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