



ORNAMENTALS, LANDSCAPE AND TURF (CERTIFICATE)

Description

The Ornamentals, Landscape, and Turf graduate certificate is a 12-credit-hour program designed for Extension horticulturists; golf course superintendents; municipal parks' employees; landscape maintenance professionals; and individuals working in nursery/landscape-oriented garden centers. Core courses provide a solid science background, enabling students to better understand how to manage turf and ornamental areas. This basic knowledge is then interwoven with situation-specific disease, weed, and insect classes to help practitioners advance their management knowledge.

All coursework for this certificate is completed online through Great Plains IDEA consortium.

Program-Related Information

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Program Website

<https://agronomy.unl.edu/>

Applying for Admission

Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.

If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.

When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.

- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

Additional requirements specific to this program

- Academics: GPA of 3.0 or higher (undergraduate and/or graduate)
- Resume/CV
- Personal Statement: In 1-2 pages, your statement should address the following: 1) your professional goals and career aspirations and specifically what you plan to do with your degree; 2) background experiences, events, and/or education that have influenced your professional goals; 3) how enrolling in this program in this department at Nebraska will assist you in meeting your professional goals.
- Additional Information: Enter a description of any original creative tasks or output related to your discipline.
- Three letters of recommendation

Certificate programs are not considered degree programs, additionally, coursework for this program is delivered primarily online, so international students should be aware that admission to this program is ineligible for immigration forms for an F-1 student visa.

Requirements

Complete 12 credit hours as described here, with grades of B or higher in all classes:

Required Courses (6 credits)		6
HORT 824	Plant Nutrition and Nutrient Management	3
or HORT 842B	Plant Physiology	
HORT 843K	Advanced Arboriculture	3
Electives (6 credits)		6
HORT 814	Turfgrass Disease Management	1
HORT 844B	Environmental Stress Physiology	1
HORT 880	Modified Root Zones	1
HORT 888	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development	3
HORT 813	Turfgrass and Landscape Weed Management	1
or HORT 843M	Weed Science	
ENTO 803	Management of Horticultural Crop Insects	3
or ENTO 812	Entomology and Pest Management	
or ENTO 813	Biological Control of Pests	
or ENTO 820	Insecticide Toxicology	
AGRO 896	Independent Study	1-6
or ENTO 896	Independent Study in Entomology	
or HORT 842A	Plant Pathology	