

What can I do with a major in “Horticulture”?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Horticulture

The horticulture major provides the education necessary for a career in production, sales, of horticultural commodities (fruits, vegetables, indoor and outdoor ornamental plants, turfgrasses, and flowers). The horticulture curriculum is designed to instruct and educate students in the application of basic principles to the propagation, culture, production, and postharvest physiology of ornamental plants, turfgrasses, fruits, vegetables, and flowers. The curriculum has the flexibility to allow a student to select courses in turf management (the culture and management of turfgrasses on golf courses, recreational areas, and home lawns); floriculture/woody ornamentals (including the use of plants indoors for aesthetic, therapeutic, as well as pollution abatement purposes); and fruit and vegetable production and management.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

***Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

Possible Job Titles of Horticulture Graduates

(*Jobs as reported by Career Center post-graduate survey)

Agricultural Extension Agent	Grower*	Plant Buyer*
Assistant Manger*	Head Groundsman*	Production Manager*
Conservatory Horticulturist*	Horticultural Publishing*	Research Associate*
Curator*	Horticulturalist*	Sales
Environmental Health Specialist*	Horticulture Journalist	Seasonal Color Supervisor*
Estate Gardner*	Landscape Designer*	Teaching
Field Advisor	Landscaping Specialist*	Technical Advisor
Greenhouse Quality Manager*	Manager	Trainee*
Greenhouse Supervisor*	Marketing	Vegetable Gardener*

Possible Employers of Horticulture Graduates

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Arbor Yard*	Home Depot*	Pro Tough Landscapes*
Arboretums	James Greenhouses*	Schools
Athens-Clarke County Health Dept*	Land Art, Inc.*	Sea Pines Resort*
Calloway Gardens*	Land Design, Inc.*	State Botanical Garden of Georgia*
Davis Floral Company*	Lifescapes*	The Center for Community
Commercial firms	Mark's Greenhouse*	Preservation and Planning*
Garden centers	Monrovia*	Texas Agrilife Research*
Gold Kist*	Parks	TruGreen LandCare*
Golf courses	Peace Corps*	UGA EPA*
Hanson Farms*	Pinebrush Nursery*	Walt Disney World*

Career Center Library Resources

Agricultural Research: Solving Problems for the Growing World by U.S. Department of Agriculture

Careers for Plant Lovers and Other Green Thumb Types by Camenson, Blythe

VGM's Career Portraits: Plants by Kelsey, Jane & Anderson, Sarah

Campus Resources

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences- <http://www.caes.uga.edu>

Clubs & Organizations: <http://www.caes.uga.edu/academics/organizations.html>

Agronomy Club

Landscape Club

Horticulture Club

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Turf Club

Sigma Alpha Sorority

Minorities in Agriculture, Natural
Resources and Related Sciences
(MANRRS)

The Gardens at UGA

<http://ugatrial.hort.uga.edu/>

Employment Websites

UGA DAWGlink (career.uga.edu) - <https://uga-csm.symphlicity.com/students/index.php>

The Environmental Careers Organizations - <https://uga-csm.symphlicity.com/students/index.php>

AgCareers.com - <http://agcareers.com>

Making the Difference (Federal Jobs & Internships) - <http://www.makingthedifference.org>

U.S. Office of Personnel Management <http://www.opm.gov/>

Additional Resources for Horticulture Majors

American Horticultural Society- <http://www.ahs.org/>

American Society for Horticultural Science - <http://www.ashs.org/>

Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association - <http://www.gfvga.org>

Northern Nut Growers Association - <http://icserv.com/nnga/>

Center for Applied Nursery Research - <http://www.canr.org/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture - <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

USDA Extension Service Homepage - <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/>

Agriculture Future of America - <http://www.agfuture.org/>