Undergraduate Agricultural Education

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OUTLINE

- Background
- Why I chose UWA
- Experiences of Undergraduate Students
- Views and Opinions
• Commerce @ Curtin University

• Agricultural Science @ UWA

• Combined Degree
  – Agricultural Science and Commerce
• Group of Eight

• Leading research university in Western Australia

• Solid reputation in Agricultural Sciences
• UWA Future Farm, Pingelly

• Clean, green and ethical

• Innovative farming practices

• Environmental biodiversity and sustainability
• Challenging and interesting units

• Balance academic and practical learning
  – Lectures, Field Work, Lab Classes
• Range of students studying agriculture

– Students from rural areas, always passionate and set on agriculture

– Students from rural areas, not always set on agriculture

– Students from metropolitan areas with no agricultural background or knowledge
• Most relevant units to agriculture start in 3rd year

• 1st and 2nd years are very broad
• Core 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} year units only being run every second year

• Communication with students
• Agriculture specific units cater well for those with no background

• Cropping Systems, Pasture Systems, etc

• Follow on units, expand knowledge
• New Courses 2012
• No opportunity study combined degree

• Optional Honours year
• Degree cut from 4 years to 3 years

• Broadening units

• Units cancelled or combined
• Biometrics 1 and 2 cancelled

• Quantitative Methods
  – Honours year
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• Diverse Backgrounds

• New Courses

• Communication
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