FOREST ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Ecosystem Management, a minimum of 120 credits is required for the Forest Biology, Forest Management, and Watershed Management options, and a minimum of 123 credits for the Community and Urban Forest Management option:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	2-11
Requirements for the Major	88-100

21-24 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 3-6 credits of GS courses; 0-3 credits of GA courses; 3 credits of GWS courses.

Students should be aware that, in most cases, completion of the Forest Ecosystem Management degree in four years requires enrollment at the University Park Campus beginning the fall semester of the sophomore year.

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 (https://senate.psu.edu/students/ policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degreerequirements/).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Cours	ses	
CHEM 110	Chemical Principles I	3
CHEM 111	Experimental Chemistry I	1
FOR 421	Silviculture: Applied Forest Ecology	3
SOILS 101	Introductory Soil Science	3
Prescribed Cours	es: Require a grade of C or better	
FOR 200	The Profession of Forestry	1
FOR 203	Field Dendrology	3
FOR 255	GPS and GIS Applications for Natural Resources Professionals	s 3
FOR 266	Forest Resources Measurements	4
FOR 308	Forest Ecology	3
Additional Courses		
Select one of the	e following:	3
AGBM 101	Economic Principles of Agribusiness Decision Making	
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	ý
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Polic	;y
Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better		

ENGL 202C	Effective Writing: Technical Writing	3
or ENGL 202D	Effective Writing: Business Writing	
Select one of the	following:	3-4
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	
STAT 240	Introduction to Biometry	
STAT 250	Introduction to Biostatistics	
Requirements for	the Option	
Select an option		55-66
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Prescribed Course	es	
BIOL 110	Biology: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity	4
BIOL 220W	Biology: Populations and Communities	4
CHEM 202	Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry I	3
FOR 204	Silvics and Forest Dynamics	2
FOR 409	Tree Physiology	2
FOR 410	Elements of Forest Ecosystem Management	3
FOR 430	Conservation Biology	3
FOR 450W	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources	3
HORT 445	Plant Ecology	3
SOILS 102	Introductory Soil Science Laboratory	1
WFS 209N	Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation	3
Prescribed Courses	s: Require a grade of C or better	
FOR 350	Forest Ecosystem Monitoring and Data Analysis	s 3
Additional Course	S	
Select 4-5 credits	from the following:	4-5
ENT 313	Introduction to Entomology	
FOR 403	Invasive Forest Plants: Identification, Ecology, a Management	nd
PPEM 318	Diseases of Forest and Shade Trees	
Additional Courses	: Require a grade of C or better	
MATH 110	Techniques of Calculus I	4
or MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	
Supporting Cours	es and Related Areas	
Select 15 credits	from department list in consultation with adviser	15
Forest Managemer Code	nt Option (57-60 credits) Title	Credits
Prescribed Course	25	
ENT 313	Introduction to Entomology	2
FOR 204	Silvics and Forest Dynamics	2
FOR 440	Forest and Conservation Economics	3
FOR 470	Watershed Management	3
FOR 480	Policy and Administration	3
PPEM 318	Diseases of Forest and Shade Trees	2
WFS 209N	Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation	3
Prescribed Course	s: Require a grade of C or better	
FOR 320	Wildland Fire Management	2
FOR 350	Forest Ecosystem Monitoring and Data Analysis	3 3
FOR 455	Remote Sensing and Spatial Data Handling	3
FOR 466W	Forest Management and Planning	3
Additional Course	S	

BIOL 110	Biology: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity	3-4
or BIOL 127	Introduction to Plant Biology	
FOR 401	Urban Forest Management	3
or FOR 450W	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources	
FOR 410	Elements of Forest Ecosystem Management	3
or FOR/WFS 430	Conservation Biology	
Select one of the	following:	3
FOR 409	Tree Physiology	
& SOILS 102	and Introductory Soil Science Laboratory	
ERM 448	Rural Road Ecology and Maintenance	
FOR 439	Timber Sale Administration	
FOR 475	Principles of Forest Soils Management	
Additional Course	s: Require a grade of C or better	
Select one of the		4-6
MATH 22 & MATH 33	College Algebra With Analytic Geometry and Applications II	
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& MATH 34	Applications II	
	and The Mathematics of Money	
MATH 22	College Algebra With Analytic Geometry and	
& AGBM 106	Applications II	
	and Agribusiness Problem Solving	
MATH 110	Techniques of Calculus I	
MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	
Supporting Course	ses and Related Areas	
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	RPTM 320	Recreation Resource Planning and Management	I
	RPTM 325	Principles of Environmental Interpretation	
	RPTM 435	Recreation Facilities Planning and Management	
	RPTM 470	Recreation and Park Management	
Se	lect one of the	following:	3
	FOR 455	Remote Sensing and Spatial Data Handling	
	GEOG 363	Geographic Information Systems	
	SOILS 450	Environmental Geographic Information Systems	
Se	lect one of the	following:	3
	FOR 409	Tree Physiology	
	& SUILS TU2	and introductory Soil Science Laboratory	
	ERM 448	Rural Road Ecology and Maintenance	
	FOR 439	Timber Sale Administration	
	FUR 475	Principles of Forest Solis Management	
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FC	0R 495	Forestry Internship	3
	or FUR 496	Independent Studies	4.6
Se	lect one of the	following:	4-6
	MATH 22 8. MATH 23	College Algebra With Analytic Geometry and	
	Q MATH 33	and Mathematics for Sustainability	
	MATH 22	College Algebra With Analytic Geometry and	
	& MATH 34	Applications II	
		and The Mathematics of Money	
	MATH 22	College Algebra With Analytic Geometry and	
	& AGBM 106	Applications II	
		and Agribusiness Problem Solving	
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Wa	tershed Manag	ement Option (55-59 credits)	
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Pr	escribed Cours	25	
FC	0R 450W	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources	3
Pr	escribed Course	s: Require a grade of C or better	
FC	OR 470	Watershed Management	3
FC)R 471	Watershed Management Laboratory	1
Ac	lditional Course	S	
M	ATH 111	Techniques of Calculus II	2-4
	or MATH 141	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	
Se	lect one of the	following:	3
	FOR 409	Tree Physiology	
	& SOILS 102	and Introductory Soil Science Laboratory	
	ERM 448	Rural Road Ecology and Maintenance	
	FOR 439	Timber Sale Administration	
	FOR 475	Principles of Forest Soils Management	
Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better			
M	ATH 110	Techniques of Calculus I	4
	or MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	
Sι	pporting Cours	es and Related Areas	
Se	lect 6 credits of	GS social sciences from the following:	6

