PLANT PATHOLOGY (PL PATH)

PL PATH/BOTANY 123 – Plants, Parasites, and People
3 credits.

Explores the interaction between society and plant-associated microbes. Topics include: the Irish potato famine, pesticides in current agriculture, role of economics and consumer preference in crop disease management and the release of genetically engineered organisms.

Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH/ZOOLOGY 154 – Tiny Earth: Antibiotic Discovery Research
2 credits.

Learn basic methodology in scientific research and discovery, including laboratory techniques, quantitative reasoning, scientific communication, and collaboration. Gain hands-on laboratory experience working with microbes to test original hypotheses concerning the discovery of potential antibiotic compounds while addressing the world's antibiotic resistance crisis by contributing data to the global "Tiny Earth" network of researchers to advance potential drug development. Tiny Earth seeks to encourage students to pursue careers in science through real-world, applied research experiences and aims to address a worldwide health threat of the diminishing supply of effective antibiotics by "student-sourcing antibiotic discovery." Concurrent enrollment in BIOLOGY/BOTANY/ZOOLOGY 152 is required for permission to enroll.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2000

PL PATH/HORT 262 – Turfgrass Management Laboratory
1 credit.

Hands-on turf establishment, cool- and warm-season grass, seed and weed identification, chemical application, and turf cultivation techniques and equipment use, plus field trips to major league sport facilities and golf courses.

Requisites: PL PATH/HORT 261 or concurrent enrollment
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

PL PATH 289 – Honors Independent Study
1-2 credits.

Research work for Honors students under direct guidance of a faculty member in an area of Plant Pathology. Students are responsible for arranging the work and credits with the supervising instructor.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH 299 – Independent Study
1-3 credits.

Research work for students under direct guidance of a faculty member in an area of Plant Pathology. Students are responsible for arranging the work and credits with the supervising instructor.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH 300 – Introduction to Plant Pathology
4 credits.

Economic importance, symptoms, causes, and methods of control of representative plant diseases.

Requisites: (ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 152, BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130, or BIOCORE 381) or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH/F&W ECOL/HORT/LAND ARC 309 – Diseases of Trees and Shrubs
3 credits.

Fundamental disease concepts, pathogens and causal agents, diagnosis, and biologically rational principles and practices for management of diseases of trees and shrubs. Includes field trips.

Requisites: (ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 152, BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130, or BIOCORE 381) or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2018
PL PATH 311 — Global Food Security
3 credits.
Isn’t having enough food a basic human right? Exploration of the drivers of food insecurity: barriers to food production (pests, land availability, climate), barriers to food availability (politics, price, biofuels), and a greater need due to population growth. Examination of solutions to food insecurity.
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH 315 — Plant Microbiomes
4 credits.
Explore plant associated microbial communities (the plant microbiome), methods used to study them, and how we can use them to improve plant and ecosystem health in the face of challenges to agricultural and natural systems. Examples will be drawn from annual crop, grassland, and forested ecosystems. Use current molecular, bioinformatic, and statistical approaches to characterize rhizosphere microbiomes from samples collected as part of on-going research projects.
Requisites: (ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 152, ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY 101 and 102, BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130, or BIOCORE 381) and (CHEM 104, 109, or 116), or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

PL PATH/SOIL SCI 323 — Soil Biology
3 credits.
Nature, activities and role of organisms inhabiting soil. Effects of soil biota on ecosystem function, response to cultural practices, and impacts on environmental quality, including bioremediation of contaminated soils.
Requisites: (ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 152, or ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY 101 and 102, or BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130, or BIOCORE 384) and (CHEM 104, 109, or 116), or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

PL PATH/BOTANY 332 — Fungi
4 credits.
Growth, development, variability and dispersal of saprophytic, parasitic, and symbiotic fungi, with a consideration of their ecological and economic significance. Develop skills in microscopy with live fungal materials.
Requisites: ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 151, BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130, ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY 101, BIOCORE 381, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

