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Programs

Bachelor of Science. The BS degree prepares individuals to pursue advanced degrees for careers in teaching or research. Students may major in agriculture, animal science or horticulture with a minor to complement their intended purpose.

Bachelor of Technology. The BT degree is a career specialist’s degree. Graduates are prepared for supervisory and management positions in production agriculture, horticulture, or the ornamental horticulture industry.

Associate of Technology. The two-year AT degree programs provide students with adequate skills and working knowledge to apply for entry-level positions in their area of specialization.

BS: Agriculture
Major requirements—40
AGRI118, 206, 300, 304, 308, 405; ANSI114; HORT105, plus 15 major elective credits chosen in consultation with advisor.
Cognate requirements—18
BIOL165, 166; CHEM131, 132

BS: Animal Science
Major requirements—40
AGRI405; ANSI114, 305, 425, plus 19–21 credits in a special area of emphasis and 6–10 major electives chosen in consultation with an advisor.
Cognate requirements—18
BIOL165, 166; CHEM131, 132

Animal Science Areas of Emphasis
Students may choose an area of emphasis from the following or develop a personalized program in consultation with their advisor to meet specific career goals.

Pre-Veterinary Medicine—21
AGRI137(2); ANSI340 (1 species), ANSI379, 420, 435, 440 and 445
Recommended electives for entry into veterinary college:
* BCHM421; CHEM231, 232; MATH166 & 167 or 168; PHYS141, 142.
* Courses may vary depending on entrance requirements of the veterinary college of choice.

Management—19
AGRI137 (2), 395; ANSI340 (2 species); ACCT121; AGRI270.
Major electives can be tailored to meet a specific student’s interest.

BS: Horticulture
Major requirements—40
AGRI118, 240, 308, 405; HORT105, 378, plus 18 credits in a special area of emphasis and 1 credit major elective.
Cognate requirements—18
Select credits from BIOL165, 166; BOT430, 475; ZOOL459; CHEM131, 132.

Horticulture Program Emphases in BS Degree Programs
Students may choose an area of emphasis from the following or develop a personalized program in consultation with their advisor to meet specific career goals.

Landscape Design—18
Select from the following: HORT135, 226, 228, 315, 350, 365, 375, 429, 448

Landscape Management—18
Select from the following: HORT135, 208, 211, 212, 217, 226, 228, 315, 346, 350, 359, 360

BT: Agribusiness
Major requirements—44
AGRI118, 206, 270, 300, 304, 308, 405; ANSI114; HORT105, 378; plus 12 major elective credits chosen in consultation with advisor.
Cognate requirement—4
CHEM110
Business Emphasis—18
ACCT121, 122; BSAD341, 355; ECON226; FNCE317
BT: Horticulture

Major requirements—60
AGRI118, 240, 308, 405; HORT105, 135, 226, 228, 315, 346, 378, plus 17–18 credits in a special area of emphasis, and 7–8 major elective credits chosen in consultation with advisor.
Cognate requirement—4
CHEM110

Horticulture Areas of Emphasis in BT Degree Programs

Students may choose an area of emphasis from the following or develop a personalized program in consultation with their advisor to meet specific career goals.

Landscape Design—16
HORT350, 365, 375, 429, 448. The landscape design program emphasizes the development of technical drawing skills, cad application, an understanding of the principles of design, and a knowledge of plants.

Landscape Management—17
HORT208, 211, 217. Select 9 credits from the following: HORT212, 350, 359, 360, 375. The landscape management emphasis features proper horticultural practice, identification of landscape plants, selection of appropriate equipment, and the concept of total maintenance.

AT: Agriculture

Major Requirements—25-36
ANSI114, 305, 340, plus 15-24 credits in a special area of emphasis (see below) and 1–2 major elective credits chosen in consultation with advisor.

Agriculture Program Emphasis in Associate Degree Programs

Students may choose an area of emphasis from the following or develop a personalized program in consultation with their advisor to meet specific career goals.

Crop Production—24
AGRI118, 206, 240, 300, 395; HORT105
Cognate requirement—4
CHEM110

Dairy Herd Management—25
AGRI270, 304, 395; ANSI250, 278, 430, 440
Cognate requirements—4
CHEM110

Veterinary Assistant—15
AGRI395; ANSI240, 379, 420
Cognate requirements—15
CHEM110; CLSC101, 102, 230, 250, 260

AT: Horticulture

Major requirements—35
AGRI118, 405; HORT105, plus 13–16 credits in a special area of emphasis (see below) and 8–11 major elective credits chosen in consultation with advisor.
Cognate requirement—4
CHEM110

Horticulture Program Emphases in Associate Degree Programs

Students may choose an area of emphasis from the following or develop a personalized program in consultation with their advisor to meet specific career goals.

