



Twin Cities Campus

Insect Science Minor

Entomology

College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

- Program Type: Undergraduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2021
- Required credits in this minor: 16

This minor provides strong background in entomological principles and theory for career preparedness for graduate programs and exciting professions in natural resources and conservation of pollinators and other insects, medicine, plant health, and protection related to agriculture, horticulture, forestry, greenhouse and nursery management, or teaching biology in secondary education institutions. For more information, contact Insect Science Minor Advisor - Matt Petersen (pet03207@umn.edu).

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Minor Requirements

Minor Core Requirement

[ENT 1005](#) - Insect Biology with Lab [BIOL] (4.0 cr)

Electives

Courses are listed under suggested areas of concentration. However, you may take from any or all categories to complete 12 credits. Take 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

Conservation & Environmental Assessment

Develop the skills needed for the identification and management of invasive and native insects in forests, prairies, aquatic systems, and other habitats. Learn how insects are used as biological indicators of ecosystem health. Career options include forest health specialist, ecologist, pest management specialist, agronomist, natural resource manager, or water quality specialist. Take 0 (zero) or more courses from following.

- [ENT 2920](#) - Introductory Lectures in Entomology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- or [ENT 3294](#) - Directed Research in Entomology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- or [ENT 3925](#) - Insects, Aquatic Habitats, and Pollution (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 4096](#) - Professional Experience Program: Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 4251](#) - Forest and Shade Tree Entomology (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5011](#) - Insect Structure and Function (4.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5021](#) - Insect Biodiversity and Evolution (4.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5041](#) - Insect Ecology (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5051](#) - Scientific Illustration of Insects (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5126](#) - Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Ecological Data (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5341](#) - Biological Control of Insects and Weeds (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5361](#) - Aquatic Insects (4.0 cr)
- or [ESPM 1012H](#) - Environmental Science and Society [ENV] (3.0 cr)
- or [ESPM 3480](#) - Topics in Natural Resources (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- or [HSEM 2637H](#) - Small but Impactful: Insects and the Environment [ENV] (3.0 cr)

Medicine & Global Health

Develop a strong background in the epidemiology of arthropod-vector-borne diseases of humans and other animals while enhancing your marketable skills for careers in veterinary science or public health. Take 0 (zero) or more courses from following.

- [CFAN 3334](#) - Parasites and Pestilence [GP] (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 1021](#) - An Introduction to Forensic Entomology (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 2884](#) - The Six-legged Conquerors: How insects have shaped human history [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 2920](#) - Introductory Lectures in Entomology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- or [ENT 3275](#) - Insect-transmitted diseases of humans (3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 3294](#) - Directed Research in Entomology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- or [ENT 4096](#) - Professional Experience Program: Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5011](#) - Insect Structure and Function (4.0 cr)
- or [ENT 5361](#) - Aquatic Insects (4.0 cr)

Agriculture & Plant Protection

Learn the fundamentals of insect-plant interactions within agricultural and natural environments while developing a strong background



in integrated pest management, including pesticide application and biological control strategies.

Enhance your marketable skills for careers as a forest health specialist, crop consultant, grounds manager, pest management specialist, agronomist, and greenhouse or nursery technician. Take 0 (zero) or more courses from following.

•[CFAN 2333](#) - Insects, Microbes, and Plants: Ecology of Pest Management [TS] (3.0 cr)

or [ENT 2920](#) - Introductory Lectures in Entomology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

or [ENT 3211](#) - Insect Pest Management (3.0 cr)

or [ENT 3294](#) - Directed Research in Entomology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

or [ENT 4021](#) - Honey Bees and Insect Societies (3.0 cr)

or [ENT 4096](#) - Professional Experience Program: Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

or [ENT 4251](#) - Forest and Shade Tree Entomology (3.0 cr)

or [ENT 5011](#) - Insect Structure and Function (4.0 cr)

or [ENT 5041](#) - Insect Ecology (3.0 cr)

or [ENT 5126](#) - Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Ecological Data (3.0 cr)

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•**Pollinator Ecology**

Develop your understanding of the important role insects play in plant reproduction while learning how to safeguard pollinator populations through knowledge local and landscape practices. Take 0 (zero) or more courses from following.

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or [ENT 3294](#) - Directed Research in Entomology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

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