

# FOREST ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

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## 2024-25 Student Handbook

Ecosystem Science and Management  
College of Agricultural Sciences  
The Pennsylvania State University



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## Academic Resources

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University Bulletin	Resource for academic information, course descriptions, and program requirements	<a href="http://bulletins.psu.edu">bulletins.psu.edu</a>
Canvas	Online system for teaching and learning	<a href="http://canvas.psu.edu">canvas.psu.edu</a>
DUSuccess	Tools and resources to help you achieve academic success. Topics include motivation, direction & goals, adjustment to college, personal issues, study skills & time management, technology, tutoring, and finances for college.	<a href="http://dus.psu.edu/dusccess/dus-success">dus.psu.edu/dusccess/dus-success</a>
LionPATH	Student Center for course registration, financial aid/tuition, transfer credit tool, graduation, academic changes and more	<a href="http://lionpath.psu.edu">lionpath.psu.edu</a>
Nittany Lion Careers	Recruiting platform for jobs, internships, and graduate assistantships	<a href="http://nittanylioncareers.psu.edu">nittanylioncareers.psu.edu</a>
Scholarships	College of Agricultural Sciences scholarships and emergency loan funds  External scholarships about which we have been notified	<a href="http://agsci.psu.edu/students/scholarships">agsci.psu.edu/students/scholarships</a>  <a href="http://ecosystems.psu.edu/undergraduate/resources/financial/external-scholarships">ecosystems.psu.edu/undergraduate/resources/financial/external-scholarships</a>
Starfish	Resource to communicate with advisers, instructors, and others who are here to support you	<a href="http://starfish.psu.edu">starfish.psu.edu</a>
University Registrar	Academic calendars, enrollment verifications, leaving the University, returning to the University, student forms, transcripts, transfer credits	<a href="http://registrar.psu.edu">registrar.psu.edu</a>

## Department of Ecosystem Science and Management

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The Department of Ecosystem Science and Management is an academic unit in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State. Our mission is to provide educational opportunities and science-based information to protect, manage, and use natural resources for sustained benefits. This is accomplished through educational, research, and outreach programs in forestry, wildlife and fisheries, soils, water, and related areas.

The Department of Ecosystem Science and Management offers two associate in science (A.S.) degree programs: Forest Technology (at Penn State Mont Alto) and Wildlife Technology (at Penn State DuBois); and two bachelor of science (B.S.) degree programs: Forest Ecosystem Management and Wildlife and Fisheries Science. A minor in each of these areas is also offered as is a minor in Environmental Soil Science and a certificate in Community Forestry. In addition, we offer graduate programs at both the master's and doctoral levels. We are committed to quality teaching.

Information about our academic programs, scholarships, student activities and professional societies, faculty, and facilities is available on our website, [ecosystems.psu.edu](http://ecosystems.psu.edu).

### Statement on Diversity and Inclusion

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The Department of Ecosystem Science and Management is a community of students, staff, and faculty that values and is committed to advancing awareness and inclusion of diversity and strives to create a climate of mutual respect for all. We believe an environment of diversity and respect is critical to achieve and sustain excellence in learning, teaching, and research. Further, we recognize that the responsibility for our values lies with us all within the department – the leadership, faculty, staff, and students. As such, we will hold ourselves to a high standard of excellence and will not stand for the discrimination and harassment of any group or individual. To achieve this, we will:

1. Foster and maintain an environment of respect and inclusion.
2. Ensure equal opportunities for all students, including underrepresented students, and to provide resources to ensure a quality learning environment.
3. Hold students, staff, and faculty accountable according to Penn State policies and the Student Code of Conduct.

#### Reporting Incidents

Students who believe they have experienced or observed a hate crime, an act of intolerance, discrimination, or harassment that occurs at Penn State are urged to report these incidents as outlined on the University's Report Bias webpage ([equity.psu.edu/reportbias](http://equity.psu.edu/reportbias)). Incidents of gender-based discrimination, abuse, or harassment should be reported online at: [titleix.psu.edu](http://titleix.psu.edu).

#### Additional Resources

- Penn State policy: [guru.psu.edu/policies/ad91.html](http://guru.psu.edu/policies/ad91.html)
- Student Code of Conduct: [studentaffairs.psu.edu/support-safety-conduct/student-conduct/code-conduct](http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/support-safety-conduct/student-conduct/code-conduct)

### Undergraduate Programs Office

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The Undergraduate Programs Office is a resource for all students—regardless of campus location—who are enrolled in, or thinking about enrolling in, Forest Ecosystem Management or Wildlife and Fisheries Science.

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## Introduction

Degrees in forestry have been awarded at Penn State University Park since 1907 and our program was among the first group of forestry programs accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) in 1935. The SAF is a professional organization that strives, among other things, to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry and is the only organization that may accredit forestry curricula in the United States.

The SAF maintains a list of accredited institutions on its website, [eforester.org](http://eforester.org); click on the “Certification and Education” tab and then on “Accreditation.” These institutions offer curricula that have been found to meet minimum standards for objectives, curriculum, faculty, students, administration, parent-institution support, and physical resources and facilities. The SAF accreditation process is recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation.



Penn State’s Forest Management, Forest Biology, and Community and Urban Forest Management options are accredited by the SAF and fulfill the educational qualification requirements for the federal occupational series in forestry. The Watershed Management option is not accredited by the SAF but fulfills the educational qualification requirements for the federal occupational series in hydrology, and with certain course selections may also fulfill the educational requirements for the federal occupational series in forestry. In addition, it is possible through elective coursework in all four options to satisfy several federal Wildland Firefighter basic trainings (Basic Firefighting PA130 and Introduction to Fire Behavior S190) and Wildfire Power Saws S212.

The scope and complexity of the forestry profession have increased since its inception in the United States more than a century ago. Today, professional foresters are challenged with the conservation, restoration, and sustainable provision of a wide range of forest ecosystem services including timber and non-timber forest products, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, clean water, healthy soils, carbon sequestration, recreational opportunities, and the aesthetics of both rural and urban landscapes. Foresters need specialized knowledge to manage for this wide range of ecosystem services.

Our curriculum teaches students to 1) identify, measure, and quantify a variety of forest ecosystem attributes, 2) communicate effectively with diverse groups, 3) analyze and interpret natural resources information in an ecological, economic, and social context, and 4) integrate the relevant ecological, economic, and societal aspects of contemporary problems in natural resources management and use this understanding to develop, support, and implement effective solutions.

For a successful forestry career, several personal qualities are desirable:

- a love of the woods and the outdoors
- concern for natural resources and an appreciation of nature
- an analytical mind to manage complex ecological systems and resolve environmental, economic, and social challenges
- an aptitude for innovation and strategic thinking

Forest Ecosystem Management graduates may become forest managers responsible for managing the flora and fauna on thousands of acres of forests and watersheds, including valuable timberland, national and state parks and forests, game lands, and recreation areas. Others may work as ecologists, studying environmental factors that affect forests, or as consultants, surveying timberlands and recommending harvest and reforestation practices. Graduates also find employment as community foresters managing urban trees and green spaces; as biometricians working with databases to assess forest conditions and trends; as industrial foresters ensuring a company’s need for raw materials; as land managers for conservation organizations; as park superintendents overseeing the operation of parks and recreation facilities; as resource economists determining levels of supply and demand for forest resources; as watershed managers responsible for the protection of municipal watersheds; or in forest policy, addressing issues raised by the interaction of people and forests.

Employment opportunities for graduates of the Forest Management and Forest Biology options include forest management positions with public agencies such as the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service, nonprofit organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, industries such as sawmills and bioenergy facilities, and environmental consulting firms. The Community and Urban Forest Management option prepares students to manage community trees and green spaces. Employment opportunities include municipalities, arboricultural companies, utilities, and government agencies. The Watershed Management option focuses on the integrated management of natural resources, with emphasis on water. Graduates can find federal employment as hydrologists or pursue careers in municipal watershed management; in local, state, and federal government; and in environmental/engineering consulting.

## Mission

The mission of the baccalaureate program in Forest Ecosystem Management is to help students develop the knowledge, skills, and professional ethics for understanding and managing forest ecosystems and living as responsible members of society.

## Forest Ecosystem Management (FOREM) Required Field Equipment

One of the hallmarks of the professional forester is familiarity and competency with commonly used field equipment. Several of the core courses in the Forest Ecosystem Management major require you to provide your own field equipment. Most of this equipment will be required by more than one course and, if properly maintained, will serve you for many years. It is your responsibility to obtain the required equipment in advance of each course. Student discounts from Forestry Suppliers are detailed below. You are not required to purchase equipment from a specific vendor; you may also choose to purchase used equipment.



### Equipment\*

Mirrored compass (in azimuths, with adjustable declination)  
Clinometer\* (with topo 1:66 and percent scales)  
75-foot Logger's tape (with feet and DBH in tenths of inches)  
Horseshoe nail hook  
10 BAF prism and case  
Tree and log scale stick (in International ¼" Scale)  
Hard hat (ANSI Z98.1 standard, fluorescent orange)  
Cruising vest (fluorescent orange)

### Courses

FOR 266, 308, 421  
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FOR 228\*\*, 266, 320  
FOR 266

\*Protective cases, although optional, are highly recommended to prolong the life of your equipment.

\*\* FOR 228 (Elective course) requires a hard hat equipped with face shield.

### Forestry Suppliers

Forestry Suppliers (1-800-647-5368; forestry-suppliers.com) offers the following discounts to Penn State students. You must use **promo code A39** when placing your order with Forestry Suppliers. This promo code will give you a **10% discount** on the items listed below and on any non-sale items. You will need to provide your name, billing and shipping address, and payment information with your order. These Forestry Suppliers discounts are available through January 31, 2025.

