FOREST ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

The mission of the B.S. 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.

The Forest Ecosystem Management major provides for the education necessary for students to pursue professional careers in one of the following options:

1. Forest Biology
2. Forest Management
3. Community and Urban Forest Management
4. Watershed Management

These options also will prepare students for graduate studies in continuing professional education.

Forest Biology Option

This option provides a strong background in the biological and ecological aspects of contemporary forestry and establishes a sound foundation for professional employment and graduate-level study in forest and environmental sciences.

Forest Management Option

This option provides professional training in the management of forest lands consistent with the needs of ownership objectives. Employment opportunities include forest management positions with public agencies, industry, and private consulting.

Community and Urban Forest Management Option

This option helps prepare students to manage community trees and green spaces. It emphasizes technical expertise, communication abilities, and skills for working with diverse people. Employment opportunities include municipalities, arboricultural companies, utilities, and government agencies.

Watershed Management Option

This option focuses on water resources and the integrated management of natural resources with emphasis on water. Graduates qualify for federal employment as hydrologists and for water-related careers in municipal watershed management, state and local government, and environmental/engineering consulting.

What is Forest Ecosystem Management?

Professional foresters are challenged with the conservation, restoration, and sustainable provision of a wide range of forest ecosystem services, including timber and nontimber 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 this wide range of ecosystem services. The Forest Ecosystem Management program teaches students to identify, measure, and quantify a variety of forest ecosystem attributes; communicate effectively with diverse groups; analyze and interpret natural resources information in an ecological, economic, and social context; and 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.

You Might Like this Program If...

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

Entrance to Major

In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, a student must:

1. attain at least a C (2.00) cumulative grade-point average for all courses taken at the University; and
2. have third-semester classification (http://www.registrar.psu.edu/registration/semester_classification.cfm).

READ SENATE POLICY 37-30: ENTRANCE TO AND CHANGES IN MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/37-00-entrance-to-a-college-or-major)

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Ecosystem Management, a minimum of 120 credits is required for the Forest Biology, Forest Management, and Watershed Management options, and a minimum of 123 credits for the Community and Urban Forest Management option:

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Students should be aware that, in most cases, completion of the Forest Ecosystem Management degree in four years requires enrollment at the University Park Campus beginning the fall semester of the sophomore year.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.
Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

21-24 of these 45 credits are included in the Requirements for the Major.

University Degree Requirements
First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic advisor for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major
This includes 21-24 credits of General Education courses: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 3-6 credits of GS courses; 0-3 credits of GA courses; 3 credits of GWS courses.

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

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<td>GPS and GIS Applications for Natural Resources Professionals</td>
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Select one of the following: 3-4 credits

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Requirements for the Option
Select an option 55-66 credits

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Forest Biology Option (57-58 credits)

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<td>Plant Ecology</td>
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Community and Urban Forest Management Option (61-66 credits)

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<td>Invasive Forest Plants: Identification, Ecology, and Management</td>
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<td>PPEM 318</td>
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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 15 credits from department list in consultation with adviser

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Additional Courses

Select 4-5 credits of the following:

- ENT 313 Introduction to Entomology
- FOR 403 Invasive Forest Plants: Identification, Ecology, and Management
- PPEM 318 Diseases of Forest and Shade Trees

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 10 credits from department list

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Additional Courses

Select one of the following:

- MATH 22 College Algebra II and Analytic Geometry
- & MATH 26 and Plane Trigonometry
- MATH 40 Algebra, Trigonometry, and Analytic Geometry
- MATH 41 Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry
- MATH 110 Techniques of Calculus I
- MATH 140 Calculus With Analytic Geometry I
- MATH 222 College Algebra II and Analytic Geometry
- & MATH 262 and Plane Trigonometry
- MATH 402 Algebra, Trigonometry, and Analytic Geometry
- MATH 412 Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry
- MATH 1102 Techniques of Calculus I
- MATH 1402 Calculus With Analytic Geometry I

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

In consultation with adviser, select 12 credits from department list approved for the option

- SOILS 102 does not require a grade of C or better
- Six credits must be 300-400-level.