Landscape Design—13
HORT135, 226, 228, 350

Landscape Management—16
HORT208, 211, 217, 226, 228, 346

Minors in Agriculture, Animal Science or Horticulture—20

Selected from AGRI, ANSI or HORT courses in consultation with advisor.

Pre-Professional Program in Veterinary Medicine

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Entrance requirements vary among the colleges of veterinary medicine. Therefore, interested students must write to the schools of choice for the most current and detailed information. A list of accredited colleges of veterinary medicine may be obtained from the American Veterinary Medical Association, 930 North Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60196; http://www.avma.org.

Students in consultation with their advisors in the Agriculture Department can design individualized programs of study to meet the entrance requirements of the veterinary school of choice. The required prerequisite pre-veterinary courses are usually general biology, general and organic chemistry, physics, biochemistry, mathematics, courses in animal science, and general education.

Courses (Credits)

See inside front cover for symbol code.

Agriculture

AGRI118 $ (4)

Soil Science
Factors affecting soil formation, soil texture, particle size, pore space and their impact on soil air/water relations, and chemical characteristics of soils, including pH, ion exchange, and maintenance of soil fertility. Weekly: 3 lectures and a 3-hour lab.
Spring

AGRI137 (1-3)

Practicum in______
Fifty hours per credit of supervised practical experience in one area of concentration. May be repeated in different areas for a maximum of 6 credits. Topics to be chosen in consultation with an advisor. Fall, Spring

AGRI1206 $ Alt (3)

Farm Machinery
Selection and operation of farm equipment, based on the initial cost and economic performance, including factors governing the site and type of farm machines, their capacity, efficient use, adjustment and repair. Weekly: 2 lectures and a 3-hour lab. Fall
AGRI240  Fundamentals of Irrigation  Alt (3)
Design, installation, drawing, interpretation and maintenance of plastic or metal irrigation systems and control devices for proper sprinkler coverage. Fall

AGRI270  Management of Agriculture Enterprises  Alt (3)
An introduction to acquiring and analysis of management information for decision making; an understanding of basic economic principles that impact biological production systems and implementation of the principles for total quality management for increased productivity. Fall

AGRI300  Field Crop Production  Alt (3)
Importance, distribution, economic adaptation, and botany of leading farm crops, emphasizing rotation, seedbed preparation, and economic production. Spring

AGRI304  Forage Crop Production  Alt (3)
Basic principles of forage crop production, emphasizing choice of crop, establishment, growth, maintenance, harvesting, storage, feeding, and other management decision. Spring

AGRI308  Principles of Weed Control  S Alt (3)
Control of weeds in horticultural and field crops, utilizing biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical practices. Class study also involves preparation and testing for pesticide applicator’s license. Weekly: 2 lectures and a 3-hour lab. Fall

AGRI345  Topics in __________  (1–4)
A class based on selected topics of current interest in agriculture. Repeatable in different areas.
- Concepts of International Agriculture
- International Ag Implementation
- Horse Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Viticulture
- Solanaceous and Vine Crops
- Tree Fruit Production

AGRI390  Agriculture Study Tour  $ (1–4)
Agriculture study tours are designed to enhance and broaden the on-campus learning experience by visiting areas of horticultural and agricultural interest and their impact on the local culture and society. Students will be expected to conduct pre-tour research on a specific topic related to the purpose of the tour and a post-tour analysis and synopsis of the tour experience.

AGRI395  Internship in __________  (1–4)
Supervised internship of on-the-job work experience in some field of agriculture under the direction of the employer and evaluated by a departmental faculty member. Students submit report of their experience and must complete a minimum of 120 hours of work experience for each credit earned.

AGRI405  Research Seminar  (1)
Research work in agriculture and related fields; reports given by students, faculty, and visiting lecturers. Spring

AGRI499  Project in __________  (1–5)
Individual research in some field of agriculture under the direction of the staff. Repeatable to 10 credits.

