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Bachelor of Science in Agriculture AU272

Bachelor of Science (Hons) Agriculture with Degree Award Options: Animal & Crop Science or Environmental Management AU371

Congratulations on being offered a place on the three-year BSc in Agriculture (Level 7) or the four-year BSc (Hons) Agriculture (Level 8) at ATU Donegal. The Department of Life and Physical Sciences is a vibrant, exciting department in the Faculty of Science and Health at ATU Donegal. It is equipped with up-to-date equipment and state-of-the-art laboratories. A recent national report indicated that the demand for skilled graduates in the Agri-Food sector is expected to increase significantly over the coming years.

This is a full-time programme with classes taking place Monday-Friday from 09.30 17.30. Attendance at all lectures, practicals, site visits and placements (if applicable) is recorded and monitored. If a student has attendance less than 75%, they will be invited to attend a meeting with the Head of Department. As part of your programme of study you will take both theory and practical classes. Practical classes are an essential part of your programme as they put into practice much of the theory you have been taught in class. As a Department, we place considerable emphasis on this aspect of our programmes of study as employers require graduates to have up-to-date practical skills. Students are required to wear protective clothing when working in the Science labs. Lab coats are available from the Campus SU shop. Suitable clothing must also be worn when on farm visits and academic staff will advise you of these requirements during Induction. In addition to scheduled classes students are also required to undertake independent learning.

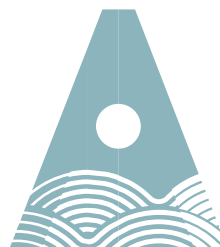
You are also required to undertake **mandatory training** prior to engaging in skills sessions and work placement. Training will be arranged on your behalf by ATU Donegal, and attendance is mandatory. Mandatory training has been organised for the first two Fridays in September 2023, please keep your schedule free for this. Please see Additional Costs on the next page for further information.

Once again congratulations on securing your place on our Agriculture programme. On-Campus Induction for Department of Life and Physical Sciences Agriculture Students takes place on **Thursday 14th September 2023**. Please refer to the Induction Guide for date/times of Induction on campus on 14th September.

You will receive information about your Class Group and Timetable at Induction.

I look forward to meeting you then.

Dr Kim McFadden
Head of Department of Life and Physical Sciences



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Quick Guide Information for Agriculture Students

Placement Information

- Year 2 placement is 12 weeks in Semester 4: 6 weeks Farm and 6 weeks Industry (this must take place outside your family enterprise)
- Mandatory Training – Manual Handling to be completed prior to work placement/field trips
- Further information will be provided at Year 1 Induction

Additional Costs*

Purpose	Cost	How to Pay
Course Costs	€200 – student contribution towards the following course activities: Mandatory Training/ Manuals/ Educational Trips	Paid through ATU Student Account
Laboratory Coat	€40	Can be purchased from SU Campus Shop

*Please note additional costs are not covered by the SUSI grant and students are required to arrange payment through their ATU Student Account.

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