**HORTICULTURE, PH.D.**

**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**

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**Mode of Instruction Definitions**

- **Accelerated**: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.
- **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**

**Requirements Detail**

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<th>Minimum Credit Requirement</th>
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<td>Minimum Residence Credit Requirement</td>
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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>Half of degree coursework (26 credits out of 51 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide.</td>
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<td>Overall Graduate GPA Requirement</td>
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<td>Other Grade Requirements</td>
<td>The Graduate School requires an average grade of B or better in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student unless conditions for probationary status require higher grades. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the next enrolled semester.</td>
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**Assessments and Examinations**

- Doctoral students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination after they have cleared their record of all Incomplete and Progress grades (other than research and thesis). Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.

**Language Requirements**

- Contact the program for information on any language requirements.

**Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements**

- All doctoral students are required to complete a minor.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

**Departmental Requirements**

All Horticulture Ph.D. students must satisfy the following general course requirements. These requirements can be satisfied by coursework completed while the student was an undergraduate or enrolled in another graduate program.

- **Physical Sciences**—one course in each of the following:
  - Physics, including electricity, heat, and light
  - Calculus
  - Organic Chemistry lecture
  - Organic Chemistry lab or Biochemistry lab
- **Biological Sciences**—one course in each of the following:
  - Crop Production
  - Plant Breeding or Genetics
  - Plant Structure, Plant Taxonomy, or Plant Physiology
  - Plant Pathology or Entomology
- **A Statistics Course**
- **A Soil Science Course**

**Specific course requirements**

There are no specific course requirements for the Ph.D. in Horticulture. Instead, each student is required to work with the major professor and the Ph.D. committee to design a program of coursework that best meets the individual student’s needs and interests. The resulting program of coursework must satisfy the departmental requirements as well as the requirements specified by the Graduate School. The final determination of a student’s required coursework is made by the student’s Ph.D. committee as part of the certification process.

**Seminar requirement**

During their graduate careers, students are required to present a minimum of three seminars in advanced seminar courses and receive a passing grade in each seminar. Advanced seminar courses offered by the departments other than Horticulture may be used to satisfy this requirement.