

## What can I do with a major in “Turfgrass Management”?

### The University of Georgia Career Center

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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 Turfgrass Management

Turfgrass management is the study of the science and culture of fine grasses that are used on golf courses, athletic fields, home lawns, and other areas requiring an attractive but functional groundcover. Increasing interest in outdoor recreational activities as well as aesthetically appealing landscaped areas has created a demand for professional turfgrass managers. The turfgrass management major at the University of Georgia is unique in that it is the only 4-year turf program in the United States that is jointly administered by two departments. The combined effort of the departments of Crop and Soil Sciences and Horticulture provide greater resources to students in terms of laboratories, teaching equipment, demonstration field plots, faculty expertise, and course offerings.

#### 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 Turfgrass Management Graduates

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

Arborist	Grounds Crew*	Plant Health Care Specialist
Assistant Golf Superintendent*	Hardscape Crew Leader	Production Manager
Branch Manager	Importer	Sales Representative*
Broker	Irrigation Installer	Spray Technician*
Chemical Applicator	Land Planner	Turf Maintenance*
Compliance Coordinator	Landscape Architect	Turf Scout*
Foreman	Lawn Care Specialist	Wholesaler
Grader	Pesticide Technician	

#### Possible Employers of Turfgrass Management Graduates

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Alltel Stadium*	Irrigation Design and Installation	Sea Island Gold Club*
Athens Country Club*	Landscaping Firms	Sod Production
Athletic Field Management	Lawn Maintenance	Sport Turf Management
Augusta National Golf Course*	McArthur Golf Clubs*	The Landings Club*
Chemical Lawn Care	Orkin Pest Control*	Turfgrass Seed, Chemical, and
Commercial Grounds Management	Park Management	Equipment Sales and Service
Cooperative Extension Service	Private Consulting	University Research
Golf Course Management	Residential Lawn Installation	
Green Seed Company*	School Grounds Management	

#### Career Center Library Resources

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

Metro Atlanta BioScience Industry and Georgia Company Directory by Metro Atlanta BioScience Council

Outdoor Careers: 2nd Edition by Shenk, Ellen

Careers in Focus: Agriculture by Ferguson

### **Campus Resources**

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

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

Agronomy Club

Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity

Horticulture Club

Sigma Alpha Sorority

Turf Club

Landscape Club

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

### **Employment Websites**

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

**The Environmental Careers Organization** - <http://www.eco.org>

**Turf Jobs** - <http://www.turfjobs.com/>

**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**

**The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America** - <http://www.gcsaa.org/>

**The US Golf Association** - <http://www.usga.org/>

**Sports Turf Managers Association** - <http://www.stma.org/>

**Professional Landcare Network** - <http://www.landcarenetwork.org/cms/home.html>

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

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

**Crop Science Society of America** - <http://www.crops.org/>