WILDLIFE TECHNOLOGY, A.S.

Begin Campus: DuBois

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Program Description
The Wildlife Technology major helps prepare students in the techniques of wildlife management. Personnel trained in this field are needed to assist in the applied phases of natural resource management, wildlife biology, range management, and the care, maintenance, and propagation of animals. Graduates should be able to support professionals in wildlife biology, park managers, game refuge managers, and laboratory technicians in research. The Wildlife Technology Program is accredited by the North American Wildlife Technology Association (NAWTA).

What is Wildlife Technology?
Wildlife technology is the art and science of applying laboratory and field techniques to study and manage wildlife populations. It emphasizes practical skills in the areas of wildlife biology and management, biological and ecological science, communication, forest science, quantification, mapping, natural resources inventories, fisheries and wetlands, social science, recreation and safety, and environmental policy.

You Might Like this Program If...
- You are passionate about wildlife, the outdoors, and outdoor recreation
- You have a keen interest in natural science, ecosystems, and how wildlife interact
- You are interested in studying and conserving wildlife, their habitats, and our natural resources for future generations
- You want to pursue a career in natural resource management, wildlife biology, environmental education, or outdoor recreation

Entrance to Major
Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA to change to this Associate degree after admission to the University.

Degree Requirements
For the Associate in Science degree in Wildlife Technology, a minimum of 65 credits is required:

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9 of the 21 credits for General Education are included in Requirements for the Major. This includes 9 credits of General Education courses: 3 credits of GN and 6 credits of GWS.

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/associate-degree-general-education-program) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
- Quantification (GQ): 3 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 3 credits

Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 3 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits

Foundations or Knowledge Domains
- A General Education course selected from GWS, GQ, GN, GA, GH, or GS, and may include Integrative Studies (Inter-domain or Linked) courses: 3 credits

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.

University Degree Requirements
Cultures Requirement
3 credits of United States (US) or International (IL) cultures coursework are required and may satisfy other requirements

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 60 degree credits must be earned for a associates degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 60 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser 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
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
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).

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<td>BIOL 110</td>
<td>Biology: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity</td>
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**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 needed 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**

**Dubois Campus**

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† Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
‡ Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement
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**University Requirements and General Education Notes:**

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

GWS, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GN, GA, GH, and GS). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of ‘C’ or better.

Integrative Studies courses can be completed for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

**Advising Notes:**

- A student’s career/graduate school plans should be considered in developing an individual academic plan. Be sure to consult an academic adviser in this department when scheduling courses.
• Recommended to complete a GH course that also satisfies the IL requirement.

Career Paths
Our graduates have employment opportunities across the country to support professionals in natural resource management, forestry, fisheries, zoos and aquaria, wildlife research, environmental education, and parks and recreation management.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE WILDLIFE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (http://dubois.psu.edu/employment-wildlife-technology-2wlt)

Professional Resources
• The Wildlife Society (TWS) (http://wildlife.org)
• North American Wildlife Technology Association (NAWTA) (https://www.nawta.org)

Accreditation
The Wildlife Technology Program has been awarded full accreditation for meeting all the curriculum standards of NAWTA.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACCREDITATION BY NAWTA (https://www.nawta.org)

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