This major prepares students for careers in plant science, including management, production, applied research, molecular biology research, marketing, sales and a number of other areas. Students can receive training ranging from commodity production/cropping systems to basic plant science/molecular biology.

About this Program

• College: Agricultural and Life Sciences
• Degree: Bachelor in Science
• Credits for Degree: 120
• Specializations: Horticultural Production | Horticultural Science | Organic Crop Production | Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology

• Additional Information

• Related Horticultural Science Programs

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

The department offers four specializations: horticultural sciences, horticultural production, organic crop production, and plant molecular and cellular biology. These options provide a strong science background and flexibility when choosing elective courses. Details of the specializations are outlined below. An academic advisor will help develop the curriculum that best suits your career and educational goals.

Related Horticultural Science Programs

• Combined Degree
• Horticultural Science minor

Horticultural Science

This specialization offers students a generalized program, covering growth and development of horticultural crops. This is a flexible option that can be tailored to individual students’ interests and career objectives, ranging from applied production to basic biology. Career options include commodity production/management, research biologist, marketing, agricultural chemical sales, fertilizer sales, produce buyer for grocery stores or restaurants, retail flower sales and a number of other opportunities.

Critical Tracking

Note that critical tracking is the same for all specializations of this major except Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology.

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, excluding labs: BOT 2010C or BSC 2010/BSC 2010L, BOT 2011C or BSC 2011/BSC 2011L, CHM 2045/CHM 2045L, MAC 1147, PHY 2004 or PHY 2020

• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

• Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course, excluding labs
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
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Semester 3

• Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course, excluding labs
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4

• Complete 2 additional critical-tracking courses, excluding labs
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5

• Complete all critical-tracking courses, including labs
• 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
• 2.0 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan

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.

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AEC 3033C Research and Business Writing in Agricultural and Life Sciences (Writing Requirement) 3
Select one:
- BOT 2010C Introductory Botany (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences)
- BSC 2010 & 2010L Integrated Principles of Biology 1 and Integrated Principles of Biology Laboratory 1 (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences)
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement 3
Gen Ed Mathematics 2
Electives 4
Credits 15-16

Semester Four
AEC 3030C Effective Oral Communication 3
Select one:
- BOT 2011C Plant Diversity (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences)
- BSC 2011 & 2011L Integrated Principles of Biology 2 and Integrated Principles of Biology Laboratory 2 (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences)
Select one:
- PHY 2004 Applied Physics 1 (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Physical Sciences)
- PHY 2020 Introduction to Principles of Physics (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Physical Sciences)
Electives 5
Credits 15-16

Semester Five
HOS 3020 Principles of Horticulture Crop Production 3
ORH 3513C Environmental Plant Identification and Use 3
Approved electives 6
Pest management course 3-4
Credits 15-16

Semester Six
HOS 3430C Nutrition of Horticultural Crops 3
HOS 4933 Professional Development in Horticulture 1
Approved electives 8
Pest management course 3-4
Credits 15-16

Semester Seven
AGR 3303 Genetics 3
HOS 4304 Horticultural Physiology 3
Approved electives 9
Credits 15

Semester Eight
HOS 4341 Advanced Horticultural Physiology 3
SWS 3022 & 3022L Introduction to Soils in the Environment and Introduction to Soils in the Environment Laboratory 4
PLS 3223 & 3223L Plant Propagation and Plant Propagation Laboratory 3
Approved electives 5
Credits 15
Total Credits 120

Approved Electives

Pest Management Courses

| Code   | Title                                                                 | Credits |
|--------|                                                                      |---------|
| ENY 3005 & 3005L Principles of Entomology and Principles of Entomology Laboratory (fall, spring and summer semesters) | 6-7     |
| IPM 3022 Fundamentals of Pest Management (spring semester)          |         |
| NEM 3002 Principles of Nematology (spring semester, even years)      |         |
| PLP 3002C Fundamentals of Plant Pathology (fall semester)            |         |
| PLS 4601C Principles of Weed Science (fall semester)                 |         |

Academic Learning Compact

The horticultural science major prepares students for a career in plant science, including management, production, research, marketing and sales. Students will gain knowledge ranging from commodity production and cropping systems to basic plant science and molecular biology. They will develop skills to describe how plant physiology and genetics relate to plant growth and development as well as developing knowledge of plant diseases and other factors that affect horticultural crops.

Before Graduating Students Must

• Pass the horticultural sciences competency test, given in three parts. One part will be given in each of these required courses:
  - HOS 3020 Principles of Horticulture Crop Production 3
  - HOS 4304 Horticultural Physiology 3
  - HOS 4341 Advanced Horticultural Physiology 3
• Achieve minimum grades of C in AEC 3030C and AEC 3033C. These courses are graded using rubrics developed by a faculty team.
• Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

Students in the Major Will Learn to Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Content
1. Describe fundamental concepts, skills and processes in horticultural science.
2. Apply fundamental concepts, skills and processes in horticultural science.

Critical Thinking
3. Critically analyze and interpret data in horticultural science.
4. Solve problems in horticultural science.

Communication
5. Communicate effectively in written form in a manner appropriate in the field of horticultural science.
6. Communicate effectively orally in a manner appropriate in the field of horticultural science.

Curriculum Map

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**Assessment Types**

- Class project
- Writing assignments
- Exams
- Final grades