**Why Study Plant & Soil Science?**

A degree in Plant and Soil Science lets you turn a love of plants and the environment into a lucrative career. This degree program has an emphasis on environmental qualities and relationships of air, soil, water, and plants along with focus on environmental benefits, proper management practices, and sustainability. Students will investigate ways to improve crop response to environmental conditions, improve efficiency of resource use for crops, reduce use of water resources, evaluate productivity and efficiency of cropping systems, and conserve soil and water for future generations.

**Why Choose Plant & Soil Science at Texas Tech?**

The opportunities for Texas Tech graduates in P&SS are endless! Students can manage golf courses and athletic fields. Own your own nursery. Provide environmental consulting. Develop shade-tolerant strains of grass. Design environmental plantings for urban areas. Work as a farm manager, crop breeder, or crop insurance agent. Research agents focusing on new techniques, technologies, and resistances in plants. The list goes on and on!

Students choose from one of several areas of specialization in order to complete the degree program:

- Crop Science
- Horticulture and Turfgrass
- Soil and water
- Viticulture and Enology
- Horticulture (offered online)

For more information, visit us online: [http://www.pssc.ttu.edu/ProgramPages/bs_plss.php](http://www.pssc.ttu.edu/ProgramPages/bs_plss.php)

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**A Wealth of Opportunities Await**

- **Undergraduate Research**
  The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) research program is recognized for excellence in the discovery and delivery of knowledge on current and emerging aspects of the food, fiber, fuel, natural resources, environmental sciences, management, and planning disciplines.

- **Study Abroad**
  CASNR offers many opportunities for students to study abroad through faculty-led programs. These programs include, but are not limited to:
  - Agriculture in Belize
  - Commodities Future in Seville
  - Landscape Architecture in the Yucatan
  For more information, visit the study abroad website: [https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/](https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/)

- **Graduate Education**
  Master of Science degree students may choose from several areas of emphasis in plant and soil sciences. Students may also choose a M.S. degree in Horticulture Science as a thesis or non-thesis option. For more information, visit the graduate education website: [http://www.pssc.ttu.edu/ProgramPages/graduate.php](http://www.pssc.ttu.edu/ProgramPages/graduate.php)

- **Professional Career**
  Students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources are well educated individuals who excel both in and out of the classroom. Agricultural companies, state and federal legislators and agencies, as well as international organizations compete for our students, offering internships and full-time employment. We work closely with [University Career Services](https://cctr.ttu.edu) to ensure our graduates are prepared to enter the workforce. Career Services helps with resume critiques, mock interviews, etiquette and many other things to prepare them for a career in ag sciences and natural resources.

- **Scholarship**
  CASNR recognizes scholastic capability as well as qualities of leadership, citizenship, and character. As such, scholarships are available through the department for students who qualify. A university-wide application must be completed and will be distributed to CASNR and to the department within CASNR that your major falls into. This allows you to apply for scholarships at all three levels at Texas Tech (university, college, and department) with only one application. For more information and a list of scholarships for your major, please visit [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/scholarships/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/scholarships/)

- **Student Organizations**
  From horticulture to entomology, meat science to pre-vet, get better connected with TTU and CASNR through one of our many student organizations. Participating in club and organizational activities enables students to build strong leadership skills and reinforce classroom learning.
  Texas Tech also has competitive agricultural related teams such as Meat Judging, Agronomy Quizbowl, Range Plant ID, and more!

For more info, visit: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/current_students/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/current_students/)
And click on “Get Involved” in the far right of the page

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)
The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. **Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.**

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.
- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.
- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

- **Admission Requirements**

  Application from applytexas.org

  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

Transfer Admissions Counselors:

- **Zach Fisher**—West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.834.2104
  Email: zach.fisher@ttu.edu

- **Maryellen Baeza**—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.742.1480
  Email: Maryellen.baeza@ttu.edu

Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

- **Academics**—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
- **Student-submitted essay**—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
- **Extracurricular activities/employment information**—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: [http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/](http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/)

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