

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT
Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation
Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation
Major: Environmental Resource Management
For Students Graduating in Calendar Year 2020

Minimum credit hours required for graduation is 120. Prerequisites or enrollment restrictions may apply to some courses. Consult the undergraduate course catalog or the time table of classes.

Degree Core Requirements (21 credits)

Forest Science (9 credits – take all)

- ___ FREC 2214 Introduction to Land and Field Measurements (3 credits)
- ___ FREC 2314 Forest Biology and Dendrology (2 credits)
- ___ FREC 2324 Dendrology Laboratory (1 credit)
- ___ FREC 3314 Forest Ecology and Silvics (3 credits)

Geospatial Analysis (3 credits – take all)

- ___ FREC 4114 Information Technologies for Natural Resource Management (3 credits)

Environmental Economics (3 credits – take all)

- ___ FREC 4014 (NR 4014) Natural Resources Economics (3 credits)

Policy (3 credits – take all)

- ___ FREC 4434 Natural Resource Policy (3 credits)

Oral Communication (3 credits – take one)

- ___ COMM 2004 Public Speaking (3 credits) **or** FREC 3524 Environmental Interpretation (3 credits)

Major Requirements (34 credits)

- ___ CHEM 1035 General Chemistry (3 credits)
- ___ CHEM 1045 General Chemistry Lab (1 credit)
- ___ CSES 3134 (ENSC 3134) Soils in the Landscape (3 credits)
- ___ FREC 2004 Forest Ecosystems (3 credits) **or** BIOL 2804 Ecology (3 credits)
- ___ FREC 2414 Field Experience in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (2 credits)
- ___ FREC 4354 Forest Soil and Watershed Management (3 credits)
- ___ FREC 4374 Forested Wetlands (3 credits)
- ___ FREC 4464 (AAEC 4464) Water Resources Policy and Economics (3 credits)
- ___ GEOS 1024 Resources Geology (3 credits)
- ___ GEOS 1124 Resources Geology Lab (1 credit)
- ___ GEOS 3014 Environmental Geosciences (3 credits)

Geospatial Analysis Elective (3 credits – take one)

- ___ FREC 4214 Forest Photogrammetry and Spatial Data Processing (3 credits)
- ___ GEOG 4354 (GEOS 4354) Introduction to Remote Sensing (3 credits)
- ___ STAT 3615 Biological Statistics (3 credits)

Restricted Electives (15 to 16 credits – see accompanying lists)

- ___ Global Environmental Issues Restricted Elective (3 credits)
___ Law Restricted Elective (3 credits)
___ Public Relations Restricted Elective (3 credits)
___ Urban Environments Restricted Elective (3 credits)
___ Water Restricted Elective (3 or 4 credits)

CLE Requirements (36 credits)

Area 1: Writing and Discourse (6 credits)

- ___ ENGL 1105 First-Year Writing (3 credits)
___ ENGL 1106 First-Year Writing (3 credits)

Area 2: Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values (6 credits)

- ___ FREC 2554 (LAR 2554, NR 2554) Leadership for Global Sustainability (3 credits)
___ CLE Area 2 course: _____ (3 credits)

Area 3: Society and Human Behavior (6 credits)

- ___ AAEC 1005 Economics of the Food & Fiber System **or** ECON 2005 Principles of Economics (3 credits)
___ CLE Area 3 course: _____ (3 credits)

Area 4: Scientific Reasoning and Discovery (8 credits)

- ___ BIOL 1105 Principles of Biology (3 credits)
___ BIOL 1115 Principles of Biology Lab (1 credit)
___ BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology (3 credits)
___ BIOL 1116 Principles of Biology Lab (1 credit)

Area 5: Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (6 credits)

- ___ MATH 1025 Elementary Calculus (3 credits)
___ MATH 1026 Elementary Calculus (3 credits)

Area 6: Creativity and Aesthetic Experience (1 credit)

- ___ CLE Area 6 course: _____ (1 credit)

Area 7: Critical Issues in a Global Context (3 credits)

- ___ FIW 2114 Principles of Fish & Wildlife (3 credits)

Free Electives (13 to 14 credits)

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Restricted Electives (15 to 16 credits – see lists below)

Global Environmental Issues Restricted Electives (Choose 3 credits)

