AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS
Associate in Science Degree (A.S.)

DESCRIPTION
The Agricultural Science program offers an Associate of Science degree in Agricultural Science. The IVC major deals with the application of the various principles of the biological and physical sciences in agriculture. The course offerings are fundamental and broad in scope so that students can prepare for transfer or seek employment in one of the hundreds of career opportunities in the agriculture field.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts and knowledge related to the selection, propagation and management of various plant commodities produced for food, feed and fiber.
2. Display competency with respect to the use of standard lab, industry equipment and techniques used in production.
3. Demonstrate understanding of scientific research and critical thinking skills related to hypothesis development and data interpretation as applied to the decision making process for commercial production.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS
The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
California is one of the top states in the nation in annual gross agricultural returns. The livestock industry and over 250 specialty crops provide a variety of career choices. Trained personnel are employed on ranches and farms, as well as the vast agriculture service industry. Career opportunities also exist with governmental agencies. Every year there are several openings in Agriculture Education in California as well as other states. Of the career opportunities identified many will usually require the completion of degree requirements at 4-year colleges and universities.

- Agribusiness Representative
- Agricultural Products Inspector
- Agronomist
- Chemical Fertilizer Sales
- College Instructor
- Cooperative Extension Agent
- Cooperative Manager
- Crop Consultant
- Crop Production
- Agronomic Production Manager
- County Agricultural Extension Agents
- Plant Geneticist Post secondary Teacher
- Soil Surveyor Vocational Agriculture Teacher

- Crop Scout/Consultant
- Education Specialist
- Farm Manager
- Farming Operation
- 4-H Association Youth Specialist
- Genetic Engineering Scientist
- International Agronomist
- Land Reclamation Specialist
- Land-Use Planner
- Conservation/Environmental Technician

- Seed Production
- Research Technician
- Soil Conservation Specialist
- Youth Development Specialist
- Waste Management Specialist
- Water Quality Specialist

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: [http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/](http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/)

TRANSFER PREPARATION
Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:
- [www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org) – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine
- [www.CSU Mentor.edu](http://www.CSU Mentor.edu) – CSU System Information
- [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html) – UC System Information
- [www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu) – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of
- [http://wiche.edu/wue](http://wiche.edu/wue) - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID
Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: [www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/](http://www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/)
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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE – A.S. DEGREE
Twenty-six (26.0) units required for the major.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF “C” OR BETTER.

I. Required courses for the major (14.0 units)
   - AG 120 Soil Science 3.0
   - AG 140 Principles of Plant Science 4.0
   - AG 170 Principles of Entomology 3.0
   - CHEM 100 Introduction to Chemistry 4.0

II. Acceptable Courses (select a minimum of 12.0 units) 12.0
   - AG 080 Pesticide Safety (1.0)
   - AG 138 Computer Applications in Agriculture (3.0)
   - AG 142 Introduction to Biofuel Input and Production (3.0)
   - AG 160 Food and Fiber in a Changing World (3.0)
   - AG 220 Irrigation and Drainage (3.0)
   - AG 230 Fertilizers and Soil Amendments (3.0)
   - AG 240 Field and Cereal Crops (4.0)
   - AG 250 Vegetable Crop Production (3.0)
   - AG 260 Plant Protection and Integrated Pest Management (3.0)
   - AG 270 Weeds and Weed Control (3.0)
   - CIS 101 Introduction to Information Systems (3.0)

Total Major Units 26.0