

# PLANT PATHOLOGY, MINOR

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Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## Career Paths

### Careers

Plant Pathology students may pursue careers in commercial crop production, industry, private consulting, cooperative extension, or research. Increasing emphasis on biological control, integrated pest management, and sustainable agricultural practices requires knowledge of plant pathogen biology, host-parasite interactions, and environmental parameters influencing disease severity. The Plant Pathology minor focuses on these areas and gives students the background necessary to develop or utilize environmentally sound disease control strategies. This program can be designed to supplement majors in any field of the biological sciences and used to prepare students for graduate studies in plant pathology.

### Opportunities for Graduate Studies

The Plant Pathology minor provides exceptional training in research. Through independent studies, students in Plant Pathology have the opportunity to work with faculty in the Department of Plant Pathology and Environmental Microbiology in state-of-the-art facilities. Students who pursue the Plant Pathology minor are ready for graduate school in plant pathology, environmental microbiology, and associated disciplines.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES  
(<https://plantpath.psu.edu/>)