Programs of Study

The School of Natural Resources is home to programs in Agribusiness Management; Energy Land Management; Environmental and Energy Resources Management; Environmental and Natural Resources Economics (eQuad); Forest Resources Management; Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources; Wildlife and Fisheries Resources; and Wood Science and Technology. As a student in this school you may pursue a degree that enables you to begin a career in agribusiness management; arboriculture and urban forestry; conservation ecology; environmental and resource economics; fisheries biology; forest management; forest products industry; land management; natural resources management; outdoor recreation, and wildlife biology. Students are also well-prepared for graduate study in these or allied fields.

Courses that you will take in the School depend on a student’s particular program. A primary mission of the School of Natural Resources is to further the understanding, stewardship, and sustainable use of renewable natural resources by educating students to become knowledgeable professionals and citizens, advancing and communicating research knowledge, and providing technical information and professional service to society. Students completing a Bachelor of Science degree in the School of Natural Resources fulfill broad general education foundation requirements, Bachelor of Science degree requirements, and a study of at least one discipline in depth. The School of Natural Resources strives to spark a passion in our students for the principles of stewardship and sustainability of our renewable natural resources by:

• offering students the education to assume leadership roles
• advancing research knowledge
• providing technical information and professional service to society

Accreditation

The B.S.F. in Forest Resources Management and B.S. in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources are accredited by the Society of American Foresters. The Wildlife and Fisheries Resources curriculum requires the coursework needed for professional certification by The American Fisheries Society (Fisheries emphasis) or The Wildlife Society (Wildlife emphasis) under 2014 guidelines. The Wood Science and Technology program is accredited by the Society of Wood Science and Technology. The Energy Land Management program is one of ten programs in North America accredited by the American Association of Professional Landmen.

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ARBORICULTURE
MINOR CODE- U073
The minor in arboriculture is designed to provide students educational opportunities in the area of ornamental horticulture as it relates to current urban environments. Emphasis is given to the establishment and management of herbaceous and woody plants used in commercial, recreational, and home settings.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in all minor courses

Minor Requirements
### AGRN 410
Soil Fertility 3

### FOR 205
Dendrology 3

Select one of the following: 3

- **HORT 260** Woody Plant Materials
- **LARC 260** Ornamental Woody Plants and Groundcovers

Select 9 hours from the following: 9

- **ENTO 404** Principles of Entomology
- **& PPTH 401** and General Plant Pathology
- **ENTO 470** Forest Pest Management
- **ENTO 471** Urban Tree and Shrub Health
- **FMAN 315** Survey of Arboriculture
- **FMAN 491** Professional Field Experience *
- **PLSC 491** Professional Field Experience *
- **PPTH 470** Forest Pest Management
- **PPTH 471** Urban Tree and Shrub Health

Select two of the following electives: 6

- **AGRN 315** Turfgrass Management
- **FMAN 440** Forestry Consulting
- **HORT 262** Herbaceous Plant Materials
- **HORT 441** Garden Center Management

**Total Hours** 24

* Must be related to an arboriculture topic and must be approved in advance by the director of the Division of Plant and Soil Sciences or the director of the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources.

### AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT

**MINOR CODE- U047**

Principles pertaining to agribusiness management.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in all minor courses.

- **ARE 110** Agribusiness Accounting 3
- **ARE 204** Agribusiness Management 3
- **ARE 461** Agribusiness Finance 3

Select one of the following: 3

- **ARE 431** Marketing Agricultural Products
- **ARE 435** Marketing Livestock Products

Select one of the following: 3

- **ARE 382** Agricultural and Natural Resources Law
- **ARE 421** Rural Enterprise Development
- **ARE 440** Futures Markets and Commodity Prices
- **ARE 482** Enterprise Operation Law

**Total Hours** 15

### AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW

**MINOR CODE - U139**

**Program Requirements**

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in all minor courses.

**Minor Requirements**

- **ARE 382** Agricultural and Natural Resources Law 3
- **RESM 450** Land Use Planning Law 3
- **RESM 480** Environmental Regulation 3

Select one of the following: 3
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ARE 482  Enterprise Operation Law
ENLM 400  Energy Land Management Contracts 1

Choose one of the following:  3
- ARE 360  Current Issues In Agriculture
- ARE 450  Agriculture, Environmental and Resource Policy
- ENLM 420  Energy Land Management Contracts 2
- FOR 421  Renewable Resources Policy and Governance
- RESM 455  Practice of Land Use Planning

Total Hours 15

CONSERVATION ECOLOGY
MINOR CODE - U071

This minor is designed to provide students specialized knowledge and skills in the area of conservation ecology. Completion of this minor allows new career opportunities, enhances lifelong learning, and promotes the role of an informed and active citizen.

