agribusiness



Expand your world

AgBio student groups are a wonderful way to meet like-minded individuals and grow as a person, The College of Agriculture and Bioresources is lucky to have very engaged students who have developed a diverse selection of thriving student groups for you to be a part of!

STUDENT GROUPS

- **Agriculture and Bioresources Students' Association (ASA)**
- **USask Stockman's Club**
 - Dairy Team
 - Rangeland Team
 - Beef Team
 - Judging Team
- **USask Rodeo Team**
- **Canadian Agri-Marketing Association (CAMA) Saskatchewan Student Chapter**
- **AgBizz Club**
- **Environmental and Bioresources Students Association (EBSA)**
- **Animal (Bio)Science Club**
- **USask Horticulture Club**
- **Food and Bioproduct Sciences Student Club**
- **Environmentalists for Agriculture**

JOIN A LEARNING COMMUNITY

Learn to adapt more quickly to university by taking part in a Learning Community. You will benefit from the mentorship and support of successful upper-year students, as well as recent graduates, who will help you develop the skills you need to be successful in this new academic environment.

In a Learning Community, you will take a set of the same classes together with other new students in your college/program and take part in a weekly LC hour designed to enhance your learning, skills and community connections.

Sign-up for Learning Communities opens May 4 at noon (C.S.T.). Spaces are limited, so make sure to get your spot early! Sign up online at usask.ca/lc.

READ YOUR USASK EMAIL

Access your USask email by logging into PAWS (paws.usask.ca), with your Network Services ID (NSID) and password. For assistance, contact the ICT Service Desk by telephone at 306-966-2222 or 1-800-966-4817 (toll free in Canada). It is essential that you check your email regularly to ensure you receive important communications from the university—it is the only way we communicate with you regularly.



RBC LEARN TO WORK, WORK TO LEARN PROGRAM

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has expanded experiential learning opportunities for students and has launched the RBC Learn to Work, Work to Learn program. This program helps students develop the necessary skills to enter the workforce and to enhance their career opportunities. These workforce skills have been identified by our industry partners.

Students can be involved in the program by:

- **Attending workshops** on communication, professionalism, resume building, negotiation, critical thinking and networking.
- **Attending college events** such as AgBio Challenge (a case competition with cash prizes), AgBio Career Fair, Career Meetups, Canada Ag Day, and local conferences to interact with industry partners, faculty and fellow students.
- **Completing AGRC 445: Experiential Learning in the Workplace.** This course provides a skills-focused learning course for students before, during and after summer work experience under the shared guidance of industry mentors and faculty facilitators. Built around the summer work experience are numerous employment workshops, seminars and industry networking events to enhance student learning through professional practice and direct mentorship.

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