

PLANT BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION PHD

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
Core Courses	
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>	
Elective Courses	
Nine elective courses for graduate credit at the 300- or 400- level chosen from PBC and other departmental courses	
Responsible Conduct in Research/Bioethics course (zero credit)	
Student Research Seminar Presentation--Starting in the second year, every student presents a research seminar (zero credit)	

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.