Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences

The Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences degree program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed for a career in the production and management of plants and soils for food, fiber, forage, oil, recreation, landscaping and the enhancement of the human environment. Graduates have the technical and scientific skills as well as the communication, computational, leadership, and interpersonal capabilities necessary to function effectively as professionals. Careers are as diverse as they are challenging. Each Option prepares graduates for specific professional opportunities.

Options
Students pursuing a Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences degree may choose from the following Options:

- Horticulture Enterprise Management
- Turfgrass Science
- Crops and Livestock
- Crop, Soil, and Horticulture Science

Graduation Requirements
Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours with at least 45 credit hours from courses at the 300 level or above. A 2.0 grade-point standing (on a 4.0 scale) is necessary and remedial courses may not be counted toward the total hours required for the degree. In addition to the UK Core and college requirements, students must select an Option with the assistance of an advisor and fulfill the area’s program requirements.

UK Core Requirements
See the UK Core section of the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity
Choose one course from approved list ................................................................. 3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities
Choose one course from approved list ................................................................. 3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences
Recommended:
CLD 102 The Dynamics of Rural Social Life ....................................................... 3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences
CHE 105 General College Chemistry I ................................................................. 4
CHE 111 Laboratory to Accompany General Chemistry I .................................... 1

V. Composition and Communication I
CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I ........................................... 3

VI. Composition and Communication II
CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II ......................................... 3

VII. Quantitative Foundations
MA 123 Elementary Calculus and Its Applications ............................................ 4

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning
STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning ................................................................. 3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA
GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture, Food and Environment .................................... 3

X. Global Dynamics
Choose one course from approved list ................................................................. 3

UK Core hours ........................................................................................................ 33

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)
After attaining sophomore status, students must complete the Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement. Please see your academic advisor for courses that meet this requirement.

In addition, the student must submit a proposed plan of study for the junior and senior years.

Premajor Requirements

CHE 105 General College Chemistry I ................................................................. 4
CHE 107 General College Chemistry II ............................................................... 3
CHE 111 Laboratory to Accompany General Chemistry I .................................. 1
CHE 113 Laboratory to Accompany General Chemistry II ............................... 2
MA 123 Elementary Calculus and Its Applications ........................................... 4
WRD 203 Business Writing .................................................................................. 3

Subtotal: Premajor hours ....................................................................................... 17

Students choose one of four Options in the Horticulture, Plant and Soil Science program – Horticulture Enterprise Management; Turfgrass Science; Crops and Livestock; and Crop, Soil and Horticulture Science. All students take the Major Requirements listed below. Then, depending on their Option, take specific courses and 21 hours of Specialty Support courses, some of which may be specified. Option requirements follow Major Requirements.

Major Requirements

PLS 104 Plants, Soils, and People: A Science Perspective ................................. 3
PLS 210 The Life Processes of Plants ................................................................. 3
†BIO 150 Principles of Biology I ......................................................................... 3
†BIO 152 Principles of Biology II ......................................................................... 6
PLS 220 Introduction to Plant Identification ..................................................... 3
PLS 366 Fundamentals of Soil Science ............................................................... 4
PLS 386 Plant Production Systems .................................................................... 4
PLS 395 Special Problems in Plant and Soil Science ......................................... 3
PLS 399 Experiential Learning in Plant and Soil Science ................................. 3
PLS 404 Integrated Weed Management ............................................................ 4
PLS 470G Soil Nutrient Management ............................................................... 3
PLS 490 Topics in Plant and Soil Science ......................................................... 3
†Students in the Crop, Soil, and Horticulture Science Option take BIO 150/152.

Subtotal: Major hours ......................................................................................... 30-33

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Options

Horticulture Enterprise Management Option
PLS 100 An Introduction to Horticulture Professions .................................. 1
PLS 440 Plant Propagation .............................................................. 3
PLS 465 Greenhouses and Controlled Environments ......................... 3
PLS 520 Fruit and Vegetable Production .................................. 4
PPA 400G Principles of Plant Pathology ................................................ 3
Select 9 credit hours from the following courses:
PLS 320 Woody Horticultural Plants ............................................. 4
PLS 330 Herbaceous Horticultural Plants I .................................... 2
PLS 332 Herbaceous Horticultural Plants II .................................... 2
PLS 352 Nursery Production ........................................................... 3
PLS 451 Landscape Management and Arboriculture ...................... 3
PLS 515 Turf Management .............................................................. 3
PLS 525 Greenhouse Floral Crop Management ................................ 3
Other PLS courses with consent of advisor ...........................................
Subtotal: Option hours ................................................................. 23
Specialty Support Requirements
Select 21 hours of courses with consent of advisor .............................. 21
Subtotal: Specialty Support ............................................................ 21
Electives
Elective courses should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.
Subtotal: Electives .................................................................................................................. minimum of 1
TOTAL HOURS: .................................................................................................................. 120

