

Plant Biology and Tropical Agriculture

The Plant Biology and Tropical Agriculture academic program is designed to meet the needs of students interested in agriculture. The certificate program in Plant Biology and Tropical Agriculture is available to meet a range of academic and career needs. Graduates with a certificate in Plant Biology and Tropical Agriculture will qualify for a range of different agricultural occupations that provide improved career opportunities and income.

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) approved 02/19/2014:

1. Use appropriate scientific and agricultural terminology to communicate in different settings and with different audiences.
2. Identify and analyze the biotic and abiotic factors that affect agricultural production and describe how these factors are managed at the local, state, national, and global level.
3. Apply principles and practices from tropical agriculture and plant and soil sciences to improve production and profitability.
4. Apply the scientific method and available technology to understand and manage agronomic and agribusiness challenges and opportunities.
5. Explain contemporary social, political, economic, and ethical issues involving food, agriculture and the environment.
6. Use practical hands-on field and laboratory investigation skills in plant biology and tropical agriculture.