Item #	Description	Catalog Price
37185 or 37163	Suunto® MC2D Navigator Compass with Inch Scales and USGS Scales, Azimuth	\$70.00
43895	Suunto® PMS/66PC Clinometer with Percent and Topo Scales	\$195.00
39436	Spencer® Logger's Tape <b>Model 975DC</b> . Measures in feet, 10ths, 100ths on one side, and 120" diameter inches, 10ths, other side	\$76.50
39341	Spencer Horseshoe Nail ( <b>get 3</b> )	\$0.85
59026	JIM-GEM® Rectangular Shape Prism, 10 BAF, Clear	\$47.95
59770	Tree and Log Scale Stick, International ¼" Scale	\$34.95
96010 or 96013	JIM-GEM® "Pro" 10-Pocket Cruiser Vest, Hi-Vis Orange (Make sure your cruising vest is large enough to fit <b>over</b> your winter coat)	\$85.95 or \$81.25

A 10% discount will also be applied to any hard hat or field vest you order from Forestry Suppliers; remember to use the promo code A39.

Hard hats (helmets) are available in a wide range of cost, comfort, and level of protection, and can also be purchased locally from several sources. You may wish to invest in a “better” product, which, with proper care, will provide good service for many years. Choose fluorescent orange color. Note that FOR 228 (Elective Course) requires a hard hat equipped with a face shield.

**HARD HATS available from Forestry Suppliers (ANSI Z98.1 standard, fluorescent orange)**

Item #	Description	Catalog Price
24201	MSA V-Gard Slotted Caps with Ratchet	\$22.25
24353	MSA V-Gard Slotted Caps	\$14.75
24529	Forester Full-Brim Aluminum Hard Hat	\$54.95
24433	Forestry Suppliers Lumberjack Hardhat System	\$44.95
25093	Oregon Pro Loggers Helmet Combo	\$92.50
24128 plus 24303	Petzl Vertex Vent Helmet plus Petzl Vizen Mesh Attachment	\$99.95 + \$74.95

You are not required to purchase your equipment from Forestry Suppliers.

An example of a hard hat with face shield and hearing protection available elsewhere is the Husqvarna Pro Helmet Forest sold by TreeStuff for \$74.99 at <https://www.treestuff.com/husqvarna-pro-forest-helmet/>.

## Excel and Technology Resources

Microsoft Excel is used in several FOR courses, and proficiency with the software is expected.

Currently enrolled Penn State students have access to free online video tutorials at [linkedinlearning.psu.edu](https://www.linkedinlearning.com), and Excel resources are available. [Linkedinlearning.psu.edu](https://www.linkedinlearning.com) also includes tutorials on Zoom, Illustrator, Photoshop, Access, PowerPoint, and more.

**Penn State IT** (Information Technology) provides chat, phone, and email support 24/7. Penn State recommends that you own a laptop that meets or exceeds the minimum technical specifications. Visit **Basic Recommended Specifications** for information regarding computer purchases. At **Penn State IT Learning and Development**, students may search for technology training solutions that best meet their needs.

Tech tutors, [techtutors.psu.edu](https://www.techtutors.psu.edu), provide personalized, face-to-face, and online help with Access, Photoshop, Excel, PowerPoint, Visio, Word, Acrobat, Indesign, Sites at Penn State, WikiSpaces, Prezi, and more.

## Forest Ecosystem Management Curriculum Requirements (reflects Gen Ed requirements effective SU 2023)

*(Effective Spring 2020)*

120 - 123 credits are required for a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Ecosystem Management:

- Forest Biology Option (FBIO) - 120 credits
- Forest Management Option (FMGT) - 120 credits
- Community and Urban Forest Management Option (CURFM) - 123 credits
- Watershed Management Option (WMGT) - 120 credits

**Courses Required for ALL Options:**

(Individual course credits are given in parentheses.)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- ENGL 15 GWS\* - Rhetoric and Composition (3)
- ENGL 202C GWS\* - Technical Writing (3); or ENGL 202D GWS\* - Business Writing (3)
- CAS 100 GWS\* - Effective Speech (3)

**QUANTIFICATION**

- STAT 200 GQ\* - Elementary Statistics (4); or STAT 240 GQ\* - Introduction to Biometry (3); or STAT 250 GQ\* - Introduction to Biostatistics (3)

## NATURAL SCIENCES and OTHER PRESCRIBED COURSES

- CHEM 110 GN - Chemical Principles (3)
- CHEM 111 GN - Experimental Chemistry (1)
- AGBM 101 GS - Economic Principles of Agribusiness Decision Making (3) or ECON 102 GS - Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy (3) or ECON 104 - Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy (3)
- FOR 200\*Δ - The Profession of Forestry (1)
- FOR 203\* - Field Dendrology (3)
- FOR 255\* - GPS and GIS Applications for Natural Resources Professionals (3)
- FOR 266\* - Forest Resources Measurements (4)
- FOR 308\* - Forest Ecology (3)
- FOR 421 - Silviculture (3)
- SOILS 101 GN - Introduction to Soils (3)

\*Courses requiring at least a C grade.

Δ FOR 200 is no longer offered; students substitute an additional Elective credit.

## ARTS [GA]

- Selection from the University-approved Arts list; must not be Inter-Domain (3)  
(Note: the CURFM option requires that 3 GA credits be selected from LARCH 60, LARCH 65, or ARCH 316)

## HUMANITIES [GH]

- Selection from the University-approved Humanities list; must not be Inter-Domain (3)

## SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES [GS]

- AGBM 101 GS - Economic Principles of Agribusiness Decision Making (3) or ECON 102 GS - Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy (3) or ECON 104 - Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy (3)

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS [GHW]

- Selection(s) from the University-approved Health Sciences and Physical Education list; must not be Inter-Domain (3)

## INTEGRATIVE STUDIES (6)

- Courses with the Inter-Domain attribute fulfill this requirement

## EXPLORATION (3)

- May include GN, GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain, World Language (12<sup>th</sup> unit and beyond)  
(Note: The WMGT option has a specific list of GS courses from which to choose.)

## ELECTIVES (2-11)

- Selection(s) of choice, excluding remedial courses

## UNITED STATES CULTURES and INTERNATIONAL CULTURES

- Select 3 credits of University-approved United States Cultures (US) and 3 credits of University-approved International Cultures (IL). This requirement can be satisfied in combination with other requirements.

## FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR (0-3)

- A student's campus of enrollment and enrollment status determine whether a First-Year Seminar is required.

## WRITING-INTENSIVE COURSE WORK [W]

- Select a writing-intensive course within your major or college of enrollment. (3)  
This is satisfied by completion of FOR 466W in the FMGT option, and by FOR 450W in the CURFM, FBIO, and WMGT options.

## Community and Urban Forest Management (CURFM) Option

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### Prescribed Courses for the Urban Forestry option:

- ENT 313 - Introduction to Entomology (2)
- ENT 314 - Management of Insect and Pests of Ornamentals (1)
- FOR 204\* - Silvics and Forest Dynamics (2)
- FOR 401\* - Urban Forest Management (3)
- FOR 450W\* - Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (3)
- FOR 480 - Policy and Administration (3)
- GEOG 430 - Human Use of Environment (3)
- HORT 138 - Ornamental Plant Materials (3)
- HORT 301 - Principles of Arboriculture (3)
- HORT 408 - Landscape Plant Establishment and Maintenance (4)
- PLANT 217 - Landscape Soil and Water Management (3)
- PPEM 318 - Diseases of Forest and Shade Trees (2)

### Additional Courses for the Urban Forestry option:

- BIOL 110 GN (4) or BIOL 127 GN (3)
- MATH 22 GQ\* (3) and MATH 33 GQ\* (3); or MATH 22 GQ\* (3) and MATH 34 (GQ)\* (3); or MATH 22 GQ\* (3) and AGBM 106 (3); or MATH 110 GQ\* (4); or MATH 140 GQ\* (4)
- 3 credits from LARCH 60 GA (3) or LARCH 65 GA (3), or ARCH 316 GA (3)
- 3 credits from ERM 448 (3); FOR 439 (3); FOR 475 (3); or FOR 409 (2) and SOILS 102 (1)
- 3 credits from FOR 495\* <sup>▲</sup> (3) or FOR 496\* (3)
- 3 credits from RPTM 320 (3) or RPTM 325 (3) or RPTM 435 (3) or RPTM 470 (3)
- 3 credits from FOR 455 (3) or GEOG 363 (3) or SOILS 450 (3)
- 8-9 credits from Supporting Courses and related areas from one grouping.

