Bachelor of Science Major: Agronomy

2023-2024 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 125 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone #

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA _ 2.5 Core, 2.0 overall Minor/Career Interest(s) ___

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog.

First Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PS 119*	First Year Seminar		1	F	
PS 103-103L*	Crop Production and Lab		3	F/S	
BIOL 101-101L or BIOL 151-151L	Biology Survey I and Lab I (SGR#6) or General Biology I and Lab (SGR #6)		3-4	F	
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3	F/S/Su	
MATH 114	College Algebra (SGR #5)	p. Placement; MATH 115 or MATH 120 or higher accepted	3	F/S/Su	
		Total Credit Hours	13-14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BOT 201-201L or	General Botany and Lab (3 cr) (SGR #6) or	p. BIOL 101/L or BIOL 151/L	3-4	S	
BIOL 103-103L or	Biology Survey II and Lab (3 cr) (SGR #6) or	BOT 201 preferred		F(I)/S	
BIOL 153-153L	General Biology II and lab (4 cr) (SGR #6)			F(I)/S	
CHEM 106-106L or	Chemistry Survey and Lab (SGR #6) or	p. MATH placement	4	F/S/Su	
CHEM 112-112L	General Chemistry I and Lab (SGR #6)	p. MATH 114 or higher placement			
PS 285*	Agricultural Computations	Cross Listed: HO 285	2	F/S	
SGR #2	Oral Communication (SGR #2)		3		
SGR #3	ABS 203, or SOC 100, or SOC 150, or SOC 240	ABS 203 preferred	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AHPS Electives	Take at least 2 credits from each of the 3 areas (Crops, Plant	See catalog for approved list. Total of 15	3		
	Protection, or Soils/Environmental Protection)	credits of AHPS electives			
PS 213-213L*	Soils and Lab (SGR #6)	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L	3	F/S	
PS 223-223L*	Principles of Plant Pathology and Lab	p. BIOL 103/L or 153/L or BOT 201/L	3	F/S	
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3	F/S/Su	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AHPS Electives	Take at least 2 credits from each of the 3 areas (15 cr total)	See catalog for approved list for a total	3		
	(Crops, Plant Protection, or Soils/Environmental Protection)	of 15 credits of AHPS electives			
CHEM 108-108L or	Organic and Biochemistry and Lab (5 cr) (SGR #6), or	p. CHEM 106/L or Chem 112	3-5	F/S/Su	
CHEM 120-120L	Elementary Organic Chemistry and Lab (3 cr)	p. CHEM 106/L or 112/L		S	
PRAG 423*	Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrient Management	p. PS 213/L	3	F/S	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity		3		
STAT 281	Introduction to Statistics (SGR #5)	p. MATH 114 or higher	3	F/S/Su	
		Total Credit Hours	15-17		



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Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AHPS Electives	Take at least 2 credits from each of the 3 areas (15 cr total)	See catalog for approved list for a total	3		
	(Crops, Plant Protection, or Soils/Environmental Protection)	of 15 credits of AHPS electives			
ECON 201 or	Principles of Microeconomics (SGR #3) or	ECON 201 required in the Ag Bus minor	3	F/S/Su	
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics (SGR #3)				
Precision Ag Elective	AST 426/L, PRAG 203/L, PRAG 427, or PRAG 440/L	p. PRAG 427 for PRAG 440/L	2-3		
PS 383-383L or	Principles of Crop Improvement and Lab (3 cr) or	p. PS 103; BIOL 103 or 153 or BOT 201	3-4	F	
BIOL 202-202L or	Genetics and Molecular Biology and Lab (4 cr) or	p. BIOL 103 or 153; CHEM 114		F	
BIOL 371	Genetics (3 cr)	p. BIOL 101 or BIOL 151		F/S	
PS 405-405L or	Entomology and Lab or	p. BIOL 151/L "C" grade or better	3	F	
PS 407-407L*	Insect Pest Management and Lab			S	
		Total Credit Hours	14-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AGEC 354 or	Agricultural Marketing and Prices or	p. ECON 201 or 202	3	F/S/Su	
AS 285-285L or	Livestock Evaluation and Marketing and Lab or	p. AS 101		F/S	
MKTG 474 or	Personal Selling or	p. MKTG 370		F/S	
ENGL 379	Technical Communication	p. ENGL 201 or ENGL 205,277,283,284		F/S	
AHPS Electives	Take at least 2 credits from each of the 3 areas (15 cr total)	See catalog for approved list for a total	3		
	(Crops, Plant Protection, or Soils/Environmental Protection)	of 15 credits of AHPS electives			
BOT 327-327L or	Plant Physiology and Lab (4 cr) or	p. BIOL 101 and BIOL 103 or BOT 201,	3-4	S	
BOT 419-419L	Plant Ecology and Lab (3 cr)	or BIOL 151 and BIOL 153 or BOT 201,		F even	
		p. BIOL 153 or BOT 201			
Natural Resources	Select from ABS 203, ABS 482, BIOL 383, PRAG 310	Course cannot be re-used to meet any	3-4		
Stewardship Elective*	PRAG 410/L, PS 243, PS 407/L, or PS 462/L	core or PS elective requirements			
PHYS 101-101L or	Survey of Physics and Lab (SGR #6) or	Check second lab time	4	F/S	
PHYS 111-111L	Introduction to Physics I and Lab (SGR #6)	p. MATH 114 or higher		F	
		Total Credit Hours	16-18		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PS 494 or HO 494*	Internship	p. Written Consent	1	F/S/Su	
		Total Credit Hours	1		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ABS 475	Integrated Natural Resource Management	p. Senior standing; prefer Fall semester	3	F	
PS 445-445L*	Weed Science and Lab	p. PS 103/L; CHEM 108/L, 120/L, or 326/L	3	F	
PS 490 or HO 490*	Internship – seminar	p. PS 494	1	F/S	
General electives		Consider work towards a minor	9		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AHPS Electives	Take at least 2 credits from each of the 3 areas (15 cr total)	See catalog for approved list for a total	3		
	(Crops, Plant Protection, or Soils/Environmental Protection)	of 15 credits of AHPS electives			
PS 421/L & PS 492	Soil Microbiology and Lab & Topics – Ex. In Soil Micro	p. BIOL 151/L & 153/L or BOT 201/L	4	S	
or MICR 231-231L	Or General Microbiology and Lab	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L		F/S	
General elective	General electives taken as needed to reach 125 credits		5-13		
		Total Credit Hours	12-20		

Comments/Notes

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the Honors program requirements.

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

p. = Course Prerequisite Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer

^{*}Agronomy Major Core Curriculum: A student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and a grade of C or higher in the courses used to satisfy the Agronomy core curriculum in order to graduate with a major in Agronomy.