The Academic Minor

Many departments have designed academic minors for the convenience of undergraduate students.

A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject, although with less depth than a major. Some employers consider minors desirable, and the corresponding major requirements at the University may stipulate a minor. Some students choose to complement their major program with a minor in a related field or even in an entirely different field of interest. Students interested in pursuing an academic minor should contact their college dean’s office and the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

Please note that undergraduate students can only complete a minor in addition to and as a complement to a major. The University does not award stand-alone minors.

Minor in Wildlife Biology and Management

The minor in Wildlife Biology and Management requires 21 hours of course work as follows:

**Prerequisite**

BIO 148 Introductory Biology I .................................................................3

**Requirements**

FOR 101 Introduction to Wildlife Conservation ...........................................3
FOR 370 Wildlife Biology and Management .................................................4
FOR 435 Conservation Biology ..................................................................3

Two of the following courses:

FOR 510 Herpetology ................................................................................4
FOR 520 Mammals of the Eastern United States .......................................4
BIO 559 Ornithology ..................................................................................4

**Electives**

One of the following courses:

BIO 303 Introduction to Evolution .............................................................4
BIO 325 Ecology ........................................................................................4
BIO 375 Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology .........................................3
BIO 555 Vertebrate Zoology ....................................................................5
*FOR 340 Forest Ecology .........................................................................4
*FOR 400 Human Dimensions of Forestry and Natural Resources ........3
FOR 530 Freshwater Ecology .................................................................3
FOR 540 Urban Ecology .........................................................................3
FOR 550 U.S. Biodiversity Hotspots ......................................................3
FOR/GEO 570 Landscape Ecology for Natural Resources .....................3
NRE/LA 556 Contemporary Geospatial Applications for Land Analysis ....3

*Forestry majors may not select FOR 340 or FOR 400 to count towards the Minor Electives. Forestry majors must select one of the other courses listed under the Minor Electives.