#### **Municipal Forestry –**

AGECO 457, CAS 404, CED 309, CED 417, ERM 411, FOR 466W, HORT 201, LARCH 241

#### **Commercial Arboriculture –**

ACCTG 211, AGECO 457, BA 250, BLAW 243, FIN 100, HORT 201, MGMT 100, MKTG 221

#### **Env. Outreach & Planning –**

CAS 404, CED 309, CED 409, CED 417, CED 427W, ERM 411, FOR 410, FOR 430, FOR 470, LARCH 241, LARCH 341, WFS 209N

*\*Courses requiring at least a C grade.*

*▲ Please see the **Internship Handbook**.*



Suggested Academic Plan for Forest Ecosystem Management – Community and Urban Forest Management Option  
Commonwealth Campuses and University Park, Effective Summer 2023

Semester 1 (fall)	Credits	Semester 2 (spring)	Credits
First-Year Seminar	0-3	<i>CHEM 110 (GN)</i> Chemical Principles	3
<b>MATH 22 &amp; 33 (GQ), or MATH 22 &amp; 34 (GQ), or MATH 22 &amp; AGBM 106 (GQ), or MATH 110 (GQ), or MATH 140 (GQ)</b>	4-6	<i>CHEM 111 (GN)</i> Experimental Chemistry	1
<i>BIOL 110 or 127 (GN)</i> Introductory Biology	3-4	<i>AGBM 101 (GS) or ECON 102 (GS) or ECON 104 (GS)</i>	3
<b>ENGL 15 or 30 (GWS) Rhetoric &amp; Comp</b>	3	<b>STAT 200, 240, or 250 (GQ) Statistics</b>	3-4
General Education selection*	3	<b>CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech</b>	3
		General Education selection*	3
	credits: 13-19		credits: 16-17
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
<b>FOR 200 Profession of Forestry</b>	1	<b>FOR 204 Silvics and Forest Dynamics</b>	2
<b>FOR 203 Field Dendrology</b>	3	<b>FOR 266 Forest Resources Measurements</b>	4
<b>FOR 255 GPS/GIS for Natural Resources</b>	3	HORT 301 Principles of Arboriculture	3
<i>SOILS 101 (GN)</i> Introduction to Soils	3	ENT 313 Intro to Entomology	2
<i>LARCH 60, 65, or ARCH 316 (GA)</i>	3	ENT 314 Insect Pests of Ornamentals	1
General Education (GHW)	1.5	<b>ENGL 202C or 202D (GWS)</b>	3
	credits: 14.5		credits: 15
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
<b>FOR 308 Forest Ecology</b>	3	PPEM 318 Forest Pest Management	2
HORT 138 Ornamental Plant Materials - Shrubs	3	PLANT 217 Landscape Soil & Water Mgmt	3
Supporting Course	3	FOR 455, GEOG 363, or SOILS 450	3
ERM 448 Rural Roads, or FOR 439 Timber Sale Admin, or FOR 475 Forest Soils, or Supporting Course ▲	3	ERM 448, Rural Roads, or FOR 409 Tree Physiology and SOILS 102, or Supporting Course ▲	3
RPTM 320, 325, 435, or 470	3	General Education selection*	3
		Elective	0-5
	credits: 15		credits: 14-19
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
FOR 421 Silviculture	3	HORT 408 Landscape Plant Estab & Mainten	4
<b>FOR 495 or 496</b>	3	FOR 480 Policy & Administration	3
Supporting Course	2-3	GEOG 430 Human Use of Environment	3
<b>FOR 401 Urban Forest Management</b>	3	<b>FOR 450W Human Dimensions Nat Res</b>	3
General Education selection*	3	General Education (GHW)	1.5
		Elective	2
	credits: 14-15		credits: 16.5

\*Refer to your degree audit to determine which General Education requirements need yet to be fulfilled.

▲Refer to both FOREM CURFM checksheet and your degree audit for clarification about how ERM 448, FOR 439, FOR 475, FOR 409, SOILS 102 and Supporting Courses satisfy degree requirements.

**Bold** type indicates courses requiring a grade of C or better; *italics* indicates courses that satisfy both major and General Education.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 User ID \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gen Ed Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Forest Ecosystem Management  
 Community and Urban Forest Management Option, 123 credits required  
 effective spring 2020**

*Sem. Course Grade*

**Prescribed Courses for the Major (24 cr.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ CHEM 110 GN 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ CHEM 111 GN 1 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 200\* 1 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 203\* 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 255\* 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 266\* 4 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 308\* 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 421 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ SOILS 101 GN 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Courses for the Major (9-10 cr.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ AGBM 101 or ECON 102 or  
 ECON 104 GS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 202C\* or 202D\* GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ STAT 200\*, 240\*,  
 or 250\* GQ 3-4 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**Prescribed Courses for the Option (32 cr.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ ENT 313 2 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ENT 314 1 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 204\* 2 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 401\* 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 450W\* 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 480 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ GEOG 430 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ HORT 138 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ HORT 301 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ HORT 408 4 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ PLANT 217 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ PPEM 318 2 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Courses requiring at least a C grade.

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required for graduation.

Use this checklist in conjunction with your LionPATH degree audit to confirm completion of all degree requirements.

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*Sem. Course Grade*

**Additional Courses for the Option (22-25 cr.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ BIOL 110 or 127 GN 3-4 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ MATH 22\* & 33\* GQ;  
 or MATH 22\* & 34\* GQ;  
 or MATH 22\* & AGBM 106\* GQ,  
 or MATH 110\* GQ;  
 or MATH 140\* GQ 4-6 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ LARCH 60, 65, or  
 ARCH 316 GA 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ERM 448; or FOR 439;  
 or FOR 475; or FOR 409  
 and SOILS 102 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 495\* or 496\* 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ RPTM 320, 325, 435,  
 or 470 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FOR 455 or GEOG 363  
 or SOILS 450 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Courses for the Option (8-9 cr.)**

Select 8-9 credits, from one grouping, in consultation with an adviser.

*Municipal Forestry:* AGECO 457, CAS 404, CED 309, 417, ERM 411, FOR 466W, HORT 201, LARCH 241

*Commercial Arboriculture:* ACCTG 211, AGECO 457, BA 250, BLAW 243, FIN 100, HORT 201, MGMT 100, MKTG 211

*Env. Outreach & Planning:* CAS 404, CED 309, 409, 417, 427W, ERM 411, FOR 410, 430, 470, LARCH 241, 341, WFS 209N

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**Electives (2-7 cr.)**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**General Education (45 cr.)**

24 of these 45 credits are included in the requirements listed above; that is, 9 credits of GN; 6 credits of GQ; 3 credits of GA; 3 credits of GS; and 3 credits of GWS.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Forest Ecosystem Management, Community and Urban Forest Management Option  
General Education (45 cr.) - effective summer 2023**

**FOUNDATIONS (15 cr.)** – all must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better

**Writing/Speaking GWS 9 cr.**

\_\_\_\_ CAS 100 GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ ENGL 15 GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

and ENGL 202C GWS if 'C' or better grade is earned

**Quantification GQ 6 cr.**

satisfied by MATH GQ and STAT GQ if 'C' or better grades are earned

**KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS (21 cr.)** – 3 credits each in GA, GH, GN, GS, and GHW must not be Inter-Domain

**Arts GA 3 cr.**

satisfied by LARCH 60, 65, or ARCH 316 GA

**Humanities GH 3 cr.**

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**Social and Behavioral Sciences GS 3 cr.**

satisfied by AGBM 101 GS, ECON 102 GS, or ECON 104 GS

**Natural Sciences GN 9 cr.**

satisfied by required BIOL GN, CHEM GN, SOILS GN courses

**Health and Wellness GHW 3 cr.**

\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

**INTEGRATIVE STUDIES (6 cr.)** *Inter-Domain courses*

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**EXPLORATION (3 cr.)** – may include GN, GA, GH, GN, GS, *Inter-Domain, World Language (12<sup>th</sup> unit and beyond)*

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (9-12 cr.)** – may double count with other requirements

**United States Cultures (US)**

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**International Cultures (IL)**

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**First-Year Experience (FYS) 0-3 cr.** – depending upon the campus at which you first enrolled

\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

**Writing Across the Curriculum 3 cr.**

satisfied by FOR 450W

## Forest Biology (FBIO) Option

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Prescribed Courses for the Forest Biology option:

- BIOL 110 GN - Biology: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity (4)
- BIOL 220W GN - Biology: Populations and Communities (4)
- CHEM 202 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry I (3)
- FOR 204 – Silvics and Forest Dynamics (2)
- FOR 350\* - Forest Ecosystem Monitoring and Data Analysis (3)
- FOR 409 - Tree Physiology (2)
- FOR 410 Δ - Elements of Forest Ecosystem Management (3)
- FOR/WFS 430 - Conservation Biology (3)
- FOR 450W - Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (3)
- HORT 445 - Plant Ecology (3)
- SOILS 102 - Introductory Soil Science Laboratory (1)
- WFS 209N - Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation (3)

\*Courses requiring at least a C grade.

Δ Effective Fall 2024, FOR 410 is no longer offered and FBIO students take FOR 442, Forest Conservation, instead.

Additional Courses for the Forest Biology option:

- MATH 110 GQ\* (4) or MATH 140 GQ\* (4)
- Select 4-5 credits from ENT 313 (2) or FOR 403 (3) or PPEM 318 (2)
- Supporting Courses selected in consultation with a Forest Ecosystem Management Adviser (15)

### Supporting Course selections for the Forest Biology option:

Select required courses for a MINOR in Biology or Chemistry or Mathematics or Statistics or

Select 15 credits from department list in consultation with an adviser.

