

General Agriculture

General Agriculture Major

The degree program in General Agriculture is designed to serve students who wish to pursue a college education in several broad areas of agriculture or who want to tailor a program to meet their specific career objectives. Traditionally, students interested in careers focusing on agricultural production follow the General Agriculture curriculum or pursue majors in Animal Science, Crop and Weed Science, Equine Science or Horticulture.

Students electing to graduate with a General Agriculture major must file a "plan of study" with the General Agriculture Coordinating Committee by the third week of the semester in which they will complete at least 75 credits. This plan of study must include a "statement of goals" or why a tailored degree is desired and an outline of courses to be taken to meet their stated career goals. Identification of the capstone course and any internship that the student plans to take should also be included in the plan of study.

General Agriculture Minor

A minor in General Agriculture may be obtained by satisfactorily completing 24 credits with at least six credits in each of any four disciplines offered by the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources. A minimum of eight credits must be taken at NDSU. Students must earn a 2.00 minimum GPA in the courses used to satisfy the minor requirements.

Major Requirements

General Agriculture Major

Degree Type: B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 128

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

AGRI 189	Skills for Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take AGRI 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
One Course in Upper Level Writing. Select course from current general education list.		3

Quantitative Reasoning (R):

STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
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Science & Technology (S):

A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course.

Select from current general education list.

CSCI 114	Microcomputer Packages	3-4
or CSCI 116	Business Use of Computers	
PLSC 315	Genetics	3
Select one of the following:		3

CHEM 117	Chemical Concepts and Applications
CHEM 121	General Chemistry I
BIOL 111	Concepts of Biology

Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list	6
Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): Select from current general education list	6
Wellness (W): Select from current general education list	2
Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list	
Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list	
Total Credits	40

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements	40	
Major Requirements for General Agriculture		
AGRI 150	Agriculture Orientation (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take AGRI 150.)	1
MATH 103	College Algebra (or higher level mathematics)	3
Required Discipline Courses for General Agriculture * †		
Discipline One: Must include a minimum of 5 credits of 300-400 level		15
Discipline Two: Must include a minimum of 5 credits of 300-400 level		12
Discipline Three: Must include a minimum of 3 credits of 300-400 level		9
Discipline Four		9
Additional Agriculture Electives: 18 credits required; at least 5 credits must be at 300-400 level †		18
Degree Requirements: Minimum of 21 credits to reach 128		21
Total Credits		128

* • Four (4) agriculture disciplines are required. Two disciplines require a minimum of 9 credits, a third discipline requires a minimum of 12 credits and the fourth discipline requires a minimum of 15 credits.

• A capstone experience is required in one of the disciplines.

• Disciplines which may be combined are: (AGEC, ECON); (ANSC, VETS); (NRM, PLSC, RNG); (ASM, ABEN); (NRM, RNG, SOIL); (CFS, SAFE); (ANSC, RNG); (PLSC, PPTH, SOIL)

† • The student and adviser will complete a substitution form with the courses to be used for the discipline groups and agriculture electives. This form will also require the signature of the department chairperson before being submitted to the Office of Registration and Records for verification of major program completion.

Major Notes

- A plan of study must be filed with the student's assigned academic adviser prior to the completion of 75 credits. See department for this process.
- This major will not be available for view in the Student Advisement/ Requirement Report in Campus Connection.

Minor Requirements

General Agriculture Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 24

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Required Courses *

Select six (6) credits minimum in any four (4) disciplines offered by the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources with the approval of the academic department.

Discipline One	6
Discipline Two	6
Discipline Three	6
Discipline Four	6
Total Credits	24

* The student and adviser will complete a substitution form with the courses to be used for the discipline groups. This form will also require the signature of the department chairperson before being submitted to the Office of Registration and Records for verification of minor program completion.

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
- Students must earn a minimum 2.00 GPA for the minor requirements.
- This minor will not be available for view in the Student Advisement/ Requirement Report in Campus Connection.