

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SAMPLE CURRICULUM
2010-2011
General Degree Program

**Please see the separate sheets for additional requirements for the optional emphasis areas.*

FRESHMAN

Fall

MTH 110 Algebra (required Basic Skills course)
 BIO 120 General Biology I (required cognate)
 CHM 109 Introductory Chemistry, or
 CHM 115 Principles of Chemistry I (required cognate)
 WRT 150 Strategies in Writing (required skill course)

Winter

MTH 122 College Algebra (required cognate, BS cognate)
 BIO 121 General Biology II (required cognate)
 GEO 111 Physical Geology (required cognate)
 NRM 150 Introduction to Natural Resources (required core)

SOPHOMORE

Fall

NRM 250 Resource Measurements and Maps (suggested core)
 NRM 281 Principles of Soil Science (suggested core)
 BIO 215 General Ecology (required cognate)
 Gen Ed Courses

Winter

NRM 395 GIS Application in Resource Management
 STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics (required cognate)
 Gen Ed Courses

JUNIOR

Fall

Take Jr. Year Writing Exam or ENG 305 (req Basic Skill course)
 NRM Core Elective
 Gen Ed Courses
 Cognate courses
 NRM core electives

Winter

NRM 320 Intro. to Resource Systems (required core, BS cognate)
 Cognate courses
 Gen Ed Courses
 NRM core electives

SENIOR

Fall

BIO 460 Terrestrial Ecosystem Ecology (required core, BS cognate)
 Cognate courses
 NRM core electives

Winter

NRM 495 Capstone: Trends in NRM (required core)
 Cognate courses
 NRM core electives

KEY

required cognate - you must take this class
 required core - you must take this class

suggested cognate - we strongly recommend that you take this class
 suggested core - we strongly recommend that you take this class

General education classes, cognates, and NRM elective classes should be taken to complete your schedule. You may want to consider taking the Earth and the Environment Theme; be advised that BIO 105 will NOT count as a cognate class. Consult with your advisor about the other choices in that category.

OPTIONAL CORE COURSES

BIO 408 Wildlife Management (check with your advisor)
 NRM 380 Special Topics (also NRM 180, 280, 480)
 NRM 330 Environmental Pollution
 NRM 420 Wildland Recreation Mgmt.
 NRM 452 Watershed and Wetland Management
 NRM 481 Soilscapes and Soil Classification
 NRM 490 Internship in Resource Management

NRM 140 The Climatic Factor
 NRM 240 Principles of Climatology
 NRM 399 Readings in Resource Management
 NRM 451 Natural Resource Policy
 NRM 462 Forest Ecosystem Management
 NRM 484 Land Reclamation
 NRM 499 Research in Resource Management

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REQUIREMENTS FOR A NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT MAJOR

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CORE (NRM) CLASSES

You must take and pass a minimum of 40 credits of NRM core classes with a GPA of 2.0 or better.

BIO 460 counts as a core (NRM) class.

BIO 408 may be counted as a core (NRM) class with the approval of your advisor.

You should consult with your advisor for guidance as to which classes to take.

COGNATE CLASSES

You must take and pass a minimum of 40 credits of classes in cognate areas (they may NOT have an NRM prefix).

There are 27 credits of cognates required in the curriculum:

MTH 122 College Algebra	STA 215 Introductory Applied Statistics
BIO 120 General Biology I	BIO 121 General Biology II
BIO 215 General Ecology	GEO 111 Physical Geology
CHM 109 Introductory Chemistry, or CHM 115 Principles of Chemistry I	

Select the remaining 13 hours from the following categories

BIO 222 and above	MTH 123 and above
CHM 116 and above	GPY 307 (suggested cognate) or 407
CIS 150 and above	STA 216 and above
GEO 112 and above	

You should consult with your advisor for guidance as to which classes to take. This is particularly important if you plan to attend graduate school.

SUPPLEMENTAL WRITING SKILLS (SWS)

WRT 150 should be taken before your first SWS class. You must pass the Junior-level Writing Exam or you must complete WRT 305 with a C (not a C-) or better. Sign up early for the Exam. You SHOULD complete this requirement BEFORE you take your second SWS class.

Two SWS (supplemental writing skills) classes must be completed. Only one can have a NRM prefix (at this time NRM 484 is an SWS class). BIO 460, a required class, is also an SWS class. Please check the schedule carefully to ensure that these classes are being taught as SWS classes (occasionally they do not have an SWS designation).

GENERAL

Most of the classes should be taken in the order suggested on the other side because they are prerequisites to NRM classes.

Most of the NRM classes are offered only once each year.

NRM classes are generally not offered during the summer. You are encouraged to obtain a natural resources management job, an internship (NRM 490), conduct a research project (NRM 499), or take general education and elective classes during the summer.

NRM 180, 280, 380 and 480 are designations for a special topics class. You may take multiple classes with an NRM X80 designation because each class will cover a different topic.

No more than 3 credits of NRM 499 (research) will be counted toward your major.

No more than 5 credits of NRM 490 (internship) and NRM 499 (research) total can be applied to the major.

BIO 417 and BIO 418 are field trip classes. You MAY be able to count these classes as core classes (NRM credit) but you MUST check with your advisor BEFORE you take the class. No more than 6 credits can be applied to the major.