Lee Kalcsits has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: lee.kalcsits@wsu.edu.

**Requested change:** Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

**Degree:** Ph.D. in Horticulture; M.S. in Horticulture MS and Ph.D.

**Title:** Thesis

**Requested Effective Date:** Fall 2023

**Revise Graduation Requirements:** Yes

**Dean:** Deringer, Nancy - Assoc Dean - CAHNRS,

**Chair:** Main, Doreen – Interim Chair – Horticulture,

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I approve this curriculum proposal in its current form.

Thank you,
Nancy
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To whom it may concern,

Please see below for the proposed changes to the required courses for both M.S. in Horticulture and Ph.D. in Horticulture graduate degrees. We are proposing to remove ‘Statewide Tour/Advanced Topics in Horticulture (Hort 503; 1 credit)’ from the list of require courses. This change was made in response to feedback from course evaluations, discussions with current students, and from student exit interviews. This was voted and approved by the department faculty in March, 2022.

**Current List of Required Courses (Changes are crossed out)**

**Required Courses:** Regardless of which of the above recommended courses are taken, all full-time Horticulture graduate students should enroll in the following courses during their degree program:

- **Research Orientation and Presentation (Hort 508; 2 credits)** - Emphasizes development of project proposals and communication of oral presentations, posters, and summaries. Enrolled students will present their research proposals to the department during an Expo coordinated by the instructors. This course should be taken within a student’s first year in their degree program, although it is not advised first-semester graduate students take this course. For more detail, see the section below titled “Seminars”. *Graded.*

- **Statewide Tour/Advanced Topics in Horticulture (Hort 503; 1 credit)** – Students should participate in the tour as soon as possible in their degree program. Hort 503 is taken the Fall semester following the summer in which they participate in the tour. For more detail, see the section below titled “Statewide Tour”. *Graded.*

- **Seminar (Hort 509; 1 credit per semester recommended for full-time students with a maximum of 12 credits)** – This course provides seminar presentations covering recent scientific developments in the field of horticulture. Full-time students should enroll in this course each academic semester (unless enrolled in Hort 510). Students are not required to take the course if there is a conflict with another course. *S,F grading.*

- **Graduate Seminar (Hort 510; 1 credit for a maximum of 4 credits)** – This course is generally taken the final semester of a student’s degree program whereby the student delivers their exit seminar during regularly scheduled departmental seminars (i.e., at the same time Hort 509 is offered). For more detail, see the section below titled “Seminars”. *Graded.*

- **At least one credit of Hort 700 (M.S. students) or Hort 800 (Ph.D. students)** every semester the student is enrolled full-time (except summers). Note students must be enrolled with a minimum of 2 credits in the term of prelim and/or final exams. Degree requirements include 4 cr minimum Hort 700, or 20 cr minimum Hort 800. *S,U grading.*