Research in the department is focused in four areas of emphasis that cut across disciplinary specializations:

1. genomics and molecular biology;
2. ecology and biodiversity;
3. biology and management of invasive species; and
4. integrated pest management.

In addition, a number of faculty in the department are members of CSU’s Graduate Degree Program in Ecology or the Cell and Molecular Biology Program and advise M.S. and Ph.D. students through these programs. Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin or visit the Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management (http://bspm.agsci.colostate.edu).

### Master Programs

- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences
- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan A, Entomology Specialization
- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan B, Pest Management Specialization
- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan A, Plant Pathology Specialization
- Master of Science in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plan A, Weed Science Specialization

### Ph.D.

- Ph.D. in Bioagricultural Sciences
- Ph.D. in Bioagricultural Sciences, Entomology Specialization
- Ph.D. in Bioagricultural Sciences, Plant Pathology Specialization
- Ph.D. in Bioagricultural Sciences, Weed Science Specialization

### Courses

**Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management (BSPM)**

**BSPM 102 Insects, Science, and Society (GT-SC2)**
Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: How insects develop, behave, and affect human activity. What every student should know about the most diverse life form on Earth.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
Additional Information: Biological & Physical Sciences 3A, Natural & Physical Sciences w/o lab (GT-SC2).

**BSPM 201 Weed Management and Control**
Credits: 3 (0-0-3)
Course Description: Basic overview of weeds and weed control.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
BSPM 300  Topics in Livestock Entomology  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Also Offered As:  ANEQ 300B.
Course Description: Identification, biology, and management of insect, tick, and mite pests.
Prerequisite: BZ 100 to 199 between 3 and 5 credits - at least 3 credits or LIFE 100 to 199 between 3 and 5 credits - at least 3 credits.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 300 and ANEQ 300B.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 302  Applied and General Entomology  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Biology and management of insects.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 303A  Entomology Laboratory: General  Credits: 2 (0-4-0)
Course Description: Biology and recognition of insects.
Prerequisite: BSPM 302, may be taken concurrently.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 303B  Entomology Laboratory: Horticultural  Credit: 1 (0-2-0)
Course Description: Biology and recognition of insects.
Prerequisite: BSPM 302, may be taken concurrently.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 303C  Entomology Laboratory: Agricultural  Credit: 1 (0-2-0)
Course Description: Biology and recognition of insects.
Prerequisite: BSPM 302, may be taken concurrently.
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 308  Ecology and Management of Weeds  Credits: 3 (2-3-0)
Course Description: Classification, characteristics; weed biology and ecology; control by cultural, mechanical, chemical, and biological means; successional management.
Prerequisite: (BZ 120 or LIFE 103) and (CHEM 107 or CHEM 111).
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 310  Understanding Pesticides  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Identification, properties, use, labeling, environmental interactions, and application of major classes of pesticides.
Prerequisite: BZ 100 to 199 - at least 3 credits or CHEM 100 to 199 - at least 3 credits.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 350  Science Illustration  Credits: 2 (1-2-0)
Course Description: Fundamentals of science illustration, emphasizing observational and drawing skills.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Modes: S/U within Student Option, Trad within Student Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 355A  Horticulture Pathology: General Pathology  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: A 5-week course consisting of General Plant Pathology; identification of the organisms that can cause plant diseases.
Prerequisite: HORT 100 to 199 or LIFE 100 to 199.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 355A and BSPM 381A2.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 355B  Hort Pathology: Turf and Ornamental Disease  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Turf and ornamental plant diseases, their management and control.
Prerequisite: BSPM 355A.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 355B and BSPM 361.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 355C  Horticulture Pathology: Vegetable and Greenhouse Disease  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Diseases in the Greenhouse and Vegetable crops, management and control.
Prerequisite: BSPM 355A.
Registration Information: Offered as an online course only. This is a partial semester course. Written consent of instructor.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 356A  Horticultural Entomology Introduction  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Basic biology, identification and management of insects and mites affecting horticultural crops.
Prerequisite: HORT 100 to 199 or LIFE 100 to 199.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 356A and BSPM 102, or BSPM 302 or BSPM 303B. This is a partial-semester course. Offered online only.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 356B  Horticultural Entomology: Food Crops  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Insect and mite pests of fruits, vegetables and other garden grown food crops.
Prerequisite: BSPM 102 or BSPM 302 or BSPM 356A.
Registration Information: This is a partial-semester course. Offered online only.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
BSPM 356C Horticultural Entomology: Landscape Plants  Credits: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Insect and mite pests of ornamentals (woody plants, flowers) and turfgrass and their management.
Prerequisite: BSTM 102 or BSTM 302 or BSTM 356A.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. This is a partial semester course. Offered as an online course only.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 361 Elements of Plant Pathology  Credits: 3 (2-2-0)
Course Description: Diseases of economic plants.
Prerequisite: BSTM 104 or BSTM 120 or HORT 100 or LIFE 102.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 365 Integrated Tree Health Management  Credits: 4 (3-3-0)
Course Description: Insects and diseases in forest and urban ecosystems. Effects, diagnosis, prevention, and interactions.
Prerequisite: BSTM 120 or LIFE 102.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