Animal Science

ANSI114  Introduction to Animal Science  (3)
Basic farm animal anatomy, reproductive and digestive physiology, housing, health management with information on how animal products are processed and marketed. Efficient, effective management is emphasized throughout course. Fall

ANSI150  Companion Animal Care  (3)
Covered is how to choose the right pet for your life situation, how to travel with your pet on all kinds of transportation, how to keep your pet healthy, grooming, training and correcting behavioral problems. Animal species covered are dogs, cats, small caged pets/rodents, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians.

ANSI240  Fundamentals of Veterinary Clinical Techniques  S Alt (4)
Topics covered and skills learned include (not limited to) animal restraint and handling, anesthesia, surgical instruments and aseptic technique, surgical assistance, post-surgical nursing, pain management, wound management and bandaging, euthanasia and client bereavement, diagnostic imaging. Laboratory included.

ANSI250  Dairy Facilities  $ Alt (3)
A study of various types of milking systems, housing and manure handling systems of dairy cattle of all ages and production levels. Ventilation, stall and barn dimensions, and bedding will be some of the topics covered. Weekly: 2 lectures and one 3-hour laboratory. Summer

ANSI278  Dairy Health and Disease  Alt (3)
A study of the cause, prevention and treatment of infectious and metabolic diseases of dairy cattle. Weekly: 2 lectures and one 3-hour laboratory. Spring

ANSI305  Animal Nutrition  Alt (3)
Principles of digestion, absorption, metabolism of feeds by farm species are examined for practical, profitable feeding. Common and non-traditional feedstuffs, feed-related diseases and ration formulation are included. Weekly: 3 lectures. Recommended: CHEM110 or 131. Fall

ANSI325  Domestic Animal Behavior  $ Alt (3)
A study of the ways domestic animals communicate and interact with conspecific and other animals, and humans. Included are: physiological basis and development for each type of behavior; normal and aberrant behavior manifestations in each domestic animal species; treatments for problem situations; consideration of the effects of domestication on each species. Two lectures and one lab per week. Fall

ANSI340  Production/Management of __________  $ (3)
Production methods and management practices of domesticated
livestock species including nutrition, reproduction, housing, health and specialized care of a particular species. Course is repeatable for study of avian, beef cattle, dairy cattle (includes a lab), equine (includes a lab), porcine, and wool and lamb production. Fall, Spring

ANSI2 Alt (3)
Small Animal Health and Disease
A survey of proper handling and care, nutritional needs, and common health problems of companion animals such as dogs, cats, and birds. Fall

ANSI20 $ Alt (3)
Canine Gross Anatomy
Study of macroscopic skeleton, muscles, internal organs, blood vessels and nerves using preserved, latex-injected specimens. Comparisons made with the live dog through palpation. Weekly: 2 lectures and 2 three-hour labs. Recommended: BIOL166. Fall

ANSI25 Alt (3)
Issues in Animal Agriculture, Research and Medicine
Study of the ethical issues that challenge animal researchers, producers, caretakers, and veterinarians to treat animals humanely yet effectively in society today. Spring

ANSI40 $ Alt (3)
Animal Reproduction
Study of anatomy and physiology of farm animal reproduction, which explores the cellular component as well as the management aspects. Weekly: 2 lectures and 3-hour lab. Recommended: BIOL166. Spring

ANSI41 $ Alt (3)
Physiology of Farm Animals
Physiology of digestive, reproductive, lactation, cardiovascular, pulmonary, excretory, nervous, and skeletomuscular systems in domesticated ruminants and monogastrics. Weekly: 2 lectures and 3-hour lab. Recommended: BIOL166. Fall

ANSI45 Alt (3)
Equine Health and Disease
Topics covered in depth are: the causes of infectious (e.g. tetanus, strangles) and non-infectious (e.g. laminitis, colic, injury), diseases of horses, their prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Horticulture

HORT105 $ (5)
Plant Science
Introduces students to the requirements of plant growth and development. Understanding of these processes is gained by studying topics such as plant cells, tissue, and organ structure; photosynthesis, cellular respiration, plant reproduction, including flowering, fruit development, seed set, the role of hormones, and plant nutrition. Weekly: 4 lectures and 3-hour lab. Fall

HORT135 $ (4)
Landscape Drafting and Design
Develops proficiency in technical drafting for landscape design including symbols, title blocks, plant legends and plan organization. Principles of design, site analysis, functional diagraming, circulation, spatial planes, design schematics and plant selection are explored. Laboratory puts the design process to work in drawing plans for residential design. Weekly: 3 lectures and 3-hour lab. Fall

HORT150 (3)
Home Horticulture
An introduction to the horticultural and landscape field for majors and homeowners alike, this class offers basic care of the home landscape. Landscaping with ornamental trees and shrubs, perennials and annuals or growing fruits and vegetables for the garden are included. Become skilled at pruning and training plants, diagnosing and treating insect and disease problems, fertilizing techniques, and more. Course prepares you for home ownership and teaches life skills for creating a productive and beautiful home environment.

