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Engineering that makes a difference

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Engineering with a  
higher purpose

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Engineering for life


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# Biosystems Engineering





# Finding Solutions for Life on a Small Planet

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- 40% projected increase in world population by 2030 will add **2 billion** people to the planet
  - Growing world population requires more food, water, energy, goods
  - Limited resources demand we do more with less, without degrading our natural world





# Biosystems Engineers ensure growing population has the necessities for life

- Safe and abundant food and water
- Timber and fiber for shelter and clothing
- Plentiful and renewable energy resources
- A healthy environment in which to live





# Biosystems Engineers—what do they do?

- Devise practical, efficient solutions for producing, storing, transporting, processing, and packaging agricultural products



- Solve problems related to systems, processes, and machines that interact with humans, plants, animals, microorganisms, and biological materials
- Develop solutions for responsible, alternative uses of agricultural products, byproducts and wastes and of our natural resources - soil, water, air, and energy





## Why Choose Biosystems Engineering?

Can't decide whether to study math, physical sciences, or biological sciences? Bio-Ag Engineering allows you to combine them all!

Unique curriculum offers valuable experience in other engineering disciplines and prepares graduates for multi-disciplinary teams common in today's workforce.

Make a lasting mark on the world around you!





# Who Employs Biosystems Engineers?

With a unique understanding of the interrelationships between technology and living systems, you'll have a wide variety of employment options available to you!







**Specialty**

**Areas at UK**

Food and Bioprocess Engineering  
Controlled Environmental Systems  
Engineering

Bioenvironmental Engineering  
Machine Systems Automation  
Engineering





# Pre-Biomedical Engineering

*Applying engineering practice to problems and opportunities related to medicine and human health*



- Bioinstrumentation
- Biomechanics
- Biomaterials
- Systems Physiology
- Clinical Engineering
- Bioinformatics
- Rehabilitation Engineering
- Medical implants







# Bioenvironmental

*Improving conservation by understanding the complex mechanics of soil and water*



- Wetlands protection
- Water control structures: dams, reservoirs, floodways
- Drainage
- Erosion control
- Pesticide and nutrient runoff
- Crop water requirements
- Water treatment systems
- Irrigation





# Food and Process Engineering

*Using microbiological processes to develop useful products, treat municipal, industrial, and agricultural wastes, and improve food safety*



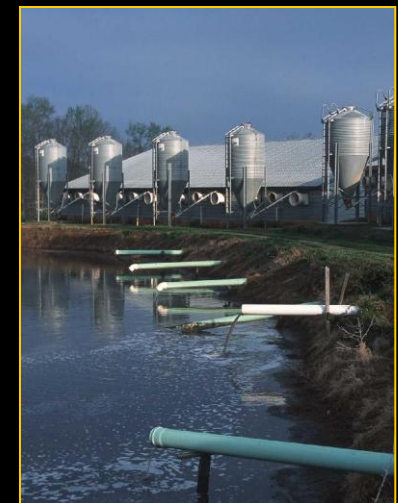
- Packaging, storage, transportation of perishable products
- Pasteurization, sterilization, irradiation techniques
- Food processing techniques & technologies
- Biomass fuels
- Nutraceuticals, pharmaceuticals
- Biodegradable packaging materials



# Controlled Environment Systems Engineering

*Engineering a healthy environment for living things*

- Animal and plant housing
- Grain storage
- Waste storage, recovery, reuse, transport
- Climate, ventilation, disease/pest control systems





# Machine Systems Automation

*Improving efficiency and conservation in agricultural, food, and biological systems*

- Agricultural tractors, combines, implements, and transportation equipment
- Turf and landscape equipment
- Equipment for special crops
- Global positioning systems
- Machine instrumentation and controls
- Data acquisition and “Bioinformatics”—biorobotics, machine vision, sensors, spectroscopy
- Electromagnetics



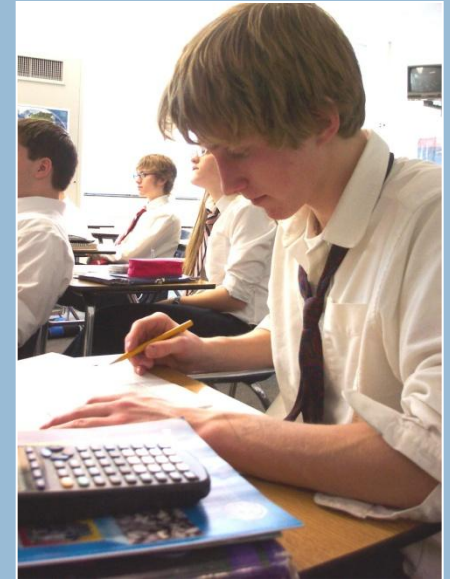




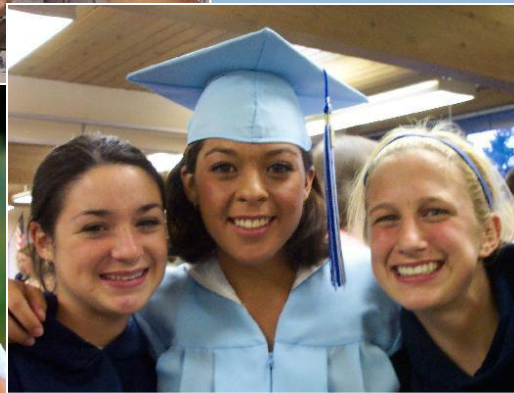
# Preparing for a College Career in Biological and Agricultural Engineering



- Math
- Science—especially life sciences



- Writing and Speaking—to communicate clearly and to “sell” your ideas



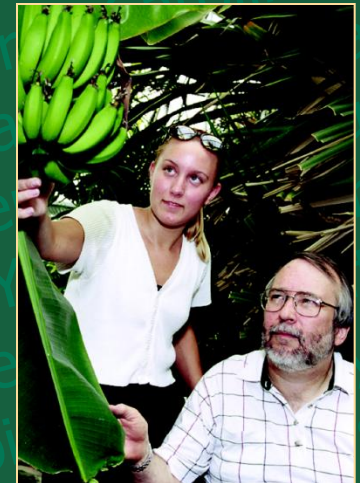
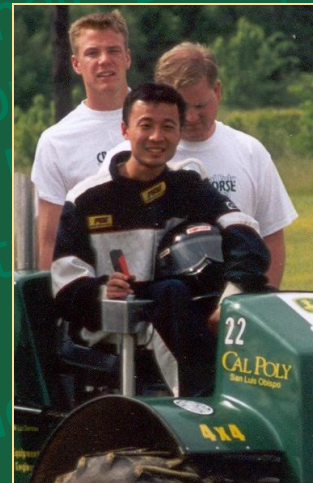


**"I found** biological and agricultural engineering to be a challenging field of study and very different from the typical engineering fields. And, I have the chance to work in an industry that affects everyone in the world!"



**"Other university departments** are so big and impersonal, but my faculty took time to get to know me and help me grow, personally as well as academically. There is a real sense of community in this major."

**"My studies** prepared me for the job market by exposing me to many different experiences and scenarios that come across in work."







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