Watershed Management Option (55-59 credits)

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<td>GEOG 430</td>
<td>Human Use of Environment</td>
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<td>HORT 138</td>
<td>Ornamental Plant Materials</td>
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<td>Principles of Arboriculture</td>
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Additional Courses

Select one of the following:

- RPTM 320 Recreation Resource Planning and Management
- RPTM 325 Principles of Environmental Interpretation
- RPTM 435 Recreation Facilities Planning and Management
- RPTM 470 Recreation and Park Management

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 8-9 credits from department list

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MATH 111  Techniques of Calculus II  2-4
or MATH 141  Calculus with Analytic Geometry II

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

FOR 409  Tree Physiology  3
& SOILS 102  and Introductory Soil Science Laboratory 1
or FOR 475  Principles of Forest Soils Management

MATH 110  Techniques of Calculus I  4
or MATH 140  Calculus With Analytic Geometry I

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 6 credits of GS social sciences of the following:  6

- EBF 200  Introduction to Energy and Earth Sciences Economics
- ECON 302  Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis
- EGEE 211  Social Legacy of Pennsylvania Coal
- ENVS 100  Visions of Nature
- GEOG 20  Human Geography: An Introduction
- GEOG 30N  Environment and Society in a Changing World
- GEOG 130  Environment, Power, and Justice
- GEOG 160  Mapping Our Changing World
- PLSC 1  American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers
- PLSC 135  The Politics of the Ecological Crisis

Select 6 credits of physical sciences of the following:  6

- EARTH 100  Environment Earth
- EARTH 103  Earth in the Future: Predicting Climate Change and Its Impacts Over the Next Century
- EARTH 111  Water: Science and Society
- GEOG 10  Physical Geography: An Introduction
- GEOG 110  Climates of the World
- GEOSC 1  Physical Geology
- GEOSC 10  Geology of the National Parks
- GEOSC 40  The Sea Around Us
- METEO 3  Introductory Meteorology
- METEO 122  Atmospheric Environment: Growing in the Wind
- MICRB 106  Elementary Microbiology
- MICRB 201  Introductory Microbiology

Select 6-8 credits of GN of the following:  6-8

- PHYS 1  The Science of Physics
- PHYS 150  Technical Physics I
- PHYS 151  Technical Physics II
- PHYS 211  General Physics: Mechanics
- PHYS 213  General Physics: Fluids and Thermal Physics
- PHYS 250  Introductory Physics I
- PHYS 251  Introductory Physics II

Select 3 credits in geospatial analysis of the following:  3

- FOR 455  Remote Sensing and Spatial Data Handling
- GEOG 362  Image Analysis
- GEOG 363  Geographic Information Systems
- GEOG 364  Spatial Analysis
- SOILS 450  Environmental Geographic Information Systems

Select 6 credits of resources management of the following:  6

- ASM 327  Soil and Water Resource Management
- CED 201  Introductory Environmental and Resource Economics
- CED 427
- CED 429  Natural Resource Economics
- CED 431
- CED 450  International Development, Renewable Resources, and the Environment
- ERM 411  Legal Aspects of Resource Management
- ERM 412  Resource Systems Analysis
- ERM 413  Case Studies in Ecosystem Management
- FOR 410  Elements of Forest Ecosystem Management
- FOR 440  Forest and Conservation Economics
- GEOG 411  Forest Geography
- GEOG 430  Human Use of Environment
- GEOG 431  Geography of Water Resources
- SOILS 422  Natural Resources Conservation and Community Sustainability

Select 9 credits from water sciences of the following:  9

- ASM 309  Measurement & Monitoring of Hydrologic Systems
- CE 360  Fluid Mechanics
- CE 370  Introduction to Environmental Engineering
- CE 371  Water and Wastewater Treatment
- ERM 435  Limnology
- ERM 447  Stream Restoration
- ERM 450  Wetland Conservation
- ENVE 411  Water Supply and Pollution Control
- ENVE 415  Hydrology
- ENVE 408  Contaminant Hydrology
- ENVE 410  Introduction to Global Climatic Systems
- GEOG 310  Introduction to Global Climatic Systems
- GEOG 311  Landscape Ecology
- GEOG 412  Water Resources Geochemistry
- GEOG 413  Techniques in Environmental Geochemistry
- GEOG 440  Marine Geology
- GEOG 452  Hydrogeology
- METEO 451  Introduction to Physical Oceanography
- METEO 454  Introduction to Micrometeorology
- SOILS 405  Hydropedology
- WFS 422  Ecology of Fishes

