PATHWAYS | Natural Resources Management

Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management

COURSE SELECTION

• Take FOWS 1010: Introduction to Renewable Natural Resources. This course 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 BIOL 3060: Ecology. You will learn about interactions of organisms with their environments and characteristics of populations, communities, and ecosystems.

• Gateway Courses – MATH 1610, CHEM1010/1011 and CHEM 1020/1021.

• Take FORY 5470: GIS Applications in Natural Resources. You will gain a basic understanding of GIS through discussion of the basic components of a GIS and how GIS are used in forestry applications.

• Take FOWS 5270: Natural Resource Policy. You will examine the attitudes, philosophies and policies that govern management of the natural resources.

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

• Introduce yourself to your faculty academic advisor and plan to meet with them twice during this year to discuss your career plan. An Academic Minor is required.

• Meet with your advisor to discuss Minor options. Select and declare your Academic Minor.

• Meet with a counselor in the University Career Center (UCC) to explore careers, receive guidance with resume enhancement, and familiarize yourself with employers who are hiring in your field.

• Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major. Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.

• Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your resume.

• Meet with academic advisor and major/minor professors to obtain continued involvement in natural resources.

• Use Academic Support provides several free resources to improve academic performance, including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching. (auburn.edu/academic support)

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GAIN EXPERIENCE

• Obtain internship, volunteer work in Natural Resources or attend our Study Abroad experience in Costa Rica.

• Join Xi Sigma Pi, the Forestry Honor Fraternity.

• Attend AU Career Fair.

• Attend professional conferences and take part in industry tours.

GET INVOLVED

• Join the Wildlife Society Club and/or Forestry Club.

• You may look to join the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Student Ambassadors.

• 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.

The Natural Resources Management major prepares the next generation of leaders with the knowledge, ability, and excellence to conserve and manage our natural systems for a sustainable future. This industry is a growing field with a wide variety of career options and solid earning potential in both public and private sectors.

Career Planning

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

Conservation Scientist
Minimum Education: B.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $49.8K - $78.0K

Environmental Conservation Officer
Minimum Education: B.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $40.0K - $45.0K

Environmental Scientist
Minimum Education: B.S.
Entry Level Salary Range: $36.8K - $56.7K

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.