PATHWAYS | Forestry

COURSE SELECTION

- Take FOWS 1010: Introduction to Renewable Natural Resources. This is an introduction to the wealth and breadth of renewable natural resources in the state, region, nation, and world. You will begin to build your professional resume.
- Take FORY 5470: GIS Applications in Natural Resources. Begin basic understanding of GIS through discussion of the basic components of a GIS and how GIS are used in forestry applications.
- Gateway Courses – FORY 3020, FORY 3050, FORY 3060 and FOEN 3040.
- Forestry Summer Practicum – Eight week outdoor experience in Andalusia, AL. You will obtain training and tools for forestry, measurements and management, with emphasis on applied problem-solving.
- You will continue your major Forestry coursework with Restricted Electives in Landscape and Non-Consumptive Forest Products/Services to become certified with the Society of American Foresters.
- Take FORY 4980: Senior Capstone Project. This is an integrated study of Forest Resource Management using a case-study approach through development of a comprehensive plan related to the declared emphasis.

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Introduce yourself to your faculty academic advisor and plan to meet with them twice during this year. Discuss your interests in specific forestry careers.
- Meet with your advisor to discuss Minor options. Select and declare your Academic Minor.
- Meet with the University Career Center (UCC) to explore career and job opportunities. Seek guidance for further resume enhancement.
- Meet with academic advisor and major/minor professors to obtain continued involvement in natural resources.
- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.
- Obtain internship, volunteer work in Forestry, or attend our Study Abroad experience in Brazil.
- Attend AU Career Fair
- Attend professional conferences and take part in industry tours.

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- Meet with the UCC to explore career and job opportunities. Seek guidance for further resume enhancement.
- Meet with the University Career Center (UCC) to explore career and job opportunities. Seek guidance for further resume enhancement.
- Familiarize yourself with employers who are hiring in your field.
- Meet with academic advisor and major/minor professors to obtain continued involvement in natural resources.
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GET INVOLVED

- Join the Wildlife Society Club, Forestry Club, or SFWS Student Ambassadors.
- Become a leader in the Forestry Club activities or become a Wild Turkey Federation member.
- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest, to attend meetings and enhance your resume.
- Look to join other professional organizations, like the Society of American Foresters.
- Join Xi Sigma Pi, the Forestry Honor Fraternity.

Career Planning

University Career Center
303 Mary Martin Hall | career.auburn.edu

Forester
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $38.0K - $42.0K

Procurement Forester
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $38.0K - $42.0K

Consulting Forester
- Minimum Education: B.S.
- Entry Level Salary Range: $38.0K - $42.0K

The program provides students with the knowledge to sustain and manage the diverse forest resources that make up local and regional landscapes. You are potentially prepared for employment in: forest biology, land management, forest operations, forest products, urban forestry, business, wildlife management, spatial analysis, policy, and a scholar’s option.

These are just three options out of many that forestry majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out “What Can I Do With a Major In...” on auburn.edu/career.

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