



Georgia Master Gardener Core Curriculum

Core Hours	Required Classes
1	Introduction to Cooperative Extension and the Master Gardener Program
1	Basic Botany
2	Plant Physiology
2	Soil and Plant Nutrition
1	Basic Entomology
1	Basic Pathology
2	Weed Identification and Control
2	IPM - Using the Pest Control Handbook and Organic Gardening
2	Vegetable and Herb Gardening
2	Insects, Diseases, and Weeds of Vegetables
2	Herbaceous Ornamentals
2	Selecting Woody Ornamentals
2	Trees
2	Site Analysis, Planting and Maintenance of Ornamentals
2	Insects and Diseases of Ornamentals
1	Troubleshooting Ornamental Plant Problems
1	Developing a Waterwise Landscape
2	Turf Selection and Maintenance
2	Insects and Diseases of Turf
1	Composting, Grasscycling, and Mulching
1	Leadership, Communications, and Basic Office Procedures

Total 34

* **Elective Classes** (minimum 6 hours - select based on local needs)

2	Fruit Gardening
2	Indoor Plants
2	Landscape Design Principles
2	Plant Propagation
2	Structural and Household Pests
2	Living and Gardening with Wildlife
2	Plants and People
2	Water Gardening
2	Gardening with Children - Junior Master Gardener™ and 4-H
2	Wildflower and Butterfly Gardening

*Tours may supplement, but not replace, the required 40 hours of classroom instruction