The science option will provide you with a scientific base in soil morphology, chemistry, and microbiology. You will be prepared for a research career with agri-life corporations or with state or federal agricultural research agencies. Most students choosing the science option intend to pursue graduate degrees.

**COURSE SELECTION**

**FRESHMAN**
- Take the first courses in Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences – learn about the role of crops and soils in our environment.
- Gateway Courses: CSES 1000 Introductory Crop Science
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 1020/1030, CSES 2020 Basic Soil Science, CSES 3150 Weed Science.

**SOPHOMORE**
- Think about the curriculum option you might want to pursue in CSES. We have four: 1) Science, 2) Soil, Water and Land Use, 3) Production, and 4) Turfgrass.
- Gateway Courses: CSES 5030 Advanced Crop Science, CSES 5020 Nutrient Management

**JUNIOR**
- Move into advanced undergraduate coursework and start to learn the fine points of your chosen curriculum option.
- Gateway Courses: CSES 5030 Advanced Crop Science, CSES 5020 Nutrient Management
- Finish your college career with a strong compliment of advanced coursework.
- Gateway Courses: CSES 4950 Senior Seminar

**SENIOR**
- Meet with your assigned faculty advisor each semester to discuss your major and academic plan.
- Academic Support provides several free resources to improve academic performance, including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching.
- If your grades are strong don’t forget to apply for scholarship support. We have many scholarships available in the Department. Your advisor can tell you how and when to apply.
- Meet with a counselor in the University Career Center (UCC) to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.
- Consider moving to an Accelerated Bachelor’s/Master’s program. This program allows you to graduate with a BS and MS degree in 5 years.
- Work with the UCC to update your resume and cover letter.

**ASK FOR ASSISTANCE**

**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.
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- Consider traveling abroad. The college offers Study Abroad Scholarships to students studying abroad.
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