

# PLANT BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION PHD

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## Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

### PhD

**Total Units Required: 13**

| Course  | Title  |
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| <b>Core Courses</b>   |  |
| PBC 450-0   | Field and Laboratory Methods in Plant Biology and Conservation (2 units) |
| PBC 451-0   | Critical Topics in Ecology and Conservation (1 unit)                     |
| <i>A Data Science or Statistics course (1 unit). Options include but are not limited to: -PBC 435 Biostatistics, or see PBC Handbook for further options.</i> |  |
| <b>Elective Courses</b>   |  |
| Nine elective courses for graduate credit at the 300- or 400- level chosen from PBC and other departmental courses  |  |
| <b>Responsible Conduct in Research/Bioethics course (zero credit)</b>   |  |
| <b>Student Research Seminar Presentation--Starting in the second year, every student presents a research seminar (zero credit)</b>                            |  |

### Other PhD Degree Requirements:

- **Final Exam:** Oral defense of a written dissertation under the direction of a faculty member and approved by a dissertation committee.