Select 3 additional credits at the 300-to 400-level from the lists above  3

1. SOILS 102 does not require a grade of C or better
2. Three credits must be at the 400-level.

Program Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the biology, taxonomy, and ecology of flora and fauna associated with forested ecosystems.
   - Identify the common tree species of North America (especially those of the northeastern US) and describe their silvics.
   - Identify key understory plants, invasive species, pathogens, non-timber forest products, and fauna and describe their ecological roles in forest ecosystems.
   - Recognize features that affect forest ecosystems such as soils, climate, disturbance, and land use history.
2. Accurately identify, measure and quantify a variety of forest ecosystem attributes.
   • Design, execute, analyze and report on a forest inventory to measure both timber and non-timber attributes.
   • Demonstrate proficiency with a specified set of field equipment.
   • Design and implement a plan to monitor key ecosystem resources and processes.

3. Communicate effectively with diverse groups through listening, speaking and writing.
   • Communicate clearly through e-mail, letters and other forms of professional correspondence.
   • Effectively present complex information in different formats to a variety of audiences.
   • Use geographical information systems (GIS) to create a map showing features such as buffer zones on streams or roads or the layout of a timber sale.
   • Conduct a clear dialog with a potential client to determine their needs.
   • Use appropriate methods of communicating with diverse groups.
   • Apply conflict resolution skills for consensus building, facilitation and negotiation.

4. Apply science-based knowledge to select, obtain, analyze and interpret natural resources information in an ecological, economic and social context.
   • Acquire data from primary and secondary sources to describe and analyze ecological, economic and social relationships on both spatial and temporal scales.
   • Use a geographical positioning system (GPS) to map features such as a hiking trail.
   • Find relevant natural resources information, such as publicly available data sets, research reports, and management plans.
   • Critically analyze the evidence on multiple sides of a contemporary natural resources issue.
   • Assess the economic, social, and ecological opportunities and constraints of a given land parcel within a relevant spatial and temporal context and recognize appropriate and defensible land management objectives.
   • Identify and evaluate the full range — ecological, social, and economic — of impacts of different forest management alternatives.
   • Apply economic, financial and business management tools to assess alternative forest management activities.

5. Recognize, identify, and 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.
   • Based on an assessment of a property, develop, write and present a management plan, including silvicultural prescriptions, for the property that meet the stated land management objectives and implement the components of the plan.
   • Describe the role of institutions such as markets, communities, governments, and non-government organizations in the management of natural resources.
   • Describe and evaluate how a contemporary natural resources issue has been addressed by society.

6. Synthesize knowledge, diverse values, and ethics for making, communicating and supporting decisions with confidence, respect, professionalism, and compassion.
   • Demonstrate openness, tolerance, and appreciation for alternative points of view.
   • Demonstrate awareness of global issues and cultural diversity.
   • Be able to present and conduct oneself as a professional.

Academic Advising
The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information need to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Suggested Academic Plan
Forest Biology Option, University Park Campus
The course series listed below provides only one of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an Academic Requirements or What If report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

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Third Year
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FOR 308* 3 ENT 313, FOR 403, or PPEM 2 3
WFS 209 3 FOR 350* 3
FOR 430* 3 FOR 409* 2
Supporting Course Selection 3 FOR 410* 3
General Education Course 3 Supporting Course Selection 3
General Education Course 1.5 General Education Course (GHW) 1.5
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Fall
FOR 421* 3 ENT 313, FOR 403, or PPEM 2 3
HORT 445 3 FOR 450* 3
General Education Course 3 Elective 2
Supporting Course Selection 3 Supporting Course Selection 3
Elective 2-4 Supporting Course Selection 3