Turfgrass Science Option
PLS 514 Grass Taxonomy and Identification ........................................... 3
PLS 515 Turf Management .............................................................. 3
PPA 400G Principles of Plant Pathology ................................................ 3
Select additional 9 credit hours of PLS courses ..................................... 9
Subtotal: Option hours ................................................................. 18
Specialty Support Requirements
ENT 320 Horticultural Entomology .................................................... 3
CHE 226 Analytical Chemistry
or
CHE 236 Survey of Organic Chemistry ............................................. 3
Select additional 15 credit hours of specialty support
in consultation with academic advisor .................................................. 15
Subtotal: Specialty Support ............................................................ 21
Electives
Elective courses should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.
Subtotal: Electives .................................................................................................................. minimum of 1
TOTAL HOURS: .................................................................................................................. 120

Crops and Livestock Option
PLS 510 Forage Management and Utilization ......................................... 3
Select 15 credit hours of additional PLS courses ............................... 15
Subtotal: Option hours ................................................................. 18
Specialty Support Requirements
CHE 236 Survey of Organic Chemistry ............................................. 3
Earn a minor in Animal Science ........................................................ 18

Minor in Animal Sciences
Prerequisites
Note that several classes in both Group A and Group B have prerequisites beyond ASC 101. These are indicated in parenthesis following the courses below. Students taking the minor are responsible for satisfying the prerequisites.

Minor Requirements
ASC 101 Domestic Animal Biology .................................................. 3
ASC 102 Applications of Animal Science ........................................ 3
Additional Course Work ................................................................. 9
At least 9 credit hours must be selected from the list that follows (Groups A and B). At least one course must be selected from Group A and one course from Group B.

Group A
ASC 300 Meat Science ................................................................. 4
ASC 325 Animal Physiology (BIO 152 and CHE 107/113) .............. 3
ASC 362 Animal Genetics ............................................................... 4
ASC 364 Reproductive Physiology of Farm Animals (CHE 230 or 236) .... 4
ASC 378 Animal Nutrition and Feeding (CHE 230 or 236) ......... 4

Group B
ASC 340 Poultry Production ......................................................... 2
ASC 404G Sheep Science (ASC 300, 362, 364) .............................. 4
ASC 406 Beef Cattle Science (ASC 300, 362, 364) ....................... 4
ASC 408G Swine Production (ASC 378) ........................................ 2
ASC 410G Equine Science (ASC 362, 364) ........................................... 3
ASC 420G Dairy Cattle Science (ASC 362, 364) ....................... 3
Total Hours Required ................................................................. 15
Additional specialty support classes may be selected in consultation with your academic advisor for a total of 21 hours in specialty support.
Subtotal: Specialty Support ............................................................ 21
Electives
Elective courses should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.
Subtotal: Electives .................................................................................................................. minimum of 1
TOTAL HOURS: .................................................................................................................. 120

Crop, Soil and Horticulture Science Option
Select 18 hours of PLS courses with consent of advisor ..................... 18
Subtotal: Option hours ................................................................. 18
Specialty Support Requirements
CHE 226 Analytical Chemistry
or
CHE 230 Organic Chemistry I
or
CHE 236 Survey of Organic Chemistry ............................................. 3
STA 291 Statistical Methods ............................................................. 3
Select additional 15 credit hours from following list or other science courses selected with consent of advisor:
BIO 304 Principles of Genetics ....................................................... 4
BIO 308 General Microbiology ........................................................ 3
BIO 315 Introduction to Cell Biology ............................................... 4
BIO 430G Plant Physiology ................................................................. 4
EES 220 Principles of Physical Geology .......................................... 4
PHY 211 General Physics ................................................................. 5
PHY 213 General Physics ................................................................. 5
CHE 231 Organic Chemistry Laboratory I ................................. 1
CHE 232 Organic Chemistry II ......................................................... 3
CHE 233 Organic Chemistry Laboratory II ....................................... 1
Subtotal: Specialty Support ............................................................ 21
Electives
Elective courses should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.
Subtotal: Electives .................................................................................................................. minimum of 1
TOTAL HOURS: .................................................................................................................. 120