Agroecology (Minor)

To see more about what you will learn in this program, visit the Learning Outcomes website (https://apps.orip.ncsu.edu/pgas/).

The minor in Agroecology is open to all undergraduate students at NC State University. It is designed for students majoring in the biological sciences, agronomy, horticulture and animal sciences, but will be of interest to a wide array of students as agriculture has broad implications in the life sciences, economics, and sociology. Agroecology instruction provides students a fundamental understanding of agriculture and its interaction with natural and social systems. Students selecting the Agroecology minor will gain an understanding of modern production agriculture from an ecological and sociological perspective, obtain new skills in analyzing agricultural systems, and the knowledge to design a plan for change. This knowledge will improve a student’s ability to work with agricultural professionals to implement a system that meets ecological and social needs while remaining profitable for farmers.

Admissions

Admission to the minor requires a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better. Students should contact the Crop and Soil Sciences Undergraduate Programs Office to inquire about adding the minor no later than the registration period for the student’s final semester at NC State. A minor advisor will be assigned to all students interested in completing the Agroecology minor. Students enrolled in the minor must consult with their minor advisors during each registration period.

Certification

The minor should be declared as soon as the student makes the decision to pursue a minor. Minor coursework must be completed no later than the semester in which the student expects to graduate from his or her degree program. Paperwork to declare the minor should be completed no later than the registration period for the student’s final semester at NC State. Students should contact the Crop and Soil Sciences Undergraduate Programs Office for certification of the minor.

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Plan Requirements

A minimum of 17 hours is required for the minor in Agroecology. Students are required to complete 11 credits of required courses and a minimum of 6 credits of restricted elective courses. A minimum grade of ‘C-’ or better is required in each course selected. No courses for the minor may be taken using the S/U option.

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Elective Courses

Select one course from at least two of the following groups:

**Group 1: Ecology and Agricultural Production**

- ANS 150 Introduction to Animal Science
- BAET 323 Water Management
- PB 200 Plant Life
- PB 213/CS 214 Plants and Civilization
- PB 250 Plant Biology
- CS 213 Crop Science
- CS 411 Crop Ecology
- CS 415 Integrated Pest Management

**Group 2: Social Science**

- HI 340 History of Agriculture
- IDS 201 Environmental Ethics
- SOC 241 Sociology of Agriculture and Rural Society
- SOC 450 Environmental Sociology

**Group 3: Economics**
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**Total Hours** 17