

NATURAL RESOURCES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Natural Resources minor can complement majors in the earth sciences and life sciences, and provides an introduction to field techniques and technical writing. Areas of specialized study can include, but are not limited to, environmental assessment, forest and wetland evaluation and management, and wildlife management. Professional opportunities include work in environmental monitoring, such as endangered species and wetland delineation, restoration of disturbed land, and management of forested lands and wildlife areas.

What is Natural Resources?

The Natural Resources minor is designed for students studying Earth Sciences and includes topics related to wildlife and forest technology.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in forests and wildlife topics.
- You enjoy watching Planet Earth.
- You prefer to be outside.
- You care about the environment and desire to preserve it.
- You prefer to study science and have strong analytical skills.
- You want to complement your program of study with a unique focus.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
In consultation with a natural resources adviser:		
Select 3 credits in 100-level forest technology		3
Select 3 credits in 100-level wildlife technology		3
Select 6 credits of 200-level forest technology or wildlife technology		6
Select 6 credits of 400-level geography or geosciences courses		6

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 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Career Paths

The Natural Resources minor, added to your major of Earth Sciences will help to prepare you for a career or graduate study.

Careers

There are a variety of career options available to individuals interested in natural resources, including resource planning, restoration of disturbed lands, management of forested lands and wildlife areas, conservation and education within the field of natural resources.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

You have many opportunities for graduate study including Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies, Forest Ecology or Wildlife Science.

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