A maximum of 3-4 credits may be selected from this list:

BIOL 222	ERM 300	METEO 122
BIOL 240W	HORT 202	SC 120N (prior to fall 2020 was BIOL 120)

Select 12-15 credits from this list:

AGECO 438▲	BIOL 420	BIOL 441▲	BIOL 463	FOR 494 (3 cr. max)	HORT 407	WFS 409▲
AGECO 457	BIOL 427▲	BIOL 444	ERM 412▲	GEOG 314	SOILS 412W	WFS 447W
BIOL 407▲	BIOL 428▲	BIOL 446▲	FOR 303	GEOG 411	WFS 406▲	WFS/ERM 450
BIOL 414▲	BIOL 436	BIOL 448▲	FOR 418	GEOG 412W▲	WFS 407	
BIOL 419	BIOL 438▲	BIOL 450W▲	FOR 475	HORT 402W▲	WFS 408	

▲Course has prerequisites not otherwise required in FOREM FBIO program

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**Forest Ecosystem Management  
 Forest Biology Option, 120 credits required  
 effective spring 2020**

<i>Sem.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Sem.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>
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**Prescribed Courses for the Major (24 cr.)**

_____	CHEM 110 GN	3 cr.	_____
_____	CHEM 111 GN	1 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 200*	1 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 203*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 255*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 266*	4 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 308*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 421	3 cr.	_____
_____	SOILS 101 GN	3 cr.	_____

**Additional Courses for the Major (9-10 cr.)**

_____	AGBM 101 or ECON 102 or		
	ECON 104 GS	3 cr.	_____
_____	ENGL 202C* or 202D* GWS	3 cr.	_____
_____	STAT 200*, 240*,		
	or 250* GQ	3-4 cr.	_____

**Prescribed Courses for the Option (34 cr.)**

_____	BIOL 110 GN	4 cr.	_____
_____	BIOL 220W GN	4 cr.	_____
_____	CHEM 202	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 204	2 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 350*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 409	2 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 410	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR/WFS 430	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 450W	3 cr.	_____
_____	HORT 445	3 cr.	_____
_____	SOILS 102 GN	1 cr.	_____
_____	WFS 209N	3 cr.	_____

**Additional Courses for the Option (8-9 cr.)**

_____	MATH 110* or 140* GQ	4 cr.	_____
_____	Forest Health theme:		
	Select 4-5 credits		
	from ENT 313(2),		
	FOR 403(3),		
	and PPEM 318(2)	4-5 cr.	_____

**Supporting Courses for the Option (15 cr.)**

*Select credits from departmental list in consultation with adviser.*

_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____

**Electives (4-6 cr.)**

_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____

**General Education (45 cr.)**

21 of these 45 credits are included in the requirements listed above; that is, 9 credits of GN; 6 credits of GQ; 3 credits of GS; and 3 credits of GWS.

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\*Courses requiring at least a C grade.  
 A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required for graduation.  
 Use this checksheet in conjunction with your LionPATH degree audit to confirm completion of all degree requirements.

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**Forest Ecosystem Management, Forest Biology Option  
General Education (45 cr.) - effective summer 2023**

**FOUNDATIONS (15 cr.)** – all must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better

**Writing/Speaking GWS** 9 cr.

\_\_\_\_ CAS 100 GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ ENGL 15 GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

and ENGL 202C GWS if 'C' or better grade is earned

**Quantification GQ** 6 cr.

satisfied by MATH GQ and STAT GQ if 'C' or better grades are earned

**KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS (21 cr.)** – 3 credits each in GA, GH, GN, GS, and GHW must not be Inter-Domain

**Arts GA** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**Humanities GH** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**Social and Behavioral Sciences GS** 3 cr.

satisfied by AGBM 101 GS, ECON 102 GS, or ECON 104 GS

**Natural Sciences GN** 9 cr.

satisfied by required BIOL GN, CHEM GN, SOILS GN courses

**Health and Wellness GHW** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

**INTEGRATIVE STUDIES (6 cr.)** *Inter-Domain courses*

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**EXPLORATION (3 cr.)** – may include GN, GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain, World Language (12<sup>th</sup> unit and beyond)

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (9-12 cr.)** – may double count with other requirements

**United States Cultures (US)**

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**International Cultures (IL)**

\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**First-Year Experience (FYS)** 0-3 cr. – depending upon the campus at which you first enrolled

\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

**Writing Across the Curriculum** 3 cr.

satisfied by FOR 450W

**Suggested Academic Plan for Forest Ecosystem Management - Forest Biology**  
**Starting at Commonwealth Campuses, Effective Summer 2023**

Semester 1 (fall)		Credits	Semester 2 (spring)		Credits
First-Year Seminar		0-3	BIOL 220W (GN) Populations and Comm		4
<i>BIOL 110 (GN)</i> Basic Concepts and Biodiversity		4	<i>CHEM 110 (GN)</i> Chemical Principles		3
<b>MATH 110 or 140 (GQ)</b>		4	<i>CHEM 111 (GN)</i> Experimental Chem.		1
<b>ENGL 15 or 30 (GWS)</b> Rhetoric & Comp		3	<b>STAT 200, 240, or 250 (GQ)</b> Statistics		3-4
General Education selection*		3	<b>CAS 100 (GWS)</b> Effective Speech		3
credits:		14-17	credits:		14 -15
Semester 3		Credits	Semester 4		Credits
<b>FOR 200</b> Profession of Forestry		1	FOR 204 Silvics and Forest Dynamics		2
<b>FOR 203</b> Field Dendrology		3	<b>FOR 266</b> Forest Resources Measurements		4
<b>FOR 255</b> GPS/GIS for Natural Resources		3	CHEM 202 Organic Chemistry I		3
<i>SOILS 101 (GN)</i> Introduction to Soils		3	<i>AGBM 101 (GS)</i> or <i>ECON 102 (GS)</i> or <i>ECON 104 (GS)</i>		3
SOILS 102 (GN)		1	<b>ENGL 202C or 202D (GWS)</b>		3
WFS 209N Wildlife and Fisheries Cons.		3	General Education selection*		3
credits:		14	credits:		18
Semester 5		Credits	Semester 6		Credits
<b>FOR 308</b> Forest Ecology		3	ENT 313, FOR 403, or PPEM 318 (need 2)		2-3
Supporting Course selection from list		3	<b>FOR 350</b> Ecosystem Monitoring & Data Analysis		3
General Education selection*		3	FOR 409 Tree Physiology		2
General Education selection*		3	FOR 410 Forest Ecosystem Management		3
FOR/WFS 430 Conservation Biology		3	Supporting Course selection from list		3
General Education (GHW)		1.5	General Education (GHW) *		1.5
credits:		16.5	credits:		14.5-15.5
Semester 7		Credits	Semester 8		Credits
FOR 421 Silviculture		3	ENT 313, FOR 403, or PPEM 318 (need 2)		2-3
General Education selection*		3	FOR 450W Human Dimensions Nat Res		3
HORT 445 Plant Ecology		3	Supporting Course selection from list		3
Supporting Course selection from list		3	Supporting Course selection from list		3
Elective		3	Elective		1-3
credits:		15	credits:		12-15

\*Refer to your degree audit to determine which General Education requirements need yet to be fulfilled.

**Bold** type indicates courses requiring a grade of C or better; *italics* indicates courses that satisfy both major and General Education.

**Suggested Academic Plan for Forest Ecosystem Management - Forest Biology**  
**Starting at University Park, Effective Summer 2023**

Semester 1 (fall)	Credits	Semester 2 (spring)	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1-3	<i>AGBM 101 (GS) or ECON 102 (GS) or ECON 104 (GS)</i>	3
<i>BIOL 110 (GN) Basic Concepts and Biodiversity</i>	4	<i>CHEM 110 (GN) Chemical Principles</i>	3
<b>MATH 110 or 140 (GQ)</b>	4	<i>CHEM 111 (GN) Experimental Chem.</i>	1
<b>ENGL 15 or 30 (GWS) Rhetoric &amp; Comp</b>	3	<b>STAT 200, 240, or 250 (GQ) Statistics</b>	3-4
General Education selection*	3	<b>CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech</b>	3
		WFS 209N Wildlife and Fisheries Cons.	3
	credits: 15-17		credits: 16-17
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
<b>FOR 200 Profession of Forestry</b>	1	FOR 204 Silvics and Forest Dynamics	2
<b>FOR 203 Field Dendrology</b>	3	<b>FOR 266 Forest Resources Measurements</b>	4
<b>FOR 255 GPS/GIS for Natural Resources</b>	3	CHEM 202 Organic Chemistry I	3
BIOL 220W (GN) Populations and Comm	4	General Education selection*	3
General Education selection*	3	<i>SOILS 101 (GN) Introduction to Soils</i>	3
		<i>SOILS 102 (GN)</i>	1
	credits: 14		credits: 16
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
<b>FOR 308 Forest Ecology</b>	3	ENT 313, FOR 403, or PPEM 318 ( <i>need 2</i> )	2-3
<b>ENGL 202C or 202D (GWS)</b>	3	<b>FOR 350 Ecosystem Monitoring &amp; Data Analysis</b>	3
General Education selection*	3	FOR 409 Tree Physiology	2
Supporting Course selection from list	3	FOR 410 Forest Ecosystem Management	3
FOR/WFS 430 Conservation Biology	3	Supporting Course selection from list	3
General Education (GHW)	1.5	General Education (GHW)	1.5
	credits: 16.5		credits: 14.5-15.5
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
FOR 421 Silviculture	3	ENT 313, FOR 403, or PPEM 318 ( <i>need 2</i> )	2-3
General Education selection*	3	FOR 450W Human Dimensions Nat Res	3
HORT 445 Plant Ecology	3	Supporting Course selection from list	3
Supporting Course selection from list	3	Supporting Course selection from list	3
Elective	3	Elective	1-3
	credits: 15		credits: 12-15

\*Refer to your degree audit to determine which General Education requirements need yet to be fulfilled.

**Bold** type indicates courses requiring a grade of C or better; *italics* indicates courses that satisfy both major and General Education.



