Horticulture, M.S.

Requirements

Minimum Graduate School Requirements

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

Major Requirements

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

Curricular Requirements

Requirement | Detail
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Minimum Credit Requirement | 30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement | 18 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement | 15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)).
Overall GPA Required | 3.00 GPA required.
Other Grade Requirements | n/a

Assessments and Examinations

Language | Contact the program for information on required and assessments and examinations.
Examinations | Requirements

Required Courses

Departmental Requirements

The specific program of study towards a master’s degree is developed by the student and the major professor. Considerable flexibility in the selection of courses is permitted to meet the needs and interests of the candidate. Students often complete the requirements for a master’s degree in one and a half years, and three years is usually considered the maximum time necessary.

- All students must have successfully completed 14 credits of Horticulture (http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/hort/) courses and 11 credits of Botany (http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/botany/) courses during their enrollment in the undergraduate and/or graduate program(s). It is possible to fulfill these horticulture and botany course credits from coursework at another institution, provided the student’s graduate committee approves the courses. No more than 3 credits of HORT 699 Special Problems may be counted towards this requirement.

Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits and 15 of these credits must be graduate level (up to 3 credits of 990 may be used to satisfy this 15 credit requirement, but HORT 699 Special Problems may not be used to satisfy this requirement). This requirement for 15 graduate-level credits can only be satisfied by classes taken while the student is enrolled in the master’s program.

- Students must complete at least 30 credits while enrolled in Graduate School and write a master’s thesis that is acceptable to the student’s final examining committee. Under special circumstances, a student’s graduate committee may, with the written approval of the department chair, allow a student to complete their M.S. degree with an approved report instead of a thesis or with coursework only.

- Students in the Master’s Degree in Horticulture with Emphasis in Organic Sustainable Production must satisfy the specific course requirements outlined below. The student must also complete at least 30 credits while enrolled in Graduate School and write a master’s thesis that is acceptable to the student’s final examining committee.

Organic Sustainable Production Emphasis

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These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathways names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

2 Students may speak with their committee regarding alternative courses to complete the seminar requirement.

**Additional Coursework**
At the discretion of the student’s major professor or master’s committee, additional remedial or advanced coursework may be required.

**Seminar Requirement**
Master’s degree students must enroll in a graduate level seminar class (1 credit) for at least one semester and obtain a passing grade for that class. Seminars offered by departments other than Horticulture may be used to satisfy this requirement.