Agriculture Forward at Maryland (Ag Forward) provides an opportunity for students to earn agriculture-related degrees from the University of Maryland. Ag Forward students begin their studies at the Institute of Applied Agriculture (IAA) and complete their degrees within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR).

Benefits of Ag Forward:

• Students who complete one year (30 credits) within the Institute of Applied Agriculture, including a fundamental Math and English course, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher are admissible into a University of Maryland bachelor’s degree program within the College of AGNR.

• Participants receive dual academic advising from IAA and College of AGNR faculty members to ensure all program requirements are met and a seamless transition.

• Within four years, students could earn both their IAA certificate and bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland.

Contact us today to discuss how Ag Forward can help you meet your education and career goals. Our advisors can help you choose the area of study right for you and get you started with the application.

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What our students are saying:

“The program is amazing and allows me to experience different aspects of what I can do with my major. Although some of the classes are a little different than what I am interested in, knowledge is power.”

-RUBY FISHBEIN

“I believe that one of the main benefits of this program is being able to have a more concentrated study and begin studying in your major from day one.”

-JUSTIN HIPP

For more information or to get started, contact us:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1) WHO SHOULD APPLY TO AGRICULTURE FORWARD?
Anyone interested in pursuing agriculture-related degrees from the University of Maryland and/or owning or managing an agricultural enterprise! Ag Forward was designed for students interested in pursuing both an IAA certificate and a bachelor’s degree.

2) WHAT CAN I MAJOR IN THROUGH AGRICULTURE FORWARD?
Students in Ag Forward are pursuing two credentials and therefore have two majors: one for the IAA certificate and one for your bachelor’s degree in the College of AGNR.

The programs students can choose from are:

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3) WILL I BE STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK?
Yes! The Institute of Applied Agriculture is located on campus at the University of Maryland College Park. Students in the Ag Forward program have access to the same resources as all University of Maryland students. You can attend football games, eat in the dining halls, live on campus, and join student clubs, and more.

4) WHAT IS THE COST OF ATTENDANCE?
As a student at the University of Maryland College Park you pay tuition and fees based on resident or non-resident status. You can view the current costs of attendance at http://go.umd.edu/Tuition.

5) CAN I STILL GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS?
YES!!! Our advisors have worked out advising and graduation plans for you that allow you to graduate with your IAA certificate and bachelor’s degree in 4 years. As long as you work with your advisor, stay on track, and meet all program requirements (don’t worry, we’ll be there to help you along the way!), you can walk across that stage and receive your credentials at the end of your fourth year.

6) HOW AND WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?
To apply to the Agriculture Forward program, simply visit the Institute of Applied Agriculture’s website (www.IAA.umd.edu) to get started. Follow the links to the IAA application and make sure you check the box indicating that you would like to be considered for the Agriculture Forward Program.

Before you apply, we recommend that you speak to Randie Hovatter or April Brohawn (their contact information is on the front of this flyer) to make sure this program is right for you and that your questions are answered.

The priority application deadline for Agriculture Forward at Maryland is March 15. Decisions will be released early April.