

# AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

## Course Description

Agricultural Research and Development (ARD) culminates students' experiences in agriculture, based on their chosen pathway of study. Practical research applications are woven throughout the course that are designed to develop and improve students' employability skills.

Students enhance research, critical thinking, and teamwork skills as they expand on content knowledge from previous agricultural courses to design and complete their own research projects.



## Equipping teachers

- Capstone level
- Full year course
- Inquiry and project based instructional practices
- CASE Institute professional development

## **Engaging students**

- **⊘** Solve complex, real-world problems through focused research
- ✓ Practice scientific research and problem solving skills
- ✓ Conduct research and data analysis
- **⊘** Communicate results to peers and the agricultural community

### Instructional Units

- Defining Ag Research and Development
- Problems and Solutions
- Methodology
- Reporting Data
- Communication

## Flexibility & Adaptability

CASE provides a comprehensive professional development experience, in addition to a worklife balance so teachers can best educate their students. Course work is adaptable and customizable based on teacher preference to fit all geographies and communities.



6 Ag Research and Development gives my students ownership of their projects and the freedom to explore areas that interest them. Students enjoy investigating and solving relevant problems in our local ag industry, which has benefitted our community members.

- Jamie Christiansen, Iowa



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**Equipping Teachers Engaging Students** 





## **Purposeful Curriculum**

CASE has sequenced courses at four levels that enhance the delivery of agricultural education through inquiry-based learning and technical skills.

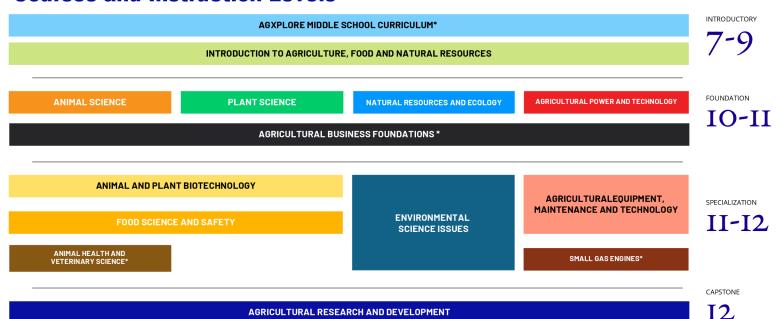
### **Mission**

To design industry-leading, inquiry-based curriculum and teacher education to create lifelong learners and prepare students for the future of agriculture.

## **Standards Aligned**

CASE develops curriculum with industry feedback and aligns courses to National Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources and Career & Technical Education standards.

### **Courses and Instruction Levels**



## **Professional Development and Lifetime Certification**

CASE 4 Learning enhances agricultural education with inquiry and project-based learning to prepare the next generation of the agricultural workforce through teacher certification and professional development.

### **CASE Institutes**

Professional development events preparing teachers to implement full-year CASE courses. Institutes provide teachers the content and skills needed to use CASE curricula in their classroom. CASE Institutes range from five to eight days in a hybrid, in-person, or virtual format.

### **BriefCASEs** \*

Professional development for shortened CASE courses or modules. BriefCASEs range from one to three days.

### **Grants & Scholarships**

Corporate sponsors and donors throughout the agriculture industry support CASE teachers through funding material implementation grants and professional development scholarships. Teachers are eligible to apply in the fall to fund their programs in the following year.

#### Certification

Once the teacher is certified by attending a CASE Institute or BriefCASE, they have lifetime access. There are no subscriptions or renewal fees!



#### In-Person

Teachers attend the entire training at the host site.



#### Virtual

Teachers attend the entire training online. Teachers will receive materials via mail, and are responsible for their lab space.



### **Hybrid**

Teachers receive training both virtually and in-person based on the course.

