

Summary of PhD Degree Requirements for the Horticulture Program Area

To satisfy the course requirements for a doctoral degree, a student must complete:

- ◆ A minimum of 72 credit hours from courses numbered 7000-9000 (this includes dissertation research credit hours - i.e. Plnt S 9090).
- ◆ 15 credit hours (towards the 72 hour requirement) must be from courses numbered at the 8000 or 9000 level, exclusive of dissertation research, problems or independent study.
- ◆ All Doctoral students will have successfully completed the requirements for a Master's degree before beginning a Doctoral program.
- ◆ No more than 30 hours of dissertation research may be counted towards the 72 hr minimum.

The core requirements for the PhD degree in the Horticulture program are:

- ◆ **Plnt S 8010** Professionalism and Ethics (2 credits)
- ◆ Participation in the student seminar series
 - ◆ **Plnt S 9087** (2 credits - Must enroll twice; only 1 credit counts towards the 15 credit hour requirement of 8000/9000 level courses)
 - ◆ **Plnt S 7087** (3 credits - Must enroll 3 times)
- ◆ **Plnt S 9090** Dissertation Research (1 - 10 credits per semester)

The Horticulture program area emphasizes a customized approach towards the course of study. Each student will work with their advisor and graduate committee to develop a course of study best suited to the student's educational and career goals.

During the Fall and Winter semesters, PhD students who have not completed their comprehensive exam must enroll for 9 credits to be considered a full time student.

Teaching Requirement: Students must complete an approved teaching opportunity or an approved extension program. As an alternative, this requirement can be fulfilled by one additional seminar presentation in Plnt S. 9087.

For a more detailed explanation of degree requirements, see the Graduate Student Handbook.