PL PATH/BOTANY 333 — Biology of the Fungi
2 credits.
Growth, development, variability and dispersal of saprophytic, parasitic, and symbiotic fungi, with a consideration of their ecological and economic significance.
Requisites: ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 151, BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130, ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY 101, BIOCORE 381, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

PL PATH/AGRONOMY/ENTOM/HORT/SOIL SCI 354 — Diagnosing and Monitoring Pest and Nutrient Status of Field Crops
1 credit.
Provides students with information necessary to diagnosis and monitor corn, soybean, alfalfa and wheat for pests (insects, weeds, diseases) and nutrient deficiency symptoms including perspectives from Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology and Soil Science. Proper soil and pest sampling information will be provided as well as proper cropstaging techniques which are essential for pest and nutrient management.
Requisites: None
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2019
PL PATH/A A E/AGRONOMY/HORT 367 — Introduction to Organic Agriculture: Production, Markets, and Policy
3 credits.

Provides an in-depth understanding of the history of organic agriculture, its production, processing, marketing, and social dimensions, and its impact on environmental, community, and human health.  
Requisites: ENVIR ST/AGROECOL/AGRONOMY/C&E SOC/ENTOM 103 or graduate/professional standing  
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req  
Level - Elementary  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Spring 2023

PL PATH 375 — Special Topics
1-4 credits.

Subjects of current interest to undergrads.  
Requisites: None  
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Fall 2022

PL PATH 399 — Coordinative Internship/Cooperative Education
1-8 credits.

An internship under guidance of a faculty or instructional academic staff member in Plant Pathology and internship site supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging the work and credits with the faculty or instructional academic staff member and the internship site supervisor.  
Requisites: Consent of instructor  
Course Designation: Level - Advanced  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Workplace - Workplace Experience Course  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, for 8 number of completions  
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PL PATH 400 — Study Abroad in Plant Pathology
1-6 credits.

Provides an area equivalency for courses taken on Madison Study Abroad Programs that do not equate to existing UW courses. Current enrollment in a UW-Madison study abroad program  
Requisites: None  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

PL PATH 499 — Independent Study in Organic Agriculture
2 credits.

Provide students research and/or hands-on experiences within the organic sector in order to gain scientific knowledge and/or an in-depth understanding of the research and science of organic agriculture, its production, processing, marketing, and social dimensions, and its impact on environmental, community, and human health. Declared in the Certificate in Organic Agriculture  
Requisites: Consent of instructor  
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH/BOTANY/ENTOM 505 — Plant-Microbe Interactions: Molecular and Ecological Aspects
3 credits.

Molecular and ecological aspects of the interactions between plants and microorganisms. Explores many of the themes, from genetic to integrative, of modern biology, and illustrates how study of plant-microbe interactions contributes to understanding of fundamental plant science.  
Requisites: MICROBIO 303, GENETICS 466, 468, BIOCHEM 501, 508, or graduate/professional standing  
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req  
Level - Advanced  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH 517 — Plant Disease Resistance
2-3 credits.

Host resistance in plant disease control. Conceptual and applied aspects of resistance: how it works, why it sometimes fails, and the traditional and modern techniques used for evaluating host resistance and incorporating resistance factors into new plant varieties.  
Requisites: PL PATH 300, GENETICS 466, 468, AGRONOMY/HORT 338, 501, or graduate/professional standing  
Course Designation: Breadth - Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req  
Level - Intermediate  
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S  
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Fall 2022
PL PATH 558 – Biology of Plant Pathogens
3 credits.

Explores biology of plant pathogenic fungi, oomycetes, nematodes, bacteria, and viruses, with emphasis on identifying: 1) key traits of each pathogen class, and 2) common strategies used by these microbes. Inquiry-driven laboratory will investigate diverse interactions between plants and their pathogens.

Requisites: PL PATH 300 or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth – Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2015

PL PATH 559 – Diseases of Economic Plants
3 credits.

Symptoms, epidemiology and control of diseases of crop plants; emphasis on disease diagnosis.

Requisites: (PL PATH 300 and 332), or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2022

PL PATH/BOTANY 563 – Phylogenetic Analysis of Molecular Data
3 credits.

Theory and practice of phylogenetic inference from DNA sequence data.

Requisites: (ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 151, BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130, ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY 101, or BIOCORE 381) and senior standing, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth – Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2023

PL PATH 590 – Capstone in Plant Pathology
1-4 credits.

Synthesizing research-based capstone experience in Plant Pathology. Develop problem-solving skills, be exposed to multidisciplinary approaches, develop teamwork and interpersonal skills, develop information resources, consider societal, economic, ethical, scientific and professional aspects of the field, and prepare and present written and/or oral reports.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level – Advanced
L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PL PATH 602 – Ecology, Epidemiology and Control of Plant Diseases
3 credits.

Environmental factors in the development and spread of diseases, pathogen variability, genetics of disease resistance, and principles of disease control.

Requisites: PL PATH 300, (MATH 217, 221, or 275), and (STAT 301, 371, or HORT/F&W ECOL/STAT 571), or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH/ENTOM/F&W ECOL/SOIL SCI 606 – Colloquium in Environmental Toxicology
1 credit.

Current topics in molecular and environmental toxicology and problems related to biologically active substances in the environment. Topics vary each semester. Lectures are by resident and visiting professors and other researchers.

Requisites: ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY 101 or BOTANY/BIOLOGY 130 or ZOOLOGY/BIOLOGY/BOTANY 151, or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth – Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level – Intermediate
L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2016

PL PATH 622 – Plant-Bacterial Interactions
2-3 credits.

Physiology, genetics, taxonomy, and ecology of bacterial pathogens, epiphytes, and symbionts of plants.

Requisites: MICROBIO 303 and (GENETICS 466, 468, BIOCHEM 501, or 508) or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth – Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PL PATH/ONCOLOGY 640 – General Virology-Multiplication of Viruses
3 credits.

Bacterial and animal viruses, their structure, multiplication, and genetics.

Requisites: (GENETICS 466 or 467) and (BIOCHEM 501 or 508) or graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Breadth – Biological Sci. Counts toward the Natural Sci req
Level – Advanced
L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023
PL PATH/BOTANY/GENETICS/M M & I 655 – Biology and Genetics of Fungi
3 credits.

Fungal genetics, genomics, and physiology using plant pathogenic fungi and the genetic models Aspergillus nidulans and Neurospora crassa as model systems to explore the current knowledge of fungal genetics and plant/fungal interactions.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2022

PL PATH 681 – Senior Honors Thesis
2-4 credits.

Individual study for undergraduate students in an Honors program completing a thesis in the area of Plant Pathology, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2018

PL PATH 682 – Senior Honors Thesis
2-4 credits.

Second semester of individual study for undergraduate students in an Honors program completing a thesis in the area of Plant Pathology, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2019

PL PATH 699 – Special Problems
1-5 credits.

Individual advanced work in an area of Plant Pathology under the direct guidance of a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH 799 – Practicum in Plant Pathology Teaching
1-3 credits.

Instructional orientation to teaching at the higher education level in the agricultural and life sciences, direct teaching experience under faculty supervision, experience in testing and evaluation of students, and the analysis of teaching performance.

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH 800 – Inquiry-Based Biology Teaching
1-2 credits.

Develop competence and confidence as teachers. Cover fundamentals of learning theory and practical strategies for teaching biology. Practice lecturing, manage classroom dynamics, and teach laboratory sections (optional).

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2016

PL PATH 801 – Teaching Biology: Special Topics
1 credit.

Learn about mentoring and/or instructional materials. Practice mentoring undergraduate researchers with feedback and evaluation and/or develop and evaluate instructional materials.

Requisites: PL PATH 800 or concurrent enrollment
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2017

PL PATH 875 – Special Topics
1-4 credits.

Topics of current interest to Grad students.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH 923 – Seminar
1 credit.

Seminar series on topics related to plant pathology

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023

PL PATH/BOTANY 930 – Seminar-Mycology
1 credit.

Topics, recent advances literature in the area of Mycology.

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023
PL PATH 990 – Research
1-9 credits.

Independent laboratory research in preparation of a graduate thesis under supervision of a faculty member

Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2023