AAEC	3204	International Agricultural Development and Trade	3
FREC	2124	Forests, Society & Climate	3
FREC	2784 (SBIO 2784)	Global Forest Sustainability	3
FREC	3604	Climate Science	3
GEOG	3104	Environmental Problems, Population and Development	3
GEOG	4204	Geography of Resources	3
GEOG	4764 (SOC 4764 and UAP 4764)	International Development	3
UAP	3344 (PSCI 3344)	Global Environmental Issues: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	3
UAP	4214 (GEOG 4214 and WGS 4214)	Gender, Environment, & Int. Development	3

Law Restricted Electives (Choose 3 credits)

AAEC	3314	Environmental Law	3
AAEC	3604	Agricultural Law	3
FIN	3054	Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	3
UAP	4344	Law of Critical Environmental Areas	3
UAP	4754	Legal Foundations of Planning	3

Public Relations Restricted Electives (Choose 3 credits)

COMM	2044	Principles of Public Relations	3
COMM	3204 (HUM 3204 and RLCL 3204)	Multicultural Communication	3
COMM	3244 (PSCI 3244)	Political Communication	3
FREC	3524	Environmental Interpretation	3
UAP	4184	Community Involvement	3

Urban Environments Restricted Electives (Choose 3 credits)

FREC	2134 (HORT 2134)	Plants and Greenspaces in Urban Communities (CLE 3)	3
FREC	3354 (HORT 3354)	Trees in the Built Environment	3
FREC	4454	Urban Forest Management and Policy	3
GEOG	3244	The U.S. City	3
UAP	2014	Urbanization and Development (CLE 3)	3
UAP	3354	Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning	3
UAP	4374	Land Use and Environment	3

Water Restricted Electives (Choose 3 or 4 credits)

BIOL	4004	Freshwater Ecology	4
BIOL	4354 (ENT 4354)	Aquatic Entomology	4
FIW	4534	Ecology and Management of Wetland Systems	3
FIW	4614	Fish Ecology	3
FREC	3104	Principles of Watershed Hydrology	3
FREC	3754	Watersheds and Water Quality Monitoring	3
FREC	4784	Wetland Hydrology and Biogeochemistry	3

IMPORTANT NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT NOTES

1. **Satisfactory Progress:** By the end of the semester in which the student has attempted 60 hours (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination), "satisfactory progress" towards a B.S. degree in the College of Natural Resources & Environment will include the following minimum criteria:
 - Having an in-major and overall grade point average of at least 2.0
 - Passing at least 24 semester credits that apply to the Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE)
 - Passing the following courses or their equivalents: BIOL 1105, 1106, 1115, and 1116; CHEM 1035 and MATH 1026.
2. **Foreign Language Requirement:** A sequence of two (2) foreign language courses is required for graduation unless two (2) high school credits of the same foreign language or six (6) transfer credit hours of foreign language have been earned. These credits do not count toward graduation. See catalog section on "Graduation Requirements."
3. **Policy on Student Exchanges:** Studying overseas or at another U.S. university is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your education. However, planning for an exchange should begin at least 9 months prior to leaving. This will allow time to determine what substitutions, if any, will be allowed and time to arrange your schedule at Virginia Tech to ensure that all requirements for graduation are met.
4. **In-major grade point average computation:** Includes all courses designated as FIW, FREC, GEOG, NR, SBIO, and GEOS.
5. An in-major and overall GPA of at least 2.0 is required for graduation.
6. In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double-counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. CLE).
7. Some of the listed courses have prerequisites and some courses must be taken in sequence to satisfy prerequisites. Be sure to consult with the University Catalog or check with your advisor.
8. For students interested in pursuing hydrology positions in the federal government, please note:

US Office of Personnel Management: Hydrology Qualification Standards:

Basic Requirements:

Degree: physical or natural science, or engineering that included at least 30 semester hours in any combination of courses in hydrology, the physical sciences, geophysics, chemistry, engineering science, soils, mathematics, aquatic biology, atmospheric science, meteorology, geology, oceanography, or the management or conservation of water resources. The course work must have included at least 6 [credit hours] in calculus (including both differential and integral calculus, e.g., MATH 1025 and 1026), and at least 6 [credit hours] in physics (e.g., PHYS 2205 and 2206).

The Watershed Management minor will facilitate completion of additional water-related coursework that may be beneficial for those seeking federal hydrology positions. For full information, consult your advisor.

