

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 must an outline of courses to be taken to meet the disciplinary requirements and the Agriculture electives, for completion of the General Agriculture degree. Identification of the capstone course and any internship that the student plans to take should also be included in the plan of study.

The General Agriculture major is also a good approach to pursuit of a degree in Agricultural Education. A student may choose General Agriculture as a first major and Agricultural Education as a second major and complete the requirements for both degrees.

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.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 128

General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree

- A list of approved general education courses is available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).
- General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review the major, minor, and program emphases requirements for minimum grade restrictions, should they apply.

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]		3
Science and Technology (S) [†]		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]		6
Wellness (W) [†]		2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{**†}		
Global Perspectives (G) ^{**†}		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† May be satisfied with courses required in the major. Review major requirements to determine if a specific upper division writing course is required.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Major Requirements for General Agriculture		
AGRI 150	Agriculture Orientation (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take AGRI 150.)	1

AGRI 189	Skills for Academic Success ³	1
CSCI 114 or CSCI 116	Microcomputer Packages (May satisfy a general education category S) Business Use of Computers	3
MATH 103	College Algebra (or higher level mathematics)	3
PLSC 315	Genetics (May satisfy a general education category S)	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics (May satisfy a general education category R)	3
Select one of the following	(May satisfy a general education category S)	3
CHEM 117	Chemical Concepts and Applications	
CHEM 121	General Chemistry I	
BIOL 111	Concepts of Biology	
Required Discipline Courses for General Agriculture ^{1,2}		
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 ²		18
Total Credits		80

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- 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)

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- The student and advisor 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.

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- AGRI189 is only required for first-time, first-year students—A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take AGRI 189.

Degree and Major Notes

- If a course is used to fulfill General Education or Major Requirements it cannot be used towards the disciplines. This includes; PLSC 315 Genetics, ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics and STAT 330 Introductory Statistics.
- A *General Agriculture Plan of Study* must be completed with the student's assigned academic adviser prior to the completion of 75 credits. See department for this process. The *Plan of Study*, with signatures, must be filed with the Office of Registration and Records once complete.
- This major will not be available for view in the Student Advisement/Requirement Report in Campus Connection.

Minor Requirements

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Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 24

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Code	Title	Credits
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 until the substitution form has been received and processed.