## Forest Management (FMGT) Option

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Prescribed Courses for the Forest Management option:

- ENT 313 - Introduction to Entomology (2)
- FOR 204 – Silvics and Forest Dynamics (2)
- FOR 320\* - Wildland Fire Management (2) *Effective SP25, FOR 320 is a 3-credit course*
- FOR 350\* - Forest Ecosystem Monitoring and Data Analysis (3)
- FOR 440 - Forest and Conservation Economics (3)
- FOR 455\* - Remote Sensing and Spatial Data Handling (3)
- FOR 466W\* - Forest Management and Planning (3)
- FOR 470 - Watershed Management (3)
- FOR 480 - Policy and Administration (3)
- PPEM 318 - Diseases of Forest and Shade Trees (2)
- WFS 209N - Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation (3)

Additional Courses for the Forest Management option:

- BIOL 110 GN (4) or BIOL 127 GN (3)
- FOR 401 - Urban Forest Management (3) or FOR 450W - Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (3)
- FOR 410 Δ - Elements of Forest Ecosystem Management (3) or FOR/WFS 430 - Conservation Biology (3)
- ERM 448 - Rural Road Ecology and Maintenance (3); or FOR 439 - Timber Sale Administration (3); or FOR 475 - Principles of Forest Soils Management; or FOR 409 - Tree Physiology (2) and SOILS 102 - Introductory Soil Science Laboratory (1)
- MATH 22 GQ\* (3) and MATH 33 GQ\* (3); or MATH 22 GQ\* (3) and MATH 34 (GQ)\* (3); or MATH 22 GQ\* (3) and AGBM 106 (3); or MATH 110 GQ\* (4); or MATH 140 GQ\* (4)
- Supporting Courses and related areas selected in consultation with a Forest Ecosystem Management adviser (12)

\*Courses requiring at least a C grade.

Δ *Effective Fall 2024, FOR 410 is no longer offered and FMGT students may choose FOR 442, Forest Conservation, instead.*

**Supporting Courses** for the Forest Management option must be selected from the list below.

- Select 12 credits from department list in consultation with adviser.
- Courses that count toward a designated minor will count as Supporting Courses.
- Six of the 12 credits must be at the 300- or 400-level

AGBM 101	ERM 300	FOR 450W	GEOG 363	MATH 318	SOILS 422	WFS 436
ASM 327	ERM 411	FOR 471	GEOG 364	MATH 319	SOILS 450	WFS 446
BA 250	ERM 412	FOR 475	GEOG 411W	PHYS 150	SOILS 499	WFS 447W
CAS 211	ERM 413W	FOR 488Y	GEOG 412W	PHYS 211	STAT 301	WFS 450
CAS 212	ERM 430	FOR 497	GEOG 430	PLANT 217	STAT 318	WFS 452
CAS 213	ERM 435	FOR 499	GEOG 434	PLSC 135	STAT 319	WFS 453
CAS 252	ERM 436	FORT 130	GEOG 436	PLSC 403	STAT 401	WFS 454
CAS 404	ERM 447	FORT 140	GEOG 463	PLSC 444	STAT 402	WFS 460
CED 201	ERM 448	FORT 170	GEOG 464	PPATH 405	SUST 200	WFS 462
CED 309	ERM 450	FORT 230	GEOG 467	SOILS 102	WFS 300	WFS 463W
CED 409	FOR 201	FORT 250	GEOG 468	SOILS 401	WFS 301	WFS 499
CED 417	FOR 242	GEOG 110	GEOG 483	SOILS 402	WFS 310	WILDL103
CED 427W	FOR 297	GEOG 130	GEOG 484	SOILS 403	WFS 406	WILDL 106S
CED 429	FOR 303	GEOG 160/260	GEOG 485	SOILS 404	WFS 407	WILDL 204
CED 431W	FOR 401	GEOG 161	GEOG 486	SOILS 405	WFS 408	WILDL 208M
CMPSC 101	FOR 403	GEOG 310W	GEOG 487	SOILS 412W	WFS 409	WILDL 211
CMPSC 203	FOR 409	GEOG 311	GEOG 488	SOILS 416	WFS 410	WILDL 213
EARTH 103	FOR 410	GEOG 314	GEOG 489	SOILS 418	WFS 422	WP 203
ECON 302	FOR 418	GEOG 361	MATH 111	SOILS 419	WFS 430	
ECON 428	FOR 439	GEOG 362	MATH 141	SOILS 420	WFS 435	

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Adviser \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gen Ed Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Forest Ecosystem Management  
 Forest Management Option, 120 credits required  
 effective spring 2020**

<i>Sem.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Sem.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>
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**Prescribed Courses for the Major (24 cr.)**

_____	CHEM 110 GN	3 cr.	_____
_____	CHEM 111 GN	1 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 200*	1 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 203*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 255*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 266*	4 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 308*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 421	3 cr.	_____
_____	SOILS 101 GN	3 cr.	_____

**Additional Courses for the Major (9-10 cr.)**

_____	AGBM 101 or ECON 102 or ECON 104 GS	3 cr.	_____
_____	ENGL 202C* or 202D* GWS	3 cr.	_____
_____	STAT 200*, 240*, or 250* GQ	3-4 cr.	_____

**Prescribed Courses for the Option (29 cr.)**

_____	ENT 313	2 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 204	2 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 320*	2 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 350*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 440	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 455*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 466W*	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 470	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 480	3 cr.	_____
_____	PPEM 318	2 cr.	_____
_____	WFS 209N	3 cr.	_____

**Additional Courses for the Option (16-19 cr.)**

_____	BIOL 110 or 127 GN	3-4 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 401 or 450W	3 cr.	_____
_____	FOR 410 or FOR/WFS 430	3 cr.	_____
_____	ERM 448; or FOR 439; or FOR 475; or FOR 409 and SOILS 102	3 cr.	_____
_____	MATH 22* & 33* GQ; or MATH 22* & 34* GQ; or MATH 22* & AGBM 106* GQ, or MATH 110* GQ; or MATH 140* GQ	4-6 cr.	_____

**Supporting Courses for the Option (12 cr.)**

*Select credits from departmental list in consultation with adviser. Six credits must be 300- or 400-level.*

_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____

**Electives (2-6 cr.)**

_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____
_____	_____	_____ cr.	_____

\*Courses requiring at least a C grade.

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required for graduation.

Use this checklist in conjunction with your LionPATH degree audit to confirm completion of all degree requirements.

**General Education (45 cr.)**

21 of these 45 credits are included in the requirements listed above; that is, 9 credits of GN; 6 credits of GQ; 3 credits of GS; and 3 credits of GWS.

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**Forest Ecosystem Management, Forest Management Option  
General Education (45 cr.) - effective summer 2023**

**FOUNDATIONS (15 cr.)** – all must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better

**Writing/Speaking GWS** 9 cr.

\_\_\_\_ CAS 100 GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ ENGL 15 GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

and ENGL 202C GWS if 'C' or better grade is earned

**Quantification GQ** 6 cr.

satisfied by MATH GQ and STAT GQ if 'C' or better grades are earned

**KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS (21 cr.)** – 3 credits each in GA, GH, GN, GS, and GHW must not be Inter-Domain

**Arts GA** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**Humanities GH** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**Social and Behavioral Sciences GS** 3 cr.

satisfied by AGBM 101 GS, ECON 102 GS, or ECON 104 GS

**Natural Sciences GN** 9 cr.

satisfied by required BIOL GN, CHEM GN, SOILS GN courses

**Health and Wellness GHW** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

**INTEGRATIVE STUDIES (6 cr.)** *Inter-Domain courses*

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**EXPLORATION (3 cr.)** – may include GN, GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain, World Language (12<sup>th</sup> unit and beyond)

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (9-12 cr.)** – may double count with other requirements

**United States Cultures (US)**

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**International Cultures (IL)**

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_

**First-Year Experience (FYS)** 0-3 cr. – depending upon the campus at which you first enrolled/

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_

**Writing Across the Curriculum** 3 cr.

satisfied by FOR 466W

**Suggested Academic Plan for Forest Ecosystem Management - Forest Management  
Commonwealth Campuses and University Park, Effective Summer 2023**

Semester 1 (fall)	Credits	Semester 2 (spring)	Credits
First-Year Seminar	0-3	<i>CHEM 110 (GN)</i> Chemical Principles	3
<b>MATH 22 &amp; 33 (GQ), or MATH 22 &amp; 34 (GQ), or MATH 22 &amp; AGBM 106 (GQ), or MATH 110 (GQ), or MATH 140 (GQ)</b>	4-6	<i>CHEM 111 (GN)</i> Experimental Chem.	1
<i>BIOL 110 or 127 (GN)</i> Introductory Biology	3-4	<i>AGBM 101 (GS) or ECON 102 (GS) or ECON 104 (GS)</i>	3
<b>ENGL 15 or 30 (GWS) Rhetoric &amp; Comp</b>	3	<b>STAT 200, 240, or 250 (GQ) Statistics</b>	3-4
General Education selection*	3	<b>CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech</b>	3
		General Education selection*	3
credits:	13-19	credits:	16-17
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
<b>FOR 200 Profession of Forestry</b>	1	FOR 204 Silvics and Forest Dynamics	2
<b>FOR 203 Field Dendrology</b>	3	<b>FOR 266 Forest Resources Measurements</b>	4
<b>FOR 255 GPS/GIS for Natural Resources</b>	3	PPEM 318 Forest Pest Management	2
<i>SOILS 101 (GN)</i> Introduction to Soils	3	ENT 313 Intro to Entomology	2
General Education selection*	3	<b>ENGL 202C or 202D (GWS)</b>	3
General Education (GHW)	1.5	General Education selection*	3
credits:	14.5	credits:	16
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
<b>FOR 308 Forest Ecology</b>	3	<b>FOR 320 Wildland Fire Management</b>	2
FOR 440 Forest and Conservation Economics	3	<b>FOR 350 Ecosystem Monitoring &amp; Data Analysis</b>	3
General Education selection*	3	WFS 209N Wildlife and Fisheries Cons.	3
FOR 401 Urban Forest Management or Supporting Course ▲	3	FOR 450W Human Dimensions Nat Res or Supporting Course ▲	3
Elective	2	<b>FOR 455 Remote Sensing &amp; Spatial Data</b>	3
		General Education (GHW)	1.5
credits:	14	credits:	15.5
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
FOR 439 Timber Sale Admin, or FOR 475 Forest Soils, or Supporting Course ▲	3	ERM 448, Rural Roads, or FOR 409 Tree Physiology <u>and</u> <i>SOILS 102, or Supporting Course ▲</i>	3
FOR 421 Silviculture	3	<b>FOR 466W Forest Management &amp; Planning</b>	3
FOR/WFS 430 Conservation Biology or FOR 410, Forest Ecosystem Management	3	Supporting Course	3
Supporting Course	3	FOR 470 Watershed Hydrology	3
Elective	0-4	FOR 480 Policy & Administration	3
credits:	12-16	credits:	15

\*Refer to your degree audit to determine which General Education requirements need yet to be filled.

