



## What can I do with my Major?

# ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT

## RATCLIFFE HICKS SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

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### SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Visit [O\\*Net](#) and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

Nursery and Greenhouse Managers  
Farm and Ranch Managers  
Agricultural Sciences Teachers,  
Postsecondary  
Soil and Water Conservationists  
Supervisors of Agricultural Crop and  
Horticultural Workers  
Nursery Workers  
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers  
Park Land Manager  
Floral Designer  
Golf Course Turfgrass Manager  
Garden Center Manager  
Athletic/Recreational Field  
Turfgrass Manager  
Floriculturist

### UCONN RESOURCES

Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture  
Department of Plant Science and  
Landscape Architecture  
Alpha Zeta  
Horticulture Club

### OTHER RESOURCES

Professional Lawn Care Society  
International Society for  
Horticultural Science  
American Society of Agronomy

### OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

The Horticulture program at the University of Connecticut reflects the diversity of the industry in the state. With this diversity in mind, the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture offers balanced curricula covering many aspects of plant science. Students studying Horticulture may choose to focus on Floriculture, Nursery Management, and/or Landscaping.

The Turfgrass Management program is designed to provide students with basic and applied knowledge in turfgrass science and management. Students complete coursework in turfgrass management and other related fields, such as soil science and fertility, pest control, ornamental horticulture, landscape design, environmental science, and business management. Internships arranged with landscape or lawn care businesses, golf courses, athletic facilities, and municipal, state, or federal agencies allow students to gain practical experience and engage in career networking.

The Horticulture program and the Turfgrass Management program in the Ratcliffe Hicks School are offered by the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. Formal and informal learning settings offer students the opportunity to gain a great deal of hands-on experience and design a unique educational experience, with exposure to all aspects of the industry. The department undertakes comprehensive teaching, research, and outreach activities.

### NATURE OF WORK

Ornamental Horticulture and Turfgrass Management majors may concentrate in Ornamental Horticulture or Turfgrass Management. Graduates pursue a wide array of careers in floriculture, landscape and grounds maintenance, greenhouse and garden center operation, nursery production, park and land management, or arboretums and botanic gardens.