HORT208 Alt (3)
Propagation of Horticultural Plants
Intended to acquaint students with the processes of asexual reproduction, especially as it applies to the horticultural industry. Asexual reproduction investigates methods of clonal reproduction utilizing non-flowering plant parts such as cutting, grafting, layering, and micropropagation (tissue culture). Weekly: 2 lectures and 3-hour lab. Recommended: HORT105. Spring

HORT211 Alt (2)
Landscape Equipment
Assessment of and exposure to current equipment needed to run a landscape installation and maintenance business. Experience in physical operation of equipment, preventative maintenance and minor repair is practiced. Weekly: 1-hour lecture and 3-hour lab. Fall

HORT212 Alt (3)
Floriculture Production
Gives students practical application in the production and uses of bedding and potted plants. Topics covered include seed physiology and propagation, germination, production and post-production growing techniques, growing media and containers. Weekly: 2 lectures and 3-hour lab. Spring

HORT217 Alt (3)
Turfgrass Management
Principles of turfgrass management for parks, grounds, golf courses, and athletic fields. Topics include cool and warm season genera, growth and adaptation criteria, cultural considerations including irrigation, mowing, soil fertility, compaction and drainage; thatch, plant protection (weeds, insects, diseases) establishment and renovation. Fall
HORT226  Woody Plant Identification  
Introduction to the identification and recognition of shape, size, color, texture, environmental requirements and landscape value of common deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs and vines. Fall

HORT228  Herbaceous Plant Identification  
Identification and recognition of shape, size, color, texture, and environmental requirements of the nonwoody plants providing color and ground cover in the landscape. Fall

HORT315  Landscape Construction  
Course combines both drawing and hands-on construction of installing softscapes and hardscapes, plus understanding of the vast array of hardscape materials available in the form of pavements, edgings, fencing, retaining walls, decks, pools, shelters, etc. Weekly: 3 hours lecture and 3 hours lab. Spring

HORT346  Landscape Administration and Maintenance  
Administration of a landscape business, employment and supervision of employees and record-keeping practices explored. Managing maintenance of hardscapes and softscapes in residential landscapes, parks, golf courses and corporate environments. Focuses on training in pruning, planting, cultivation and pest management. Weekly: 4 hours of lecture/lab. Fall

HORT350  History of Landscape Design  
A study of landscape history throughout civilization and its impact upon society and the environment. The origin of landscape architectural styles and their characteristics will be explored. An introspective look at landscape design personalities through the ages and their influence upon the American landscape. Spring

HORT359  Greenhouse Environment and Construction  
Controlling the plant environment to enhance plant growth and optimal development through temperature, humidity, light, nutrients, sanitation and carbon dioxide levels. Structures, coverings and mechanical systems used are explored to produce the most cost-effective horticultural crops. Weekly: 2 hours lecture and a 3-hour lab. Fall

HORT360  Arboriculture  
Care of shade and ornamental trees living under environmental stress of urbanization, their legal protection and value. Includes tree anatomy and physiology, soils, nutrition and water relationships, transplanting, disease and insect control, mechanical injury and pruning to develop a healthy tree. Weekly: 2 lectures and a 3-hour lab. Fall

HORT365  Urban Landscape Design  
Designing landscapes to meet the environmental challenges and conditions of urban spaces. Circulation patterns for conducting business, aesthetic and functional aspects of design for corporate/institutional, governmental agencies and municipal areas. Weekly: 2 lectures and a 3-hour lab. Recommended: HORT135. Spring

HORT375  Landscape Estimating  
An introduction to the estimating process for landscape design, construction and maintenance work. Various schedules and forms are used to assign costs of equipment, plants, hardscape materials, labor and overhead. The many variables from project to project are explored and then formulas are applied to arrive at making landscape installations an efficient and profitable business. Spring