▲ Refer to FOREM FMGT checksheet and your degree audit for clarification about how FOR 401, FOR 450W, ERM 448, FOR 439, FOR 475, FOR 409, SOILS 102, FOR/WFS 430, FOR 410 and Supporting Courses satisfy degree requirements.

**Bold** type indicates course requiring a grade of C or better; *italics* indicates courses that satisfy both major and General Education.

## Watershed Management (WMGT) Option

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Prescribed Courses for the Watershed Management option:

- FOR 450W - Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (3)
- FOR 470\* - Watershed Management (3)
- FOR 471\* - Watershed Management Laboratory (1)

Additional Courses for the Watershed Management option:

- MATH 110 GQ\* (4); or MATH 140 GQ\* (4)
- MATH 111 GQ (2); or MATH 141 GQ (4)
- ERM 448 - Rural Road Ecology and Maintenance (3); or FOR 439 - Timber Sale Administration (3); or FOR 475 - Principles of Forest Soils Management; or FOR 409 - Tree Physiology (2) and SOILS 102 - Introductory Soil Science Laboratory (1)

Supporting Courses for the Watershed Management option:

- 6 credits of GS social sciences from EBF 200 GS (3), ECON 302 GS (3), EGEE 211 GS (3), ENVST 100 GS (3), GEOG 20 GS (3), GEOG 30N GS (3), GEOG 130 GS (3), GEOG 160 GS (3), PLSC 1 GS (3), PLSC 135 GS (3)
- 6 credits of physical sciences from EARTH 100 GN (3), EARTH 103 GN (3), EARTH 111 GN (3), GEOG 10 GN (3), GEOG 110 GN (3), GEOSC 1 (3), GEOSC 10 GN (3), GEOSC 40 GN (3), METEO 3 GN (3), METEO 122 GN (3), MICRB 106 GN (3), MICRB 201 (3)
- 6-8 credits of GN from PHYS 1 GN (3), PHYS 150 GN (3), PHYS 151 GN (3), PHYS 211 GN (4), PHYS 213 GN (2), PHYS 250 GN (4), PHYS 251 GN (4)
- 3 credits of geospatial analysis from FOR 455 (3), GEOG 362 (3), GEOG 363 (3), GEOG 364 (3) or SOILS 450 (3)
- 6 credits of resources management from ASM 327 (3), CED 201 (3), CED 427W (3), CED 429 (3), CED 431W (3), CED 450 IL (3), ERM 411 (3), ERM 412 (3), ERM 413W (3), FOR 410 (3), FOR 440 (3), GEOG 411W (3), GEOG 430 (3), GEOG 431 (3), SOILS 422 (3)
- 9 credits of water sciences from ASM 309 (3), CE 360 (3), CE 370 (3), CE 371 (3), ENVE 411 (3), ENVE 415 (3), ENVSE 408 (3), ERM 435 (3), ERM 447 (3), ERM 450 (3), GEOG 310W (3), GEOG 311 (3), GEOG 412W (3), GEOSC 412 (3), GEOSC 413W (3), GEOSC 440 (3), GEOSC 452 (3), METEO 451 (3), METEO 454 (3), SOILS 405 (3), WFS 422 (3).  
**Three credits must be at the 400-level.**
- 3 additional credits at the 300- or 400-level from the lists above.

\* Courses requiring at least a C grade.

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**Forest Ecosystem Management  
 Watershed Management Option, 120 credits required  
 effective spring 2020**

<i>Sem.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<b>Prescribed Courses for the Major (24 cr.)</b>		
_____	CHEM 110 GN	3 cr. _____
_____	CHEM 111 GN	1 cr. _____
_____	FOR 200*	1 cr. _____
_____	FOR 203*	3 cr. _____
_____	FOR 255*	3 cr. _____
_____	FOR 266*	4 cr. _____
_____	FOR 308*	3 cr. _____
_____	FOR 421	3 cr. _____
_____	SOILS 101 GN	3 cr. _____

<b>Additional Courses for the Major (9-10 cr.)</b>		
_____	AGBM 101 or ECON 102 or ECON 104 GS	3 cr. _____
_____	ENGL 202C* or 202D* GWS	3 cr. _____
_____	STAT 200*, 240*, or 250* GQ	3-4 cr. _____

<b>Prescribed Courses for the Option (7 cr.)</b>		
_____	FOR 450W	3 cr. _____
_____	FOR 470*	3 cr. _____
_____	FOR 471*	1 cr. _____

<b>Additional Courses for the Option (9-11 cr.)</b>		
_____	MATH 110* or 140*GQ	4 cr. _____
_____	MATH 111 or 141 GQ	2-4 cr. _____
_____	ERM 448; or FOR 439; or FOR 475; or FOR 409 and SOILS 102	3 cr. _____

<b>Electives (6-11 cr.)</b>		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<i>Sem.</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<b>Supporting Courses for the Option (39-41 cr.)</b>		
<i>Choose 6 GS credits from EBF 200, ECON 302, EGEE 211, ENVST 100, GEOG 20, GEOG 30N, GEOG 130, GEOG 160, PLSC 1, PLSC 135</i>		
_____	_____	3 cr. _____
_____	_____	3 cr. _____
<i>Choose 6 credits of physical sciences from EARTH 100, EARTH 103, EARTH 111, GEOG 10, GEOG 110, GEOSC 1, GEOSC 10, GEOSC 40, METEO 3, METEO 122, MICRB 106, MICRB 201</i>		
_____	_____	3 cr. _____
_____	_____	3 cr. _____

<i>Choose 6-8 GN credits from PHYS 1, PHYS 150, PHYS 151, PHYS 211, PHYS 213, PHYS 250, PHYS 251</i>		
_____	_____	_____ cr. _____
_____	_____	_____ cr. _____

<i>Choose 3 credits of geospatial analysis from FOR 455, GEOG 362, GEOG 363, GEOG 364, SOILS 450</i>		
_____	_____	3 cr. _____

<i>Choose 6 credits of resources management from ASM 327, CED 201, CED 427W, CED 429, CED 431W, CED 450, ERM 411, ERM 412, ERM 413W, FOR 410, FOR 440, GEOG 411W, GEOG 430, GEOG 431, SOILS 422</i>		
_____	_____	3 cr. _____
_____	_____	3 cr. _____

<i>Choose 9 credits of water sciences from ASM 309, CE 360, 370, 371, ERM 435, 447, 450, ENV 411, 415, ENVSE 408, GEOG 310W, 311, 412W, GEOSC 412, 413, 440, 452, METEO 451, 454, SOILS 405, WFS 422 (Three credits must be at the 400-level.)</i>		
_____	_____	3 cr. _____
_____	_____	3 cr. _____
_____	_____	3 cr. _____

<i>Choose 3 more credits at the 300- or 400-level from lists above.</i>		
_____	_____	3 cr. _____

**General Education (45 cr.)**

24 of these 45 credits are included in the requirements listed above; that is, 9 credits of GN; 6 credits of GQ; 6 credits of GS; and 3 credits of GWS.

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\*Courses requiring at least a C grade.  
 A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required for graduation.  
 Use this checklist in conjunction with your LionPATH degree audit to confirm completion of all degree requirements.

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**Forest Ecosystem Management, Watershed Management Option  
General Education (45 cr.) - effective summer 2023**

**FOUNDATIONS (15 cr.)** – all must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better

**Writing/Speaking GWS** 9 cr.

\_\_\_\_\_ CAS 100 GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 15 GWS 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

and ENGL 202C GWS if 'C' or better grade is earned

**Quantification GQ** 6 cr.

satisfied by MATH GQ and STAT GQ if 'C' or better grades are earned

**KNOWLEDGE DOMAINS (24 cr.)** – 3 credits each in GA, GH, GN, GS, and GHW must not be Inter-Domain

**Arts GA** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**Humanities GH** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**Social and Behavioral Sciences GS** 6 cr.

satisfied by "AGBM 101 GS, ECON 102 GS, or ECON 104 GS" and the required GS selections in Supporting Courses for the Option

**Natural Sciences GN** 9 cr.

satisfied by required CHEM GN, PHYS GN, SOILS GN courses

**Health and Wellness GHW** 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**INTEGRATIVE STUDIES (6 cr.)** *Inter-Domain courses*

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPLORATION (0 cr.)**

The WMGT option Supporting Course list includes a specific list of required GS courses.

**ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (9-12 cr.)** – may double count with other requirements

**United States Cultures (US)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**International Cultures (IL)**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**First-Year Experience (FYS)** 0-3 cr. – depending upon the campus at which you first enrolled

\_\_\_\_\_ cr. \_\_\_\_\_

**Writing Across the Curriculum** 3 cr.

satisfied by FOR 450W

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Commonwealth Campuses and University Park, Effective Summer 2023

Semester 1 (fall)	Credits	Semester 2 (spring)	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1-3	<i>MATH 111 or 141 (GQ)</i>	2-4
<b><i>MATH 110 or 140 (GQ)</i></b>	4	<i>CHEM 110 (GN) Chemical Principles</i>	3
<b><i>ENGL 15 or 30 (GWS) Rhetoric &amp; Comp</i></b>	3	<i>CHEM 111 (GN) Experimental Chemistry</i>	1
General Education selection*	3	<b><i>STAT 200, 240, or 250 (GQ) Statistics</i></b>	3-4
<i>AGBM 101 (GS) or ECON 102 (GS) or ECON 104 (GS)</i>	3	<b><i>CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech</i></b>	3
credits:	14-16	credits:	12 -15
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
<b>FOR 200 Profession of Forestry</b>	1	<b>FOR 266 Forest Resources Measurements</b>	4
<b>FOR 203 Field Dendrology</b>	3	<i>PHYS GN selection from list</i>	3-4
<b>FOR 255 GIS for Natural Resources</b>	3	<i>Social Sciences (GS) selection from list</i>	3
<i>SOILS 101 (GN) Introduction to Soils</i>	3	<b><i>ENGL 202C or 202D (GWS)</i></b>	3
General Education selection*	3	General Education selection*	3
General Education (GHW)	1.5		
credits:	14.5	credits:	16-17
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
<b>FOR 308 Forest Ecology</b>	3	<b>FOR 470 Watershed Hydrology</b>	3
<i>PHYS GN selection from list</i>	3-4	<b>FOR 471 Watershed Measurement Techniques</b>	1
Resources Management selection from list	3	Physical Sciences selection from list	3
FOR 439 Timber Sale Admin, or FOR 475 Forest Soils, or Geospatial Analysis selection from list ▲	3	ERM 448, Rural Roads, or FOR 409 Tree Physiology and SOILS 102, or Geospatial Analysis selection from list ▲	3
Water Sciences selection from list	3	Social Sciences GS selection from list	3
		General Education (GHW)	1.5
credits:	15-16	credits:	14.5
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
FOR 421 Silviculture	3	Elective	3-6
Physical Sciences selection from list	3	Resources Management selection from list	3
Water Sciences selection from list	3	FOR 450W Human Dimensions Natural Resources	3
General Education selection*	3	Water Sciences selection from list	3
Elective	3-5	Three additional credits at the 300- or 400-level from selection lists	3
credits:	15-17	credits:	15-18

\*Refer to your degree audit to determine which General Education requirements need yet to be fulfilled.

▲Refer to FOREM WMGT checksheet and your degree audit for clarification about how ERM 448, FOR 439, FOR 475, FOR 409, SOILS 102, and Geospatial Analysis selection satisfy degree requirements.

**Bold** type indicates courses requiring a grade of C or better; *italics* indicates courses that satisfy both major and General Education



## Internships, Independent Study, and Undergraduate Research

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Practical work or research experience that supplements a student's course work is an asset when seeking employment after graduation. All Forest Ecosystem Management students are encouraged to get related experience through either summer jobs or internships. Academic credit can be awarded for Independent Studies (FOR 496), Undergraduate Research (FOR 494), or Internship work experiences (FOR 495); however, it is not required (with the exception of the CURFM option).

A handbook of guidelines for FOR 495 internships is available in the Ecosystem Science and Management Undergraduate Programs Office, 113 Forest Resources Building. These guidelines must be followed before a student registers for internship credits. Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA in order to register for internship credits. The Ecosystem Science and Management Internship Handbook is also available online at <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/undergraduate/resources/handbooks/internship-handbook>.

The Department of Ecosystem Science and Management forwards all natural-resource related job announcements to Nittany Lion Careers, [nittanylioncareers.psu.edu](http://nittanylioncareers.psu.edu). Nittany Lion Careers is open to all students, alumni, and employers. Job and internships are posted daily, so check Nittany Lion Careers often. It is important to remember that this is only one resource and that an effective job search may utilize a variety of sources. Links to natural resources employers and various other job boards are listed on our website at [ecosystems.psu.edu/undergraduate/resources/employment](http://ecosystems.psu.edu/undergraduate/resources/employment).

Details about Undergraduate Research are posted at [agsci.psu.edu/students/research](http://agsci.psu.edu/students/research).

## Study Abroad

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### Ag Sciences Global

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Staff in Ag Sciences Global are available to help students find the right program and identify financial support. Learn more at [agsci.psu.edu/global](http://agsci.psu.edu/global).

### Penn State Global

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Penn State Global offers help in planning an international experience. Penn State has more than 180 summer, semester, and full-year programs in more than 45 countries! Penn State Global also offers numerous other short-term, faculty-led programs. With all these options, it is possible for students in nearly any discipline to study abroad. A listing of these programs may be found at [global.psu.edu](http://global.psu.edu). In addition, Penn State accepts transfer credits from many other programs.

## FOR Course Descriptions

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***These descriptions are abbreviated. Complete course descriptions are available at [bulletins.psu.edu](http://bulletins.psu.edu).***

**FOR 123N FORESTS, TREES, AND PEOPLE (3)** The course begins with an introduction to how trees work and moves on to forest ecosystem services such as timber and non-timber products, carbon storage, watershed protection, and cultural connection.

**FOR/WFS 150S FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR (2)** Engages and prepares first-year college students for academic success, introduces students to Pennsylvania's forests and related research and activities currently underway at Penn State, and introduces strategies students can use to prepare for careers in forestry, wildlife/fisheries, and other natural resources disciplines.

**FOR 201N GLOBAL CHANGE AND ECOSYSTEMS (3)** Provides a general understanding of global change, ecosystems, and linkages among them. Recommended Preparation: 3 credits of science

**FOR 203 FIELD DENDROLOGY (3)** Field identification of native and introduced trees and shrubs.

**FOR 204 SILVICS AND FOREST DYNAMICS (2)** Introduces the life history and characteristics of trees (silvics) and the stand dynamics of different forest types across North America as the scientific foundation for implementing sustainable forest management. Prerequisite: FOR 203 or FORT 150

**FOR 228 CHAINSAW SAFETY, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION IN FOREST MANAGEMENT (1)** Safety, maintenance, skills, and techniques for effective chainsaw operation in forest management. Counts only as Elective credit in the forestry degree program.

**FOR 255 GPS AND GIS APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL RESOURCES PROFESSIONALS (3)** Use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for mapping and analysis of natural resources data.

**FOR 266 FOREST RESOURCES MEASUREMENTS (4)** Measurement systems used in forest and wildlife management and urban forestry. Prerequisite: FOR 203 or FORT 150; Concurrent: FOR 255 or FORT 260 or WILDL 211; and STAT 200 or STAT 240 or STAT 250

**FOR 295 FORESTRY INTERNSHIP (1-4)** Supervised field experience related to the students major. Prerequisite: Permission of program

**FOR 296 INDEPENDENT STUDIES (1-18)**

**FOR 297 SPECIAL TOPICS (1-9)**

**FOR 299 IL FOREIGN STUDIES (1-12)** Courses offered in foreign countries by individual or group instruction.

**FOR 303 HERBACEOUS FOREST PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND ECOLOGY (3)** Focuses on developing herbaceous plant identification skills with emphasis on important plant structural features, common taxonomic terms, dichotomous keys, and botanical nomenclature. Prerequisite: 3 credits in BIOL or BISC or FOR or FORT or HORT or PLANT

**FOR 308 FOREST ECOLOGY (3)** Effect of environment, spacing, and age in trees; forest influences; origin and development of forest communities. Prerequisite or concurrent: FOR 203 or FORT 150

**FOR 320 WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT (3)** Provides the fundamentals of wildland fire behavior and effects. The role of fuels, weather, and topography on fire behavior will be covered in depth, and fire behavior and effects models will be used. Students will be introduced to prescribed burning as a land management tool. Prerequisite: FOR 203 or FORT 150

**FOR 350 FOREST ECOSYSTEM MONITORING AND DATA ANALYSIS (3)** Quantitative approaches for characterization, monitoring, and comparison of forest ecosystems. Prerequisite: STAT 200, STAT 240, STAT 250 or equivalent with a C or higher

**FOR 370 WATERSHED ECOHYDROLOGY (3)** Presents foundational concepts in ecohydrology of watersheds, considers coupled hydrological and ecological processes that shape water quality and watershed health, and explores ecohydrology as a tool for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Prerequisite: SOILS 101 or 3 credits of CHEM

**FOR 397 SPECIAL TOPICS (1-9)**

**FOR 401 URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT (3)** Nature's role in community development, landscapes, arboriculture, administering urban forestry programs, land-use planning and regulatory policy, open-space conservation, civic environmentalism. Prerequisite: 5th-semester standing

**FOR 403 INVASIVE FOREST PLANTS: IDENTIFICATION, ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT (3)** Addresses the impacts and challenges associated with "exotic" plant invasions in eastern North American forests through an interdisciplinary exploration of topics including invasive plant identification and management, ecological interactions and impacts, human roles and influences, and management and policy options. Prerequisites: 6 credits in BIOL or BISC or FOR or FORT or HORT or PLANT

**FOR 409 TREE PHYSIOLOGY (2)** Fundamentals of the relationship of the basic physiological functions of forest trees to form. Prerequisite: BIOL 110 or BIOL 127

**FOR 418 US/IL AGROFORESTRY: SCIENCE, DESIGN, AND PRACTICE (3)** Agroforestry integrates trees in agricultural landscapes, and/or agriculture products into forested areas for multiple benefits.

