

FDACS-DPI



OBJECTIVE: The certificate program in Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management provides a unique opportunity for University of Florida graduate students to develop the personal and professional skills required to effectively lead and conduct plant pest risk assessment and management on the local, national and international level.

ELIGIBILITY: The certificate is coordinated by the University of Florida Plant Medicine Program, is multidisciplinary in nature and is applicable to graduate degree programs (D.P.M., M.S., Ph.D.) across departments and colleges at the University of Florida.



INTERNSHIPS/CAREERS

Funded internships and employment opportunities are available with state, federal and international regulatory agencies.

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Plant Medicine Program

Providing Leadership in Crop Biosecurity



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Today's global and consumer driven economy requires knowledge of plant health management practices and challenges beyond one's own borders. Introductions of invasive plant pests, including plant pathogens, arthropods and weeds, can have a devastating impact on agriculture and natural resources.

The future of agricultural productivity and marketing will depend to a great extent on the ability of broadly trained plant health professionals to manage indigenous plant health problems, prevent the introduction of alien pests and take rapid action to minimize deleterious impacts should a pest introduction occur.



CURRICULUM: Students are required to obtain at least 16 credits for the Certificate in Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management.

Core courses (10 credits)

- Principles of Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management (3 credits)
- Internship in Plant Pest Risk Assessment and Management (6 credits)
- Colloquium on Plant Pests of Regulatory Significance (1 credit)



Elective courses (6 credits)

- Technical group (Epidemiology of Plant Disease, GIS and Remote Sensing, Biology of Invasive Species, etc. - 3 credits)
- Policy group (Agricultural Law, International Trade and Policy, Policy Evaluation, etc. - 3 credits)