CROP SCIENCES

PLANT YOUR FUTURE
in the Department of Crop Sciences

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CUSTOMIZE YOUR DEGREE IN
HORTICULTURE
with either of these concentrations:

SPECIALTY CROPS
Prepare for a career in horticulture production, marketing, and management working with flowers, food crops, ornamentals, and turfgrass.

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES
Discover how to combine science and horticulture to improve landscape health by learning skills in landscape design, plant identification, and landscape installation and management of urban and suburban landscapes.

AGROECOLOGY
Learn how agriculture affects ecosystems by studying plants, plant pests, environmental issues, and how organisms interact with each other and their environment.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Study plant genetic make-up and chemical processes, together with the environmental challenges they face, including weeds, pathogens, insects, and global climate change.

CROP AGIBUSINESS
Learn about agronomic production and business through classes in plant and soil sciences, commodity trading, finance, and management of agricultural enterprises.

CROPS
Learn how crop plants grow and develop through courses in plant, soils, and basic sciences. Study plant diversity, crop development, plant nutrition, genetics, plant breeding, and pest management.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
Learn how to diagnose problems and protect plants from the effects of disease, insects, and weeds through courses in biological and physical sciences, soils, and plant pathology.

PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
Learn how molecular biology and genetics are advancing plant breeding, research, and crop improvement.
ACES scholarships have allowed me to attend this university and participate in national leadership conferences, club activities, and real-world internship and research lab experiences. In addition, ACES scholarships have provided an awesome way for me to meet adults that are leaders who share a similar love for crop sciences and this university.

— Sophomore in Crop Sciences

Our alumni base stretches far and wide, encompassing some of the most generous and loyal people you’ll ever meet. Not only do they serve as mentors, employers, and friends, but they are also generous donors. Thanks to their support, we’ve been able to award nearly $40,000 in scholarships in recent years exclusively to students within our department.

But the giving doesn’t end there. Each year, the College of ACES awards more than $2 million in scholarships. Scholarships vary in eligibility, amount, and duration. To find out more, go to cropsci.illinois.edu/undergrad/financial.

→ Work with and learn from world-class professors who are excited about your future.
→ Make a difference and play an important role in increasing worldwide food and bioenergy production.
→ Participate in cutting-edge research and land exciting corporate internships.
→ Meet representatives and recruiters from top national companies.
→ Be a part of the Illinois experience as a student on a Big Ten campus.

Over the past three years, 97 percent of our graduates have found a job or been accepted to graduate school upon graduation, and they often have two or more job opportunities waiting (ACES Career Services Center).

The demand for our students is high. The average starting salary over the past three years for U of I Crop Sciences graduates is $47,000 (ACES Career Services Center).

Our graduates enter a wide range of careers.

→ Business: Marketing seeds, plant nutrients, and integrated pest management products; agricultural consulting; specialty crop production; entrepreneurial ventures.

→ Research: Conducting research and discovery in plant protection, plant breeding, genetics, biotechnology, and sustainable food and/or fuel production.

→ Government: International and domestic agricultural advising.

Among public universities, University of Illinois graduates rank first in the Big Ten in starting and mid-career median salaries.

Source: PayScale.com, 2013-14 College Salary Report