Developing your Program of Study is an important learning experience. The process gives you an opportunity to think carefully about how your education will prepare you for your future both personally and professionally. The University offers a wide range of learning opportunities and we encourage you to think broadly as you put together a package of course work that provides you with the specific expertise you seek, and, at the same time, includes a breadth of experience that will help you become a creative problem solver, an excellent communicator, and a skilled team member. We have kept the Plant Science major requirements to a minimum to offer you greater flexibility to devise your own academic path.

In consultation with your advisor, you will develop a Plant Science program of study consisting of at least 25 credits, with a minimum of 15 of those credits at the 3xxx-level or above. Of the 25 credits, you need to take a minimum of 12 credits from AGRO, HORT, PLPA, or ENT designators. Within the 25 credits, one course must be writing intensive. The remaining credits should come from plant science-related disciplines. There are sample programs available on the major website for a few of the most popular areas of study in Plant Science. See www.cfans.umn.edu/admissions/majors-minors/plant-science

In addition to proposing a selection of courses that meet the above guidelines, please prepare a thoughtful essay of at least 500 words that describes your educational goals, how this collection of courses will meet these goals, your thoughts on timing and kind of internships, and if, when, and where you would like to study abroad.

Your Program of Study course list and essay should be prepared in Microsoft Word and must be reviewed by your faculty advisor before submission. After your advisor reviews your Program of Study, email the document to the Plant Science Major Coordinator (Eric Watkins: ewatkins@umn.edu). Make sure you have submitted a Program of Study plan that meets the aforementioned requirements, or it will not be reviewed.

Deadlines: You must submit your Program of Study before starting your fourth semester at the University of Minnesota, if you entered as a freshman. Students who transfer into Plant Science must submit a Program of Study by the start of their third semester in the major. These are the final deadlines; you can also submit earlier.

Please follow this format when preparing your Program of Study document:

Name:
Student I.D.#:
Faculty advisor name:
Expected semester of graduation:

500 word essay

Course list:

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Total credits:
Number of credits 3xxx and above:
Total credits in AGRO, PLPA, ENT, or HORT: