Ornamental Horticulture, Cert, AAS

Department: Plants, Soils, and Climate Department
College: College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

Overview

About This Degree

USU offers both a certificate and an associate's degree in ornamental horticulture. Completion of the certificate requires 27 credits, and the associate's degree requires 60 credits. Coursework for both is similar to the curriculum for the bachelor's degree in plant science, and all approved coursework for the associate's degree counts toward the bachelor's should students choose to continue.

Many students who participate in this program attend through one of USU's locations throughout the state. Classes are offered in the evenings, making it convenient for students who work full time and wish to move into a career in ornamental horticulture or pursue horticulture as a hobby.

Distance Education

The associate of applied science and the certificate in ornamental horticulture are available through USU's Regional Campuses and Distance Education program.

Career Options

With an associate's or certificate in ornamental horticulture, students can work in the following areas:

- Nurseries
- Garden centers
- Greenhouses
- Floral shops
- Groundskeeping and maintenance for golf courses, school districts, and municipalities

Career Services provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

In addition to Utah State University's admissions requirements, the ornamental horticulture program has additional requirements:

- **Freshman:** New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to this major.
- **Transfer Students:** Transfer students from other institutions and students transferring from other USU majors need a 2.5 total GPA for admission to this major.

International students have additional admissions requirements.

Major Requirements

Click here to see course requirements for the **Certificate (UG)**.

Click here to see course requirements for the **Associate of Applied Science**.

Students completing the AAS must complete an internship that is between one and four credits. If students choose to pursue the bachelor's degree in plant science, this internship fulfills the requirement, and students will not have to participate in another internship.

Contact

Advising

All new USU freshmen participate in a New Student Orientation program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

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