

College of Natural Resources and Environment
Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Bachelor of Science in Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Major in Fish Conservation
Marine Fisheries Conservation Option (MFC)
For students entering under UG Catalog 2021-2022

Minimum hours for degree is 120. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for all work applied to the major.

Pathways Requirements (45 credits)

Concept 1f: Foundational Discourse (6 credits)

___ ENGL 1105 First-Year Writing (3)

___ ENGL 1106 First-Year Writing (3)

Concept 1a: Advanced/Applied Discourse (3 credits)

___ COMM 2004 Public Speaking (3)

Concept 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 credits)

___ Concept 2 course: _____ (3)

___ Concept 2 Ethics elective (3) (choose one):

FREC/LAR/NR 2554 Leadership for Global Sustainability (3)

PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (3)

PHIL 2304 Global Ethics (3)

Concept 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 credits)

___ Concept 3 course: _____ (3)

___ Concept 3 Economics elective (3) (choose one):

AAEC 1005 or 1006 Economics of Food and Fiber Systems (3)

ECON 2005 or 2006 Principles of Economics (3)

Concept 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 credits)

___ BIOL 1105 Principles of Biology (3)

___ BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology (3)

Concept 5f: Foundational Quantitative and Computational Thinking (6 credits)

___ MATH 1025 Elementary Calculus (3)

___ MATH 1026 Elementary Calculus (Pre: 1025) (3)

Concept 5a: Advanced Quantitative and Computational Thinking (3 credits)

___ STAT 3615 Biological Statistics (Pre: MATH 1014 or MATH 1025 or MATH 1225 or MATH 1524 or ISC 1105) (3)

Concept 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 credits)

___ Concept 6a course: _____ (3)

___ Concept 6d course: _____ (3)

Concept 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 credits)

___ Concept 7 course: _____ (3)

Common Degree CORE Requirements (20-21 credits)

- ___ BIOL 1115 Principles of Biology Laboratory (Pre: or Co: 1105) (1)
- ___ BIOL 1116 Principles of Biology Laboratory (Pre: or Co: 1106) (1)
- ___ BIOL 2704 Evolutionary Biology (Pre: (1005 or 1105 or 1205H or ISC 2105), (1006 or 1106 or 1206H)) (3)
- ___ FIW 2114 Principles of Fish and Wildlife Conservation (3)
- ___ FIW 4414 Population Dynamics and Estimation (Pre: 2324) (3)
- ___ FIW 4464 Human Dimensions of Fisheries and Wildlife (Pre: 2114) (3)
- ___ FIW 4314 Conservation of Biological Diversity (Pre: 4414, 4434) (4) (Wildlife Majors) or FIW 4714 Fisheries Management (Pre: 3514) (4) (Fisheries Majors)
- ___ NR 1234 FYE Natural Resources and Environment (3) -or- NR 2234 FSE for Transfer Students in CNRE (2)

Additional Degree Requirements (15 credits)

- ___ CHEM 1035 General Chemistry (Co: MATH 1025 or MATH 1225) (3)
- ___ CHEM 1036 General Chemistry (Pre: 1035 or 1055 or 1055H) (3)
- ___ CHEM 1045 General Chemistry Laboratory (Co: 1035) (1)
- ___ CHEM 1046 General Chemistry Laboratory (Pre: 1045 or 1065; Co: 1036) (1)
- ___ Experiential Learning Requirement (1) (choose one):
 - (Department will process transaction when requirements have been met)
 - FIW 2974 Independent Study (1-3)
 - FIW 2994 Undergraduate Research (1-3)
 - FIW 3964 Internship through Directed Field Study (1-3)
 - FIW 4974 Independent Study (1-3)
 - FIW 4994 Undergraduate Research (1-3)
 - XXXX 3954 Study Abroad (1-3)
- ___ Legal Foundation Restricted Elective (3) (choose one):
 - AAEC 3314 Environmental Law (3)
 - FREC 4434 Natural Resource Policy (Pre: NR 4014 or FREC 4424 or ECON 4014) (3)
 - UAP 3354 Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning (3)
 - UAP 4344 Law of Critical Environmental Areas (3)
- ___ Writing Restricted Elective (3) (choose one):
 - ALCE 3624 Communicating Agriculture and Life Sciences in Writing (3)
 - ENGL 3764 Technical Writing (Junior standing. Pre: 1106 or 1204H or COMM 1016) (3)
 - ENGL 3774 Business Writing (Junior standing) (3)

Major Requirements (19 credits)

- ___ BIOL 2804 Ecology (Pre: BIOL 1005 or BIOL 1105 or BIOL 1205H or ISC 2105), (BIOL 1006 or BIOL 1106 or BIOL 1206H) (3)
- ___ FIW 3514 Fisheries Techniques (Pre: FIW 2114) (3)
- ___ FIW 4424 Ichthyology (4)
- ___ FIW 4614 Fish Ecology (Pre: BIOL 1106) (3)

- ___ Geographic Information Systems Restricted Elective (3) (choose one):
 - FREC 4114 Information Technology for Natural Resources Management (Pre: FREC 2214 or GEOG 2314) (3)
 - FREC 4214 Forest Photogrammetry (Senior Standing) (3)
 - GEOG 2084 Principles of Geographic Information Systems (3)
 - GEOG/GEOS 4354 Introduction to Remote Sensing (3)
- ___ GEOS 3034 Oceanography (3)

Marine Fisheries Conservation Option Requirements (19 credits)

- ___ FIW/FREC 4324 Genetics of Natural and Managed Populations (Pre: BIOL 1105, 1106, (STAT 3005 or STAT 3615 or FREC 3214)) (3)
- ___ FIW 4624 Marine Ecology - (3)
- ___ STAT 3616 Biological Statistics (Pre: 3615) (3)

Approved marine science courses at a collaborating institution (minimum of 10 credits):

- ___ _____
- ___ _____
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Free electives – 1-2 credits **Degree Total 120 Credits**

- ___ _____
- ___ _____

Foreign Language¹

- ___ 2 years of one language in high school – or – FL 1105 and 1106

Notes:

1. University Requirements—Foreign Language Policy

A sequence of two (2) foreign language courses is required for graduation unless two (2) high school units 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”.

2. Major Requirements:

To earn a B.S. degree in Fish Conservation, a student must pass the following courses, or their equivalents, with a **grade of C - or better**: BIOL 1105, BIOL 1106, BIOL 1115, BIOL 1116, CHEM 1035, CHEM 1036, CHEM 1045, CHEM 1046; MATH 1026, and FIW 2114.

There are no hidden prerequisites on this check sheet; however, course requirements may change over time, and students should always check for prerequisites for classes they select.

Students should consult www.fishwild.vt.edu/experiential_learning.html for more details on how to fulfill the experiential learning requirement. Note that you will not receive credit for your experiential learning until **ALL** the documents related to the experience are completed and submitted, in addition to being registered for the experience. Students enrolling in FIW 2974, 3964, or 4974 should use the P/F option; FIW 2994 and 4994 may be taken P/F or A/F, XXXX 3954 must be taken A/F.

To remain in good standing, a student must achieve and maintain an overall and in-major cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. Courses used for the in-major GPA computation include all those designated as FIW, FREC, GEOG, NR, and SBIO. To graduate, a student must achieve an overall and in-major cumulative GPA of at least 2.0.

3. In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g., Pathways).

4. **Satisfactory Progress**

By the end of the semester in which they have attempted 60 hours (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination), students must pass the courses listed in item number 2 above (or their equivalents).