BSPM 384 Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description: None.
Registration Information: A maximum of 10 combined credits for all 384 and 484 courses are counted towards graduation requirements.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

BSPM 415 Pollinator Management in Agroecosystems  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Also Offered As: SOCR 415.
Course Description: Fundamental concepts of pollinator biology and management, sustainable crop-pollinator interactions, regional and global issues on pollinator management and conservation, best management practices for commercially managed pollinators.
Prerequisite: HORT 100 or SOCR 100.
Registration Information: Junior standing. Credit not allowed for both SOCR 415 and BSPM 415. Required field trips.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 423 Evolution and Classification of Insects  Credits: 3 (1-4-0)
Course Description: Major groups of insects, living and fossil; major evolutionary trends in structure and behavior.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Credit not allowed for both BSPM 423 and BSPM 523.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 424 Principles of Systematic Zoology  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: BZ 424.
Course Description: Principles and methods of classification, zoological nomenclature, taxonomic decisions regarding species and higher categories.
Prerequisite: BSTM 111 and BSTM 110 or LIFE 103.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 424 and BSTM 424.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 445 Aquatic Insects  Credits: 4 (2-4-0)
Course Description: Biology and recognition of major orders and families of aquatic insects; a collection is required.
Prerequisite: BSTM 111 or LIFE 103.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: Yes.

