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Horticulture: Come to the green side

Horticulture is the science, business, and art of cultivating high-value crops, and designing, building, and managing landscapes. The goal of horticulture studies is to enhance human interaction with plants in an environmentally sustainable fashion.

You can earn a B.S. in horticulture through one of two majors:

- **Environmental horticulture** — specialize in producing floriculture and nursery plants, growing fruits and vegetables, and other areas of plant science.
- **Landscape contracting** — learn to design, build, and manage beautiful and functional landscapes using science-based practices that improve the environment.



Why major in horticulture?

The horticulture department offers a broad spectrum of educational opportunities for students, including hands-on learning experiences on campus and in the local community. Because the subject matter covered in our majors directly relates to high-value food crops and ornamental plant industries, our graduates have ample career choices and opportunities.

- Our students are eligible for more than \$50,000 in departmental scholarship funds each year that are provided by generous donors.
- Study abroad, national, and international travel opportunities and paid internships enhance your education.
- The undergraduate Horticulture Club actively participates in community projects, national competitions, and fundraisers.
- Horticulture is a growing industry with many diverse career paths. Our department has a vast network of alumni in competitive, satisfying careers.



Career opportunities

- Landscape contractor
- Nursery manager/grower
- Greenhouse manager/grower
- Municipal horticulturist
- Landscape designer
- Grounds manager
- Zoo or garden horticulturist
- Horticultural educator
- Extension agent
- Consultant
- Sales and management

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