WILDLIFE

Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Wildlife — concentrations in Wildlife Management & Conservation, Conservation Biology/Applied Vertebrate Ecology

Minor in Wildlife [suspended]

See Natural Resources for information on the Master of Science degree with an concentration in Wildlife.

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The Program

Students completing this program will have demonstrated:

- knowledge of theories, concepts, and identification procedures in wildlife biology
- use of appropriate evaluative techniques to develop knowledge and to examine questions when conducting wildlife/habitat investigations
- adept presentation of concepts and research findings
- appreciation of sociopolitical factors that affect wildlife conservation and management processes.

Humboldt’s wildlife students have the advantage of living close to the ocean, wetlands, and many wildlife sanctuaries. Nearly five million acres of national forest, parks, and public wilderness lands offer hands-on study of wildlife, ecology, and management. Students frequently take field trips to surrounding wildlife areas and focus on laboratory study.

Humboldt’s graduates do well as: wildlife biologists, soil scientists, wildlife managers, wildlife refuge managers, park rangers, naturalists, preserve managers, fish and game wardens, conservation officers, fisheries technicians, forestry technicians, range conservationists, agricultural inspectors, and environmental planners.

Preparation

In high school take mathematics, chemistry, biology, and any environmental studies that may be available. Students are expected to be proficient in computer applications.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see “The Bachelor’s Degree” section of the catalog, pp. 86-81., and “The Master’s Degree” pp. 82-84.

Wildlife Management & Conservation Concentration

Lower Division

Life Sciences
BIOL 105 (4) Principles of Biology
BOT 105 (4) General Botany
ZOOL 110 (4) Introductory Zoology

Physical Sciences
CHEM 107 (4) Fundamentals of Chemistry
CHEM 128 (3) Introduction to Organic Chemistry
GSP 270 (3) Geographic Information Science (GIS) [Prereq GSP 101/GSP 101L]

Mathematics
MATH 102 (4) Algebra & Elementary Functions or equivalent

 Conservation, Policy & Administration
WLDF 210 (3) Introduction to Wildlife Conservation and Administration

Upper Division

BOT 350 (4) Plant Taxonomy
WLDF 301 (3) Principles of Wildlife Management
WLDF 309 (3) Case Studies in Wildlife Ethics
PHIL 302 (3) Environmental Ethics, or
ESM 425 (3) Environmental Impact Assessment
WLDF 311 (4) Wildlife Techniques
WLDF 365 (3) Ornithology I
ZOOL 356 (3) Mammalogy
ZOOL 354 (4) Herpetology, or
FISH 310 (4) Ichthyology, or
ZOOL 314 (5) Invertebrate Zoology, or
ZOOL 358 (4) General Entomology

Life Forms & Applied Science/Management

Two of the following courses:
WLDF 420 (3) Wildlife Management (Waterfowl)
WLDF 421 (3) Wildlife Management (Upland Game)
WLDF 422 (3) Wildlife Management (Mammals)
WLDF 423 (3) Wildlife Management (Nongame)

Habitat Ecology/Management

One of the following courses:
WLDF 430 (3) Ecology & Management of Wetland Habitats
WLDF 431 (3) Ecology & Management of Upland Habitats

Advanced Classes

Two of the following courses:
WLDF 450 (3) Principles of Wildlife Diseases
WLDF 460 (3) Conservation Biology
WLDF 464 (3) Urban Wildlife Ecology
WLDF 468 (3) Spatial Wildlife Ecology
WLDF 470 (3) Animal Energetics
WLDF 475 (3) Wildlife Ethology
WLDF 478 (3) Ecology of Wildlife Populations

Capstone Classes

WLDF 485 (1) Senior Seminar
WLDF 490 (3) Honors Thesis, or
WLDF 492S (3) Senior Project, Service, or
WLDF 495 (3) Senior Project

Conservation Biology/Applied Vertebrate Ecology Concentration

Lower Division

Life Sciences
BIOL 105 (4) Principles of Biology
BOT 105 (4) General Botany
ZOOL 110 (4) Introductory Zoology

Physical Sciences
CHEM 107 (4) Fundamentals of Chemistry
CHEM 128 (3) Introduction to Organic Chemistry
**Mathematics**

MATH 105  (3) Calculus for the Biological Sciences & NR

STAT 109  (4) Introductory Biostatistics

**Conservation, Policy & Administration**

WLDF 210  (3) Intro to Wildlife Conservation and Animal Welfare

WLDF 244  (1) Wildlife Policy and Animal Welfare

**Upper Division**

BOT 330/330L  (2/1) Plant Ecology and Plant Ecology Lab

BIOL 340  (4) Genetics, or

FISH 474  (4) Conservation Genetics of Fish and Wildlife

BOT 350  (4) Plant Taxonomy

WLDF 301  (3) Principles of Wildlife Management

WLDF 311  (4) Wildlife Techniques

WLDF 365  (3) Ornithology I

WLDF 460  (3) Conservation Biology

ZOOL 356  (3) Mammalogy

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**Elective Course**

One of the following courses:

GSP 270  (3) Geographic Information Science (GIS) [Prereq: GSP 101/GSP 101L]

FISH 310  (4) Ichthyology

STAT 333  (4) Linear Regression Models/ANOVA

STAT 406  (4) Sampling Design & Analysis

STAT 504  (4) Multivariate Statistics

ZOOL 310  (4) Animal Physiology

ZOOL 314  (5) Invertebrate Zoology

ZOOL 354  (4) Herpetology

ZOOL 358  (4) General Entomology