BSPM 450 Molecular Plant-Microbe Interaction  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Principles of plant-microbe/insect interactions, physiological and molecular aspects of plant defense, genomics approaches to study plant defense.
Prerequisite: (BSTM 100 to 499 - at least 3 credits) and (BSTM 346 or SOCR 330).
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 450 and BSPM 550.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 451 Integrated Pest Management  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Concepts of integrated pest management and the strategies and tactics employed in the application of these concepts.
Prerequisite: BSTM 302 or BSPM 308 or BSPM 361.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 462 Parasitology and Vector Biology  Credits: 5 (3-4-0)
Also Offered As: BZ 462 and MIP 462.
Course Description: Protozoa, helminths, and insects and related arthropods of medical importance; systematics, epidemiology, host damage and control.
Prerequisite: (BSTM 110 or LIFE 103) and (BSTM 212 or LIFE 206 or MIP 302).
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory. Credit allowed for only one of the following: BSPM 462, BSTM 462, MIP 462.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 487 Internship  Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)
Course Description: None.
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: Yes.
BSPM 492  Seminar  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 495  Independent Study  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 496  Group Study  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)
Course Description:
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 500  Foundations of Bioagricultural Sciences  Credits: 2 (2-0-0)
Course Description: Introduction to graduate school covering managing time, advisor and research, plus a survey of topics encompassed by the department of BSPM.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 502A  Topics in Plant Pathology: Plant Viruses  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Processes that affect fate of pesticides and their metabolites in the environment with emphasis on soil and water.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 502B  Topics in Plant Pathology: Plant Bacteriology  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Selectivity of major photosynthetic and growth inhibitor herbicides based on herbicide transport, metabolism, and mode of action.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 502F  Topics in Plant Pathology: Plant Disease Epidemiology  Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Major groups of insects, living and fossil; major evolutionary trends in structure and behavior.
Prerequisite: None.
Terms Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 507  Insect Behavior  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Behavior of insects and related arthropods with special attention to social behavior.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
BSPM 526 Evolutionary Ecology Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: BZ 526.
Course Description: Adaptation to abiotic and biotic environments; how current ecological processes interact with evolutionary history.
Prerequisite: LIFE 320 or LIFE 220 or LAND 220.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 526 and BZ 526.
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 551 Advanced Integrated Pest Management Credits: 4 (3-0-1)
Course Description: Concepts of integrated pest management and the strategies and tactics employed in the practical application of these concepts.
Prerequisite: BSPM 302 or BSPM 308 or BSPM 361.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and recitation.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 555 Immature Insects Credits: 3 (1-4-0)
Course Description: Characteristics of immature forms of orders and families of insects emphasizing those important to man.
Prerequisite: BSPM 303A or BSPM 303B or BSPM 303C.
Registration Information: Must register for lecture and laboratory.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 556 Biological Control of Plant Pests Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Management of insect pests of plants and weeds using biological control agents such as insects, bacteria, viruses, and fungi.
Prerequisite: (BZ 120 or LIFE 103) and (LIFE 320 or LAND 220 or LIFE 220).
Term Offered: Fall (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 571 Techniques in Chemical Ecology Credit: 1 (0-2-0)
Course Description: Practical experience with chemical techniques for separation, analysis, and synthesis of natural products together with biological assays for activity.
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Spring (odd years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 575 Molecular and Genomic Evolution Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: BZ 575.
Course Description: Molecular, biological mechanisms of evolutionary change: mutation; selection; gene expression/regulation; changes in whole-genome architecture.
Prerequisite: BZ 220 and BZ 350.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 575 and BZ 575.
Term Offered: Spring (even years).
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 576 Bioinformatics Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: MIP 576.
Course Description: Technical computing across platforms using bioinformatics tools in molecular analysis.
Prerequisite: BC 463 or BZ 310 or BZ 350 or CM 501 or CS 155 or ERHS 332 or MIP 275 or MIP 300 or MIP 450 or STAT 307 or ERHS 307.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 576 and MIP 576.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

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BSPM 584  Supervised College Teaching  Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)  
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 587 Internship Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)  
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 592 Seminar Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)  
Course Description: Major questions and theory pertinent to understanding current and relevant science topics.  
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 594 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)  
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 596 Group Study Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)  
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 698 Research Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)  
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.  
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 699 Thesis Credits: Var[1-18] (0-0-0)  
Course Description: 
Prerequisite: None.  
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.  
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.  
Grade Mode: Instructor Option.  
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 710  Techniques in Molecular Biology and Genetics Credits: 3 (0-4-1)  
Also Offered As: CM 710.  
Course Description: Genetic manipulation of bacteria, bacteriophage, and yeast including experiments in molecular cloning and gene expression.  
Prerequisite: BC 463 or BZ 346 or BZ 350 or MIP 450 or SOCR 330.  
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.  
Registration Information: Must register for laboratory and recitation.  
Credit not allowed for both BSPM 710 and CM 710.  
Term Offered: Spring.  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.

BSPM 740 Plant Molecular Genetics  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)  
Also Offered As: SOCR 740.  
Course Description: Advances in study of organization and function of nuclear and organelar genomes, gene expression in higher plants, and plant-microbe interactions.  
Prerequisite: BC 351 and SOCR 330.  
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.  
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both BSPM 740 and SOCR 740.  
Term Offered: Fall (odd years).  
Grade Mode: Traditional.  
Special Course Fee: No.