Bachelor of Science in Agriculture MAJOR IN AGRONOMY

The Institute of Crop Science (ICropS) offers three fields of specialization which prospective Agronomy Majors among Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) students can choose from. These fields of specialization are:

Plant Breeding: the science and practice of identification, assembly, conservation, characterization, evaluation and utilization of crop genetic diversity; and manipulation of genetic make-up for varietal development and improvement.

Crop Production and Management: the science and practice of producing agronomic crops aimed at increasing productivity and quality efficiently and maximizing monetary returns while minimizing and/or eliminating the negative environmental effects.

Seed Science and Technology: As a specialized field, it deals with science and practice of producing good quality seeds. It also involves appropriate seed handling technologies like harvesting drying, processing, storage, quality testing and enhancement.

PROGRAM OF STUDY OF AN AGRONOMY MAJOR

Just like other BSA students, an Agronomy major should take 27 units of Revitalized General Education Program (RGEP) courses, 31 units of foundation courses, and 43 units of core courses in agriculture. Major students are required to take a total of 44 units of major program courses. The major program includes 18 units of major courses, 12 unit of specialized courses, 3 units of electives, 1 units of undergraduate seminar, and 9 units of major program option (6 units of undergraduate thesis and 3 units of practicum or 6 units of major practice and 3 units of special problem).

MAJOR CORE COURSES REQUIRED FOR ALL AGRONOMY STUDENTS

Course No.	Course Title	Units
AGR 141	Field Crops Physiology. PR. AGRI 32 or BOT 20. (1, 2)	3
AGR 170	Fundamentals of Seed Technology. PR. AGRI 31 & AGRI 32, AGRI 42 & BOT 20 or COI. (1, 2)	3
CRSC 101	Tropical Annual Crops Production and Management. PR. AGRI 32 or COI. (1, 2)	3
CRSC 102	Tropical Perennial Crops Production. PR. AGRI 32 or COI. (1, 2)	3
CRSC 105	Principles of Plant Breeding. PR. BIO 30. (1, 2)	3
CRSC 199	Undergraduate Seminar in Agronomy. PR. COI. (1, 2)	(1)
SOIL 111 or	Soil and Land Use. PR. Soil 1 or COI. (1)	3
SOIL 150 or	Soil Fertility. PR. Soil 1 or COI. (1, 2)	3
SOIL 170	Soil Conservation and Management. PR. Soil 1 or COI. (1)	3
	Total	18

SPECIALIZED COURSES

The specialized courses to be taken by the Agronomy Major should be made in consultation with their Major Adviser. Specialized courses may be selected from the following suggested courses regardless of specialization:

Course No.	Course Title	Units
AGR 110	Grain Crops Production. PR. AGRI 31. (1, 2)	3
AGR 114	Annual Industrial Crops Production. PR. AGRI 31. (2)	3
AGR 116	Multiple Cropping. PR. AGRI 31 & AGRI 32. (2)	3
AGR 118	Pasture and Feed Crops Production. PR. AGRI 31. (1)	3

AGR 192	Methods in Crop Research. PR. AGRI	3
AGR 150	31 or COI. (1, 2) Methods in Plant Breeding I. PR. CRSC 105. (1, 2)	3
AGR 153	Methods in Plant Breeding II. PR. AGR 150. (1)	3
AGR 160	Plant Genetic Resources Conservation and Management. PR. CRSC 105 or COI. (1)	3
CRSC 154	Crop Variety Registration and Protection. PR. CRSC 105 or COI. (2)	3
WSC 111	Biology of Weeds. PR. Bot 20 or COI for Post Graduate only). (1)	3
WSC 141	Weeds and their Management. PR. COI. (1, 2)	3

MAJOR PROGRAM OPTION FOR AGRONOMY

The Major Program Option provides the students the opportunity to conduct independent research and also have supervised hands-on experience on the work of an agricultural practitioner and related careers.

The student may choose from the following options:

Course Title and Number	Units
Undergraduate Thesis (AGR 200) and	6
Practicum (AGR 198)	3
Major Practice (AGR 200a) and	6
Special Problem (AGR 190)	3

Major Practice (250 hours) and Practicum (150 hours) allows the student to apply their knowledge and skills acquired through their coursework. The student may select from the following tracks: (a) Farm Practice,

- (b) Research Internship, (c) Extension and Community,
- (d) Teaching Option, and (e) Entrepreneurship. They may opt to do this course in government, on-government, and private institutions.

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