Program of Study

**Program of Study – Applicable only to students enrolled in major prior to Fall 2018**

Students enrolled in the major starting in Fall 2018 are no longer required to complete and submit a Program of Study. Instead, applicants are required to declare an Individualized Track selection through the Academic Progress Audit System (APAS).

The University offers a wide range of learning opportunities and we encourage you to think broadly as you put together a package of coursework that provides you with the specific expertise you seek, and, at the same time, includes a breadth of experience that will help you become a creative problem solver, an excellent communicator, and a skilled team member. We have kept the major requirements to a minimum to offer you greater flexibility to devise your own academic path.

Find requirements for this major in the University Catalog.

In consultation with your faculty mentor, you will develop a Program of Study consisting of at least 24 credits, with a minimum of 15 of those credits at the 3xxx-level or above. Of the 24 credits, you need to take a minimum of 12 credits from AGRO, HORT, PLPA, or ENTO designators. Within the 24 credits, one course must be writing intensive. The remaining credits should come from plant science-related disciplines. Here are some sample programs for the most popular areas of study:

- Agroecology
- Nursery and Floriculture
- Plant Breeding
- Plant Production
- Sustainable Plant Health
- Turfgrass Science

In addition to proposing a selection of courses that meet the guidelines, please prepare a thoughtful narrative of at least 500 words that describes your educational goals, how this collection of courses will meet these goals, your thoughts on timing and kind of internships, and if, when, and where you would like to study abroad.

Your program of study course list and essay must be reviewed by your faculty mentor. Once they approve, submit your Program of Study online. For questions about this process, email Neil Anderson (ander044@umn.edu).
**Deadlines:** You must submit your Program of Study before starting your fourth semester at the University of Minnesota if you entered as a freshman. Students who transfer into plant science must submit a Program of Study by the start of their third semester in the major. These are the final deadlines; you can also submit materials earlier.