PATHWAYS
Agronomy - Turfgrass Management Track

Bachelor of Science in Agronomy

FRESHMAN
- Take the first courses in Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences – learn about the role of crops and soils in our environment.
- Gateway Courses: CSES 1000 Introductory Crop Science
- Think about the curriculum option you might want to pursue in CSES. We have four: 1) Science, 2) Soil, Water and Land Use, 3) Production, and 4) Turfgrass.
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 1020/1030, CSES 2020 Basic Soil Science, CSES 3150 Weed Science.

SOPHOMORE
- Move into advanced undergraduate coursework and start to learn the fine points of your chosen curriculum option.
- Gateway Courses: CSES 5030 Advanced Crop Science, CSES 5020 Nutrient Management

JUNIOR
- Finish your college career with a strong compliment of advanced coursework
- Gateway Courses: CSES 4950 Senior Seminar

SENIOR
- Ask for assistance
  - Meet with your assigned faculty advisor each semester to discuss your major and academic plan.
- Gain experience
  - Check your “This Week on Ag Hill” and “Find Your Career” e-mails to learn about ways you can get involved and gain experience on campus.
  - Consider applying for a job in the Department – many faculty hire student workers in their laboratories.
  - Consider traveling abroad. The college offers Study Abroad Scholarships to students studying abroad.
  - Apply to the Ag Alumni Mentoring Program. Students get to take part in job shadowing opportunities, networking opportunities, and see first hand where your degree can take you.
  - Join the Soil Judging team! One of the best in the nation, the Auburn University soil judges regularly qualify for national competitions.
- Gain experience
  - Pursue opportunities for an internship.
  - Attend professional development events (Career Fairs, Etiquette Dinners, Workshops)
- Consider moving to an Accelerated Bachelor’s/Master’s program. This program allows you to graduate with a BS and MS degree in 5 years.
- Work with the Career Center to update your resume and cover letter.

Career Planning
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This option focuses on turf production and maintenance for golf courses, sports fields, home lawns and business turf. This academically rigorous option will also prepare you for graduate school or careers in cooperative extension, sales or research.

Golf Course Superintendent
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $29.8K - $51.0K
- These are just three options out of many that agronomy turfgrass management majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.

Athletic Field Manager
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $35.0K - $50.8K

Research & Development Scientist
- Minimum Education: M.S., Ph.D.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $44.5K - $74.9K

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