What can I do with my Major?

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT
RATCLIFFE HICKS SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

The Horticulture program at the University of Connecticut reflects the diversity of the industry in the state. With this diversity in mind, the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture offers balanced curricula covering many aspects of plant science. Students studying Horticulture may choose to focus on Floriculture, Nursery Management, and/or Landscaping.

The Turfgrass Management program is designed to provide students with basic and applied knowledge in turfgrass science and management. Students complete coursework in turfgrass management and other related fields, such as soil science and fertility, pest control, ornamental horticulture, landscape design, environmental science, and business management. Internships arranged with landscape or lawn care businesses, golf courses, athletic facilities, and municipal, state, or federal agencies allow students to gain practical experience and engage in career networking.

The Horticulture program and the Turfgrass Management program in the Ratcliffe Hicks School are offered by the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. Formal and informal learning settings offer students the opportunity to gain a great deal of hands-on experience and design a unique educational experience, with exposure to all aspects of the industry. The department undertakes comprehensive teaching, research, and outreach activities.

NATURE OF WORK

Ornamental Horticulture and Turfgrass Management majors may concentrate in Ornamental Horticulture or Turfgrass Management. Graduates pursue a wide array of careers in floriculture, landscape and grounds maintenance, greenhouse and garden center operation, nursery production, park and land management, or arboretums and botanical gardens.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Visit O*Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

Nursery and Greenhouse Managers
Farm and Ranch Managers
Agricultural Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary
Soil and Water Conservationists
Supervisors of Agricultural Crop and Horticultural Workers
Nursery Workers
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers
Park Land Manager
Floral Designer
Golf Course Turfgrass Manager
Garden Center Manager
Athletic/Recreational Field Turfgrass Manager
Floriculturist

UCONN RESOURCES

Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture
Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture
Alpha Zeta
Horticulture Club

OTHER RESOURCES

Professional Lawn Care Society
International Society for Horticultural Science
American Society of Agronomy