**FOR 421 SILVICULTURE: APPLIED FOREST ECOLOGY (3)** The application of the principles of forest ecology to control of establishment, composition, and growth of forest stands. Prerequisites: (FOR 266 or (FORT 105 and FORT 110) with a C or higher) and FOR 308

**FOR/WFS 430 CONSERVATION BIOLOGY (3)** The application of biological principles to issues in the conservation of biodiversity. Prerequisite: BIOL 220W or FOR 308 or WFS 209

**FOR/WFS 431 CONSERVATION GENETICS (3)** Provides a comprehensive overview of evolution and conservation genetics, an interdisciplinary science that focuses on understanding the processes that influence genetic diversity at the individual and population levels. Prerequisite: BIOL 110

**FOR 440 FOREST AND CONSERVATION ECONOMICS (3)** The role and application of economics and finance to forest resource conservation and management. Prerequisite: AGBM 101 or ECON 102 or ECON 104

**FOR 442 FOREST CONSERVATION: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES (3)** Forest conservation is the promotion and maintenance of healthy, resilient, and functioning forest ecosystems that ensure the continued provision of high-quality ecosystem services and socio-economic benefits. Prerequisites: BIOL 220W or FOR 308, and 7th semester standing or higher

**FOR 445 WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT (3)** Topics include the relationship between wildlife and their habitat, identification of important plant structure and composition, quantifying vegetation structure at both stand and landscape scales, understanding disturbance ecology as a basis for habitat management practices (e.g., silvicultural applications and prescribed burning), and determining how specific management practices can be used to achieve habitat goals and objectives. Prerequisite: FOR 203 or FORT 150; Recommended Preparation: WFS 310 or FOR 421

**FOR 450W HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF NATURAL RESOURCES (3)** Addresses human needs and desires, from individuals to nations, for social, ecological, and economic benefits derived from natural resource decisions. Prerequisite: 6 credits of social and behavioral sciences

**FOR 455 REMOTE SENSING AND SPATIAL DATA HANDLING (3)** An advanced remote sensing and geospatial technology course emphasizing the use of remote sensors and geographic information systems to study the Earth's land surface. Prerequisite: FOR 255 or FORT 260 or GEOG 160 or GEOG 260 or WILD211

**FOR/WFS 465 RESTORATION ECOLOGY (4)** Covers the conceptual and theoretical foundations that underlie restoration efforts and links these to real-world applications in past and ongoing restoration projects in a variety of types of ecosystems. Prerequisites: BIOL 110 or FOR 203; Concurrent: BIOL 220W or FOR 308; Recommended Preparation: 3 credits in statistics

**FOR 466W FOREST MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING (3)** Rationale, process, and tools for forest management decision-making and planning. Developing and communicating forest plans for forested properties. Prerequisite: (FOR 255 or FORT 260 or WILD 211) and FOR 421 and FOR 440

**FOR 470 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (3)** Management of wild land watersheds for control of the amount and timing of water yield, water quality, erosion, and sedimentation. Prerequisite: 3 credits in SOILS

**FOR 475 PRINCIPLES OF FOREST SOILS MANAGEMENT (3)** Effect of current forest management practices on the properties and productive capacity of forest soils. Prerequisite: FOR 308 and 3 credits in SOILS

**FOR 477 FIELD METHODS IN WATERSHED ECOHYDROLOGY (3)** A detailed introduction to and experience with field methods and calculations of important fluxes in watershed ecohydrology. Prerequisites: FORT 240 or 3 credits in SOILS; Concurrent: FOR 470

**FOR 480 POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION (3)** Forest resources policy objectives; criteria and goals of society; policy implementation by ownership classes; planning, administration, and evaluation of programs. Prerequisite: 3 credits of social or behavioral sciences

**FOR 489 SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN COLLEGE TEACHING (1-3)** Provides select undergraduate students with formal, supervised teaching experience in a Forestry (FOR) course. Prerequisite: Permission of the Forest Ecosystem Management Program

**FOR 494 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (1-12)** Supervised student activities on research projects identified on an individual or small group basis. Prerequisite: Permission of the Forest Ecosystem Management Program

**FOR 495 FORESTRY INTERNSHIP (1-6)** Supervised field experience related to the student’s major. Prerequisite: Approval of proposed assignment by instructor prior to registration

**FOR 496 INDEPENDENT STUDIES (1-18)**

**FOR 497 SPECIAL TOPICS (1-9)**

**FOR 499 IL FOREIGN STUDIES (1-12)**

### Ecosystem Science and Management Undergraduate Course Offerings by Semester at University Park

*These offerings are subject to change as circumstances require.*

Course	Title (cr.)	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Fall 2027	Spring 2028
FOR 123N	Forests, Trees, and People (3)								
FOR/WFS 150S	First-Year Seminar (2)	X		X		X		X	
FOR 200	Forest Profession (1)								
FOR 201N	Global Change & Ecosystems (3)		X		X		X		X
FOR 203	Field Dendrology (3)	X		X		X		X	
FOR 204	Silvics & Forest Dynamics (2)		X		X		X		X
FOR 228	Chainsaw in Forest Mgmt (1)	X		X		X		X	
FOR 255	GPS/GIS Nat Res (3)	X		X		X		X	
FOR 266	Forest Res Measurements (4)		X		X		X		X
FOR 303	Herbaceous Forest Plant (3)		X		X		X		X
FOR 308	Forest Ecology (3)	X		X		X		X	
FOR 320	Wildland Fire Mgmt (3)		X		X		X		X
FOR 350	Forest Ecosys Monit & Analy (3)		X		X		X		X
FOR 370	Watershed Ecohydrology (3)								
FOR 401	Urban Forest Mgmt (3)	X		X		X		X	
FOR 403	Invasive Forest Plants (3)		X				X		
FOR 409	Tree Physiology (2)		X				X		
FOR 410	Forest Ecosys Mgmt (3)								
FOR 418	Agroforestry (3)				X				X
FOR 421	Silviculture (3)	X		X		X		X	
FOR/WFS 430	Conservation Biology (3)	X		X		X		X	
FOR/WFS 431	Conservation Genetics (3)		X		X		X		X
FOR 439	Timber Sale Administration (3)								
FOR 440	Forest & Consv Economics (3)	X		X		X		X	
FOR 442	Forest Conservation (3)	X		X		X		X	
FOR 445	Wildlife Habitat Management (3)		X		X		X		X
FOR 450W	Human Dimen Nat Res (3)				X		X		X
FOR 455	Remote Sens & Spa Dat (3)		X		X		X		X
FOR/WFS 465	Restoration Ecology (4)			X		X		X	
FOR 466W	Forest Mgmt & Planning (3)		X		X		X		X
FOR 470	Watershed Mgmt (3)		X		X		X		X

Course	Title (cr.)	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Fall 2027	Spring 2028
FOR 471	Watershed Mgmt Lab (1)								
FOR 475	Forest Soils Mgmt (3)								
FOR 477	Field Methods Wtshd Ecohyd (3)								
FOR 480	Policy & Admin (3)		X		X		X		X
SOILS 071	Env Sustainability (3)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SOILS 101	Intro Soil Science (3)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SOILS 102	Intro Soil Science Lab (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SOILS 401	Soil Comp & Physical Prop (3)		X		X		X		X
SOILS 402	Soil Nutrient Behav & Mgmt (3)		X		X		X		X
SOILS 403	Soil Morphology Practicum (2)	X		X		X		X	
SOILS 404	Urban Soils (3)		X		X		X		X
SOILS 405	Hydropedology (3)								
SOILS 412W	Soil Ecology (3)	X		X		X		X	
SOILS 416	Soil Genesis, Classif, Map (4)	X		X		X		X	
SOILS 418	Nutrient Mgmt in Ag Systems (3)	X		X		X		X	
SOILS 420	Remediation of Contam Soils (3)	X		X		X		X	
SOILS 422	Nat Res Cons & Comm Stab (4)		X		X		X		X
SOILS 450	Environmental GIS (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS/FOR 150S	First-Year Seminar (2)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 209N	Wildl & Fish Conservation (3)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WFS 300	The Vertebrates (2)								
WFS 301	Vertebrate Laboratory (2)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 310	Wildl & Fish Measurements (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 340	Statistics Consv of Wild Pop (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 406	Ornithology Lab (2)		X		X		X		X
WFS 407	Ornithology (3)		X		X		X		X
WFS 408	Mammalogy (3)		X		X		X		X
WFS 409	Mammalogy Lab (2)		X		X		X		X
WFS 410	General Fishery Science (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 422	Ecology of Fishes (3)								
WFS 425	Aquatic Invert Ecology (3)		X		X		X		X
WFS/FOR 430	Conservation Biology (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS/FOR 431	Conservation Genetics (3)		X		X		X		X
WFS/ERM 435	Limnology (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 446	Wildl Fish Pop Dynamics (3)		X		X		X		X
WFS 447W	Wildl Management (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS/ERM 450	Wetland Sci & Stability (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 452	Ichthyology (2)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 453	Ichthyology Lab (2)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 454	Field Ichthyology (2)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 460	Wildlife Behavior (3)	X		X		X		X	
WFS 461	Animal Welfare: Sci & Ethics (3)			X			X		
WFS 462	Amphibians and Reptiles (3)		X		X		X		X
WFS 463W	Fishery Management (3)		X		X		X		X
WFS/FOR 465	Restoration Ecology (4)			X		X		X	

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