The botany curriculum provides a broad background in the biology of plants, from the molecular to the organismic level. Students who major in botany will take courses in anatomy, ecology, genetics, physiology, taxonomy and molecular biology of plants and biochemistry.

About this Program

- **College:** Agricultural and Life Sciences
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Science
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **Specializations:** General Botany | Botanical Research
- **Additional Information**
- **Related Botany Programs**

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

Critical Tracking records each student’s progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

### Semester 1
- Complete 1 of 5 critical-tracking courses, including lab:
  - 2.0 UF GPA required

### Semester 2
- Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course, including labs
  - 2.0 UF GPA required

### Semester 3
- Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course, including labs, with a 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
  - 2.0 UF GPA required

### Semester 4
- Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course, including labs, with a 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
  - 2.0 UF GPA required

### Semester 5
- Complete all 5 critical-tracking courses, including labs, with a 2.5 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
  - 2.0 UF GPA required

Students are expected to complete the writing requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H or S).

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student’s academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

### Course Title

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**Gen Ed Mathematics**  
1 Gen Ed Mathematics; if COP 2800 taken for computational requirement; or elective.

**Semester Five**

Select one:  
- PCB 4043C General Ecology  
- PCB 3601C Plant Ecology  
- BOT 3151C Local Flora of North Florida  
- BSC 3307C Climate Change Biology  
- PCB 4674 Evolution  
- PHY 2054 Physics 2  
- & 2054L and Laboratory for Physics 2

**Gen Ed Humanities**  
3

**Credits**  
14

**Semester Six**

Select one:  
- BOT 2710C Practical Plant Taxonomy  
- BOT 4935/5225C Special Topics (Plant Anatomy)  
- PCB 3023 Essential Cell Biology  
- BCH 4024 Introduction to Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Electives  
5

**Foreign language**  
5

**Credits**  
15-16

**Semester Seven**

Select one:  
- AEB 2014 Economic Issues, Food and You (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)  
- AEB 3103 Principles of Food and Resource Economics (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)  
- ECO 2023 Principles of Microeconomics (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)  
- PCB 3601C Plant Ecology  
- BOT 3151C Local Flora of North Florida  
- BSC 3307C Climate Change Biology

**Credits**  
13-16

**Semester Eight**

Select one:  
- BOT 3503 & 3503L Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants and Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants Laboratory  
- BSC 4936 Critical Analysis of Biological Research  
- Biodiversity breadth course  
- Electives

**Credits**  
16-17

**Total Credits**  
120

The botany major is offered by both the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. This major provides a foundation in the life sciences with emphasis on plant systems. Students will learn the diversity of life, the structure of organisms and ecosystems and how they function (i.e., the acquisition, flow, organization and uses of information, energy and nutrients in living systems). Students will learn the scientific method and how it facilitates the discovery of new knowledge in botany and biology, including how to critically evaluate hypotheses and conclusions.

**Before Graduating Students Must**

- Achieve acceptable performance in all required botany courses.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

**Students in the Major Will Learn to**

**Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)**

**Content**

1. Identify, describe and explain the basic terminology, concepts, methodologies and theories used within the biological sciences.

**Critical Thinking**

2. Analyze biological information and develop reasoned solutions to problems using the processes and applications of scientific inquiry.
3. Discriminate ethical behavior from unethical behavior in scientific research.

**Communication**

4. Communicate knowledge, ideas and reasoning clearly and effectively in written or oral forms appropriate to the biological sciences.

**Curriculum Map**

I = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed

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**Assessment Types**

- Major field test for biology
- Bioethics quiz
- Scientific paper