

# College of Agriculture and Life Sciences



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## Paths to CALS

There's more than one path to CALS.

### Find Your Path to CALS

More agriculture and life sciences graduates are needed to meet the grand challenges of feeding, fueling and clothing a growing global population.

In fact, we need 1,100 more students in our four-year programs, and 90 more students in our two-year associate degree programs just to meet the demand for CALS grads in North Carolina.

We realize competition to get into NC State is on the rise. And we are committed to helping all qualified students find a path to CALS.

**We want you here – and we'll help find the right path for you.**

#### APPLICATION GUIDANCE



#### Start Here!

Have questions about applying? Visit here first. →

#### MY PATH TO CALS

I'm a top student and did well on my ACT.  
I'm ready to apply to NC State and CALS.

High school senior with good grades and ACT score? Let's get you started.

[Freshman Admission](#) →

I need some skills, but not a 4-year degree.  
Tell me about your 2-year AGI program.

Ready to start your career but need more skills? You've come to the right place.

[Apply to AGI](#) →

I hear getting into  
NC State is tough.  
Can I start college  
somewhere else?

Think you can't get into CALS? Think again  
using these options.

[Find your path to CALS →](#)

I'm at a small high school  
with few AP classes.  
Help me prepare for the  
ACT and applying to CALS.

In high school and already thinking CALS?  
Let's see how we can help.

[Ace the ACT with ASPIRE →](#)



## Freshman Admission

The most common path to CALS is freshman admission. Roughly 44% of freshmen applicants were accepted to NC State in 2016. Of those, 40% were from rural N.C. communities.

- › We use a holistic admissions process and consider more than applicant SAT/ACT scores and GPA.
- › We understand that leadership experience in organizations such as 4-H and FFA, an agricultural background, or participation in NC State programs are strong indicators for student success.

[FALL SEMESTER ADMISSION →](#)

[SPRING SEMESTER ADMISSION →](#)

### FINDING MY PATH



**CALS was the right  
choice for me.**

From an early age, entrepreneur and Ag Science major Colin Blalock knew he wanted to be a part of the Wolfpack. →

[Apply Now →](#)

[CALS Advisors →](#)

[Nominate a Student →](#)



## Agricultural Institute

Need career-specific training to get ahead? Thinking of starting or taking over a small business? Then CALS's Agricultural Institute is for you.

Agribusinesses and family farms all need the modern technical skills AGI can give you in just two years. You can even continue your studies at CALS after you graduate.

- › Direct admission after high school graduation
- › Two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree in six majors
- › Transfer opportunities to four-year program with AGI degree

### FINDING MY PATH



**AGI helped shape my career.**

It's been less than a year since Jacob Tarlton graduated from AGI, but the young farmer is already living his dream. →

[Learn More →](#)

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**STEAM and Community College Partners**

**STEAM** – it stands for Student Transfer Enrollment Advising and Mentoring – is a unique program to help students interested in agriculture get in to CALS. This path combines a summer session at NC State with a year of classes at a North Carolina community college (or other institution).

- › Participate in a summer session at CALS
- › Take the first year of classes at an N.C. community college
- › Get mentoring and personalized academic advising to make sure credits earned apply toward CALS degree
- › Guaranteed sophomore year admission into preferred CALS program

## Community College Partnerships

Numerous community colleges partner with us to provide a 1+3 and 2+2 admissions path to CALS. We provide personalized advising support for students while they attend community colleges to ensure a smooth transition to NC State.

We hear from many of our students, "It's not important where you start, but where you finish," and our transfer students finish strong – often outperforming many of our traditional 4-year students.

[Learn About STEAM →](#)

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[Requirements for Transfer →](#)

### FINDING MY PATH



**STEAM prepared me well.**

Young entrepreneur Ben Alig followed an unconventional path to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, where he studies poultry science. →



## Pre-College Programs

ASPIRE to coming to NC State? We've got the program for you.

Many rural and small high schools don't offer the college-prep classes that urban and larger high schools do. NC State's ASPIRE – ACT Supplemental Preparation in Rural Education – program is designed to bridge that gap for rural high school sophomores and juniors.

Local teachers and Extension agents help students by offering ACT prep classes featuring the following:

- › 30 hours of ACT course instruction
- › Princeton Review ACT study manual

### FINDING MY PATH



**ASPIRE's ACT prep helped me get into CALS.**

- > Princeton Review practice manual, with 1,460 questions
- > 4 full-length ACT practice exams with score analysis and breakdown

Montana York can't imagine being anywhere else. →

[Learn More About ASPIRE →](#)

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