School of Natural Resources

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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.

FACULTY

DIVISION DIRECTORS

- Robert C. Burns (Director, Division of Forestry and Natural Resources) - Ph.D. (The Pennsylvania State University)
- Gerard E. D’Souza (Director, Division of Resource Economics and Management) - Ph.D. (Mississippi State University)

PROFESSORS

- James T. Anderson - Ph.D. (Texas Tech University)
  Wildlife ecology and management
- Robert C. Burns - Ph.D. (The Pennsylvania State University)
  Understanding recreational behavior, motivations, and satisfaction levels
- Alan R. Collins - Ph.D. (Oregon State University)
  Resource economics
- Ben Dawson-Andoh - Ph.D. (University of British Columbia)
  Wood microbiology and chemistry
- Gerard E. D’Souza - Ph.D. (Mississippi State University)
  Production economics, Finance
- John W. Edwards - Ph.D. (Clemson University)
  Wildlife ecology and management
- Jerald J. Fletcher - Ph.D. (University of California, Davis)
  Energy, environmental and resource economics
- Tesfa Gebremedhin - Ph.D. (Oklahoma State University)
  Farm management, Agribusiness
• Kyle J. Hartman - Ph.D. (University of Maryland)
  Aquatic ecology, Fish management
• David W. McGill - Ph.D. (The Pennsylvania State University)
  Woodland owner outreach, forest regeneration
• Joseph F. McNeel - Ph.D. (Virginia Tech)
  Forest harvest and operations
• J. Todd Petty - Ph.D. (University of Georgia)
  Stream and river ecology, watershed assessment and restoration
• Tim T. Phipps - Ph.D. (University of California, Davis)
  Resource economics, Agricultural policy
• Chad Pierskala - Ph.D. (University of Minnesota)
  Public resource land management and agricultural tourism
• Peter V. Schaeffer - Ph.D. (University of Southern California)
  Regional science, Applied microeconomics
• Steven Selin - Ph.D. (University of Oregon)
  Human dimensions and Natural resources management
• Dennis K. Smith - Ph.D. (Pennsylvania State University)
  Rural development, Agribusiness management
• Jingxin Wang - Ph.D. (University of Georgia)
  Biomass logistics, utilization and bioenergy, forest BMPs

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• Cheryl Brown - Ph.D. (University of California, Berekely)
  Agricultural and food policy and economics, Agribusiness
• Gregory A. Dahle - Ph.D. (Rutgers University)
  Arboriculture and urban forestry
• Jinyang Deng - Ph.D. (University of Alberta)
  Ecotourism
• David B. DeVallance - Ph.D. (Oregon State University)
  Renewable materials manufacturing and biofuel evaluation
• Kathryn Arano Gazal - Ph.D. (Mississippi State University)
  Forest economics and policy
• Donald J. Lacombe - Ph.D. (Florida State University)
  Spatial econometrics, Public choice and industrial organization
• JingJing Liang - Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
  Forest ecology and biodiversity
• Jamie Shuler - Ph.D. (North Carolina State University)
  Forest regeneration and restoration
• Kaushlendra Singh - Ph.D. (University of Georgia)
  Thermo-chemical conversion and bioenergy
• Dave Smaldone - Ph.D. (University of Idaho)
  Environmental and Cultural Interpretation, Nature-based tourism
• Mark Sperow - Ph.D. (Colorado State University)
  Production and resource economics
• Ben D. Spong - Ph.D. (Oregon State University)
  Forest operations, roads, and harvesting
• Michael P. Strager - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Spatial analysis, Decision support
• Amy Welsh - Ph.D. (University of California-Davis)
  Conservation genetics and wildlife forensics
• Nicholas P. Zegre - Ph.D. (Oregon State University)
  Watershed and forest hydrology

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS
• Donald Brown - Ph.D. (Texas State University)
  Herpetology, wildlife ecology
• Levan Elbakidze - Ph.D. (Texas A&M University)
Shale gas; water and energy economics
  • Xiaoli Etienne - Ph.D. (University of Illinois)
    Commodity futures markets and price analysis
  • Shawn Grushecky - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
    Energy land management
  • Christopher Latuma - Ph.D. (University of Tennessee)
    Ornithology and bird ecology
  • Kudzayi Maumbe - Ph.D. (Michigan State University)
    Tourism
  • Gloria Oporto - Ph.D. (University of Maine)
    Biomaterials
  • James S. Rentch - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
    Forest ecology
  • Doolarie Singh-Knights - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
    Agribusiness and economics
  • Heather Stephens - Ph.D. (Ohio State University)
    Resource, energy and regional economics
  • Mo Zhou - Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin – Madison)
    Forestry and carbon credits, natural resources policy

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSORS
  • Charlene Kelly - Ph.D. (Virginia Tech)
    Watershed biogeochemistry
  • Kirsten Stephan - Ph.D. (University of Idaho)
    Soil and vegetation management

ADJUNCT PROFESSORS
  • Patricia M. Mazik - Ph.D. (Memphis State University)
    Aquatic toxicology, fish physiology
  • Sheldon Owen - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
    Extension wildlife specialist
  • Stuart A. Welsh - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
    Ichthyology
  • Petra B. Wood - Ph.D. (University of Florida)
    Avian ecology

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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.

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
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

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<td>Restoration Ecology</td>
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<td>WMAN 330</td>
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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

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Environmental and Resource Economics

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Law, Policy, or Analysis (select one of the following): 3

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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

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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.

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.

Minor Requirements


WMAN 175  Introduction to Wildlife and Fisheries  3
WMAN 224  Vertebrate Natural History  3

Select Three of the following courses  9-12
- WMAN 300  Wildlife and Fisheries Techniques
- WMAN 313  Wildlife Ecosystem Ecology
- WMAN 330  Conservation Genetics
- WMAN 425  Mammalogy
- WMAN 426  Ornithology
- WMAN 445  Introduction to Fisheries Management
- WMAN 446  Freshwater Ecology
- WMAN 450  Advanced Wildlife and Fisheries Management

Total Hours  15-18

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

Required Courses
- WDSC 223  Wood Anatomy and Structure  3

Select one of the following.  3
- WDSC 340  Physical Properties of Wood
- WDSC 341  Wood Mechanics
- WDSC 413  Wood Chemistry

Select four of the following:  12
- WDSC 100  Forest Resources in United States History
- WDSC 232  Wood Grading and Procurement
- WDSC 320  Sustainable Construction
- WDSC 330  Wood Machining
- WDSC 337  Wood Adhesion and Finishing
- WDSC 340  Physical Properties of Wood
- WDSC 341  Wood Mechanics
- WDSC 351  Forest Products Protection
- WDSC 362  Forest Product Decision-Making
- WDSC 413  Wood Chemistry
- WDSC 422  Harvesting Forest Products
- WDSC 465  Wood-based Composite Materials

Total Hours  18