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First Year
Fall Credits Spring Credits
BIOL 110 or 127† 3CHEM 110† 3
MATH 22 & MATH 26 (or MATH 40 or MATH 41 or MATH 110 or MATH 140)†† 3-6 CHEM 111† 1
ENGL 15, 30, or ESL 15†† 3CAS 100, 100A, 100B, or 100C†† 3
First-Year Seminar 1-3 ECON 102† 3
General Education Course 3 STAT 200, 240, or 250†† 3-4
General Education Course 3

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Second Year
Fall Credits Spring Credits
FOR 200* 1 FOR 204* 2
FOR 203* 3 FOR 266* 4
FOR 255* 3 PPEM 318 2
SOILS 101† 3 ENT 313 2
General Education Course 3 ENGL 202C or 202D†† 3
General Education Course 1.5 General Education Course (GHW) 3

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Third Year
Fall Credits Spring Credits
FOR 308* 3 FOR 320* 2
FOR 440†  3 FOR 350†  3
FOR 401 (or Supporting Course)†  3 WFS 209  3
General Education Course  3 FOR 450 (or Supporting Course)†  3
Elective  1-5 FOR 455†  3
General Education Course (GHW)  1.5

13-17  15.5

Fourth Year
Fall Credits Spring Credits
FOR 421†  3 FOR 466†  3
FOR/WFS 430†  3 FOR 409 & SOILS 102 (or Supporting Course)†  3
FOR 475†  3 FOR 480†  3
Supporting Course  3 FOR 470†  3
Supporting Course  3 Elective  2
Total Credits 117-128

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First Year
Fall Credits Spring Credits
MATH 22  3-6 CHEM 110†  3
& MATH 26 (or MATH 40 or MATH 41 or MATH 110 or MATH 140)††  3
Biol 110 or 127†  3-4 CHEM 111†  1
ENGL 15, 30, or ESL 15††  3 CAS 100, 100A, 100B, or 100C††  3
General Education Course  3 STAT 200, 240, or 250††  3-4
First-Year Seminar  1-3 ECON 102†  3
General Education Course  3
Total Credits 13-19  16-17

Second Year
Fall Credits Spring Credits
FOR 200†  1 FOR 204  2
FOR 203†  3 FOR 266†  4
FOR 255†  3 HORT 301  3
SOILS 101†  3 ENT 313  2
LARCH 60, 65, or ARCH 316†  3 ENT 314  1
General Education Course (GHW)  1.5 ENGL 202C or 202D††  3
Total Credits 14.5  15

Third Year
Fall Credits Spring Credits
FOR 308†  3 PPEM 318  2
HORT 138  3 PLANT 217  3
Academic Requirements

Academic Requirements include Physical Science, Social Science, University Writing Across the Curriculum, University Requirements, and General Education. These requirements are identified by prefixes for each requirement: X (Physical Science), Y (Social Science), M (University Writing Across the Curriculum), US (United States and International Cultures), IL (United States and International Cultures), GS (General Education), GWS (Foundations: General Studies), & GQ (Foundations: General Quantitative), GHW (Knowledge Domains: Humanities), GN (Knowledge Domains: Natural Science), GA (Knowledge Domains: Arts), GH (Knowledge Domains: History), and GS (Knowledge Domains: Social Studies). For more information, please visit www.ecosystems.psu.edu, under Student Resources, Student Handbooks.

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- **General Education Course**
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Career Paths

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Careers

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 MORE INFORMATION (http://ecosystems.psu.edu/majors/forest-ecosystem-management/careers)

 MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (http://ecosystems.psu.edu/graduateprograms/forest-resources)

Professional Resources

• Society of American Foresters (http://www.eforester.org)

Accreditation

Three options of the Forest Ecosystem Management baccalaureate degree program (Community and Urban Forest Management, Forest Biology, and Forest Management) are accredited by the Society of American Foresters. Degrees in forestry have been awarded at Penn State since 1907, and our program was among those first accredited by the Society of American Foresters in 1935.

 MORE INFORMATION (http://www.eforester.org)

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