# Pathways: Horticulture: Fruit & Vegetable Track

## Bachelor of Science in Horticulture

### Course Selection

**Freshman**
- Familiarize yourself with horticulture as a major and learn biology and chemistry that serves as a base for all future coursework.
- Gateway Courses: Core courses, HORT 1010 (fall), BIOL 1020 (fall), BIOL 1030, CHEM 1030/1031.

**Sophomore**
- You will be broadening your knowledge of horticulture as you dig deeper into your major.
- Gateway Courses: HORT 2010 (Fall).

**Junior**
- Gateway Courses: HORT 3950.

**Senior**
- **Group 1 and Group 2 Courses**

### 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 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.
- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.

### Get Involved

- Join the College of Agriculture Student Services Facebook page for college and major updates, and internship and job postings.
- The Horticulture Club is a professional organization for students interested in horticulture.
- Volunteer! Seek out opportunities that cater to your interest and also challenge you to get out of your comfort zone.
- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest, to attend meetings and enhance your resume.
- Gamma Sigma Delta is the Honor Society of Agriculture. The organization is dedicated to recognizing your academic achievements.
- Pursue leadership roles in your organization to exercise and enhance your skills.
- Attend professional conferences and take part in industry tours.
- Consider traveling abroad. The college offers Study Abroad Scholarships to students studying abroad.

### Career Planning

**Auburn University Career Center**
- 303 Mary Martin Hall | auburn.edu/career

As a student in production horticulture, you will find many opportunities to support fruit and vegetable production, including cooperative extension, research with private companies and government agencies such as the USDA-ARS, and marketing.

### Job Opportunities

**Nursery Manager**
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $20.8K - $45.0K

**Sales Representative**
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $20.8K - $45.0K

**Regional Extension Agent**
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $20.8K - $45.0K

These are just three options out of many that horticulture majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.

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