Wildlife Biology, B.S. major

The Wildlife Biology major is designed for students preparing for careers with natural resources agencies or for graduate school in wildlife biology.

With careful selection of liberal education courses, graduates can fulfill the educational requirements for certification as an Associate Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society.

Required Credits: 74
Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED BIOLOGY CORE COURSES

Complete the following courses:

- BIOL 1211 Introductory Biology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 1212 Introductory Biology II (4 credits)
- BIOL 2610 General Ecology (3 credits)

II REQUIRED WILDLIFE BIOLOGY CORE COURSES

Complete the following courses:

- BIOL 3610 Principles of Wildlife Management (3 credits)
- BIOL 4510 Ornithology (3 credits)
- BIOL 4520 Mammalogy (3 credits)
- GEOG 3231 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3 credits)
- GEOG 3232 Intermediate Geographic Information Systems (3 credits)
- BIOL 3630 Conservation Biology (3 credits)
- or GEOG 3630 Conservation Biology (3 credits)
- or BIOL 4330 Upland Wildlife Management (3 credits)

Select two of the following courses:

- BIOL 2360 Genetics (4 credits)
- BIOL 3150 Animal Behavior (3 credits)
- BIOL 3310 Entomology (4 credits)
- BIOL 3850 Marine Biology (3 credits)
- BIOL 4210 Parasitology (4 credits)
- BIOL 4534 Ichthyology (4 credits)
- BIOL 4620 Evolution (3 credits)

Select two of the following courses, with at least one being BIOL 3170 or BIOL 3730 or BIOL 3830:

- BIOL 3170 Dendrology (2 credits)
- BIOL 3730 Plant Diversity (4 credits)
- BIOL 3830 Aquatic Plants and Algae (4 credits)
- BIOL 3720 Plant Form and Function (4 credits)
- BIOL 4623 Forest Ecology (4 credits)

Select two of the following courses:

- BIOL 3420 Human Dimensions of Wildlife and Fisheries Management (3 credits)
- BIOL 3400 Fish & Wildlife Law and Administration (3 credits)
- or ENVR 4210 Environmental Law and Policy (3 credits)
- POL 3230 Environmental Politics (3 credits)
- ENVR 3600 Environmental Justice and Sustainability (3 credits)

III REQUIRED WILDLIFE BIOLOGY ELECTIVES

Select two additional Biology courses (3-8 credits) at the 2000 level or above, except BIOL 2925:

IV CAPSTONE PROJECT

Complete the following course:

- BIOL 4780 Wildlife Management Techniques (5 credits)

V REQUIRED COURSES IN RELATED FIELDS

Complete the following courses:

- CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I (4 credits)
- or CHEM 2211 Principles of Chemistry I (4 credits)
- CHEM 1112 General Chemistry II (4 credits)
- or CHEM 2212 Principles of Chemistry II (4 credits)

Select 1 of the following courses:

- STAT 2610 Applied Statistics (4 credits)
- PSY 3401 Basic Statistics for Research (4 credits)

Select 1 of the following courses:

- PHYS 1101 General Physics I (4 credits)
- PHYS 2101 Physics I (5 credits)
- GEOL 1110 Physical Geology (4 credits)
- GEOL 1120 Historical Geology (4 credits)
- BIOL 3120 Soils (4 credits)
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Select 1 of the following courses:

- MATH 2471 Calculus I (5 credits)
- ENV 4220 Sampling and Analysis (4 credits)
- GEOG 4265 Spatial Analysis (3 credits)
- PSY 4403 Advanced Statistics and Research Design (4 credits)

SUGGESTED SEMESTER SCHEDULE FOR WILDLIFE BIOLOGY MAJOR, B.S.

Freshman

- BIOL 1211 Introductory Biology I (4 credits)
- BIOL 1212 Introductory Biology II (4 credits)
- CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I (4 credits)
- or CHEM 2211 Principles of Chemistry I (4 credits)
- BIOL 2610 General Ecology (3 credits)
- or CHEM 2212 Principles of Chemistry II (4 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements

Sophomore

- BIOL 3610 Principles of Wildlife Management (3 credits)
- BIOL 3150 Animal Behavior (3 credits)
- BIOL 3310 Entomology (4 credits)
- BIOL 4510 Ornithology (3 credits)
- BIOL 4520 Mammalogy (3 credits)
- BIOL 3630 Conservation Biology (3 credits)
- or GEOG 3630 Conservation Biology (3 credits)
- or BIOL 4330 Upland Wildlife Management (3 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements

Junior

- BIOL 4210 Parasitology (4 credits)
- BIOL 4534 Ichthyology (4 credits)
- BIOL 4620 Evolution (3 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements

Senior

- BIOL 4780 Wildlife Management Techniques (5 credits)
- Liberal Education requirements
- Consult with your Biology advisor
- Capstone Project
- Complete Wildlife Biology degree requirements
- Consult with your Biology academic advisor