



at a glance

Landscape Horticulture Studies

Department: Agricultural Sciences

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Entry time: Fall, Spring

Length: 2 years (4 semesters, 1 summer)

- One of the **largest schools** in the nation for number of **Ag program graduates**.
- **32,000 square-foot horticulture building** with outdoor learning laboratories.
- **8,000 square-foot greenhouse** with dedicated space for **hydro** and **aquaponics**.
- **Accredited** by the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP).
- 13 agriculture-related student organizations among the **80+ clubs** on campus.
- **Required internship opportunities** providing great industry contacts, which could lead to a full-time position after graduation.

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Program Description

Program emphasis is on the design, installation and maintenance of landscaped spaces. Students learn how plants work, how to identify different plant varieties, the principles of good design, installation of plant material and the construction of hardscape features that complement the overall design.

As a Landscape Horticulture Studies student, you'll choose between a design or construction track. The design track focuses on creating designs utilizing plant knowledge and artistic principles. The construction track focuses on site layout, lighting and hardscape installation techniques.

Career Opportunities

Landscaping and groundskeeping worker
Nursery and greenhouse manager
Landscape designer

Sample Classes

Landscape Construction
Landscape Design Techniques
Plant Identification
Hardscape Installation Techniques
Surveying and Site Layout
Principles of Horticulture
Intro to Turfgrass Management
Landscape Estimating and Bidding
Insects and Diseases

Internships

As a Landscape Horticulture Studies student, you will complete an internship between your first and second year allowing you to apply your lab and classroom skills in an actual work environment.

Transfer Opportunities

Many of your classes will transfer to four-year institutions. Please be sure to work with your advisor to ensure transferability of courses to your desired university.

Accreditation

The Landscape Horticulture Studies program is accredited by NALP. This accreditation is the only nationally recognized endorsement offered to colleges with landscape/horticulture curricula. It is designed to recognize schools with landscape contracting curricula that meet or exceed industry standards. Kirkwood is one of two community colleges in Iowa to have NALP accreditation.

Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. For more information and to apply, visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.