	EBF 200	Introduction to Energy and Earth Sciences Economics	
	ECON 302	Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis	
	EGEE 211		
	ENVST 100		
	GEOG 20	Human Geography: An Introduction	
	GEOG 30N	Environment and Society in a Changing World	
	GEOG 160	Mapping Our Changing World	
	PLSC 1	American Politics: Principles, Processes and Powers	
	PLSC 135		
Se	lect 6 credits of	physical sciences from the following:	6
	EARTH 100	Environment Earth	
	EARTH 103		
	EARTH 111		
	GEOG 10	Physical Geography: An Introduction	
	GEOG 110		
	GEOSC 1	Physical Geology	
	GEOSC 10	Geology of the National Parks	
	GEOSC 40	The Sea Around Us	
	METEO 3	Weather Revealed: Introductory Meteorology	
	METEO 122	Atmospheric Environment: Growing in the Wind	
	MICRB 106	Elementary Microbiology	
	MICRB 201	Introductory Microbiology	
Se	lect 6-8 credits	of GN from the following:	6-8
	PHYS 1	The Science of Physics	
	PHYS 150	Technical Physics I	
	PHYS 151	Technical Physics II	
	PHYS 211	General Physics: Mechanics	
	PHYS 213	General Physics: Fluids and Thermal Physics	
	PHYS 250	Introductory Physics I	
	PHYS 251	Introductory Physics II	
Se	lect 3 credits in	geospatial analysis from the following:	3
	FOR 455	Remote Sensing and Spatial Data Handling	
	GEOG 362	Remote Sensing and Image Analysis	
	GEOG 363	Geographic Information Systems	
	GEOG 364	Spatial Analysis	
	SOIL S 450	Environmental Geographic Information Systems	
Se	lect 6 credits of	f resources management from the following:	6
	ASM 327	Soil and Water Resource Management	U
	CED 201	Introductory Environmental and Resource	
	CED 327	Environment and Society	
	CED 429	Natural Besource Economics	
	CED 431W	Economic Analysis of Environmental and Resource Policies	
	CED 450	International Development, Renewable Resources, and the Environment	
	ERM 411	Legal Aspects of Resource Management	
	ERM 412	Resource Systems Analysis	
	ERM 413W	Case Studies in Ecosystem Management	
	FOR 410	Elements of Forest Ecosystem Management	
	FOR 440	Forest and Conservation Economics	

	GEOG 411W	Forest Geography	
	GEOG 430	Human Use of Environment	
	GEOG 431	Geography of Water Resources	
	SOILS 422	Natural Resources Conservation and Community Sustainability	
Se	elect 9 credits of water sciences (3 credits must be at the 400-level) rom the following:		
	ASM 309	Measurement & Monitoring of Hydrologic Systems	
	CE 360	Fluid Mechanics	
	CE 370	Introduction to Environmental Engineering	
	CE 371	Water and Wastewater Treatment	
	ENVE 411	Water Supply and Pollution Control	
	ENVE 415	Hydrology	
	ENVSE 408	Contaminant Hydrology	
	ERM 435	Limnology	
	ERM 447	Stream Restoration	
	ERM 450	Wetland Science and Sustainability	
	GEOG 310	Introduction to Global Climatic Systems	
	GEOG 311		
	GEOG 412W	Climatic Change and Variability	
	GEOSC 412	Water Resources Geochemistry	
	GEOSC 413W	Techniques in Environmental Geochemistry	
	GEOSC 440	Marine Geology	
	GEOSC 452	Hydrogeology	
	METEO 451	Introduction to Physical Oceanography	
	METEO 454	Introduction to Micrometeorology	
	SOILS 405	Hydropedology	
	WFS 422	Ecology of Fishes	

Select 3 additional credits at the 300-to 400-level from the lists above 3

General Education

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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 (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

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.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- · Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- · Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- Arts (GA): 3 credits
- · Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- · Humanities (GH): 3 credits

- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits
- · Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits

Integrative Studies

· Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits

Exploration

- · GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- · International Cultures: 3 credits

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 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 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

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (https://senate.psu.edu/ students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00degree-requirements/)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.