Minor Requirements
- WMAN 150  Principles of Conservation Ecology 3
- WMAN 200  Restoration Ecology 3
- WMAN 313  Wildlife Ecosystem Ecology 4
- WMAN 421  Renewable Resources Policy and Governance 3

Select one of the Following: 3-4
- GEN 371  Principles of Genetics
- WMAN 330  Conservation Genetics

Total Hours 16-17

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS
MINOR CODE - U053

Fifteen hours and a GPA of at least 2.0 in courses counted toward the minor.

Environmental Problems or Issues (select one of the following): 3
- ARE 187  Energy Resource Economics
- ARE 201  Principles of Resource and Energy
- ENV 155  Elements of Environmental Protection
- FOR 140  West Virginia's Natural Resources

Environmental and Resource Economics 9
- ARE 220  Introductory Environmental and Resource Economics
- ARE 401  Applied Demand Analysis
- ARE 410  Environmental and Resource Economics

Law, Policy, or Analysis (select one of the following): 3
- ARE 382  Agricultural and Natural Resources Law
- ARE 450  Agriculture, Environmental and Resource Policy

Total Hours 15

FORESTRY RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
MINOR CODE - U090

The minor in Forestry Resources Management is designed to provide students educational opportunities in the area of forest resources management. Emphasis is given to those courses that provide a specific skill set or knowledge base needed to understand sustainable forest management in the Appalachian region. This minor requires a grade of C or higher in each course.

A grade of C or higher must be earned in all minor courses

Minor Requirements
- FMAN 212  Forest Ecology 3
- FMAN 222  Forest Mensuration 4
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FMAN 311 Silvicultural Systems 4
FOR 205 Dendrology 3
FMAN 330 Principles of Forestry Economics 4
Select one of the following: 3
  FMAN 433 Forest Management
  FHYD 444 Watershed Management
  FMAN 440 Forestry Consulting
  FOR 326 Remote Sensing of Environment
  FOR 421 Renewable Resources Policy and Governance
  WDSC 422 Harvesting Forest Products
  WDSC 423 Forest Roads
Total Hours 21

RECREATION, PARKS, AND TOURISM RESOURCES
MINOR CODE - U085
The minor in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources is designed to provide students with specialized knowledge and skills that may open the door to new career opportunities, enhance lifelong learning, and promote their role as an informed and active citizen. The minor emphasizes the ecological, economic, and social psychological aspects of managing outdoor recreation and tourism resources. A grade of "C" or higher must be earned in all courses counted toward the minor.

Minor Requirements
  RPTR 142 Introduction to Recreation, Parks and Tourism 2
  RPTR 239 Sustainable Tourism Development 3
  RPTR 242 Environmental and Cultural Interpretation 3
  RPTR 365 Planning and Design in Recreation, Parks and Tourism 3
  FOR 438 Human Dimensions Natural Resource Management 3
  OR RPTR 491 Professional Field Experience
  RPTR 335 Management in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Organizations 3
  OR RPTR 433 Recreation Resource Management
Total Hours 17

SUSTAINABLE LOW-RISE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION
MINOR CODE - U126
This minor is designed to provide students with a background in sustainable low-rise residential (i.e. single family, multi-family town houses and 2-3 story apartment buildings) construction materials and practices.

Minor Requirements
  WDSC 245 Residential Building Materials 3
  WDSC 320 Sustainable Construction 3
  SAFM 470 Managing Construction Safety 3
  A minimum of nine hours selected from the following: 9
  WDSC 225 Finished Wood Products
  WDSC 341 Wood Mechanics
  ID 240 Codes and Interior Construction
  ID 325 Computer-Aided Drafting and Design
  DSGN 293 Special Topics
Total Hours 18

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES
MINOR CODE - U044
The Wildlife and Fisheries Resources minor is designed to provide students with the necessary background and skills to effectively conserve and manage fish and wildlife habitats and populations. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in all minor courses.

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**WOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

The minor in Wood Science and Technology is designed to provide students with specialized knowledge and skills in the properties, manufacture, and utilization of wood and related biomaterial products. Emphasis is given to courses that provide a fundamental education in the properties of wood, manufacturing processes for wood-based materials, and utilization of wood materials.

**MINOR CODE - U045**

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in all minor courses.

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