

**MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY**

November 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark Largent, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator

RE: Request for a New Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied
Conservation Biology

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Undergraduate
Education (UCUE)

The request referenced above is being sent to the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) in accordance with the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, 4.4.

UCUE Response Requested:

Please ask the committee to consider the request referenced above and provide consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the committee members.

After receiving the committee's consultative response, the Provost will make a determination to forward or not to forward the request to the University Committee on Curriculum for its approval of curriculum and degree requirements.

If you have any questions, please email me at ucc@msu.edu.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Request to Establish a New Academic Program form dated September 21, 2023: Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Conservation Biology and attachments.

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Request to establish a **Bachelor of Science in Applied Conservation Biology** in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. The University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) will consider this request at its November 30, 2023 meeting.

- a. **Background Information:**

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife has offered an undergraduate degree program related to conservation of fish, wildlife, and water for more than 70 years. The program currently offers one Fisheries and Wildlife degree, with six concentrations – Conservation Biology, Fisheries Biology and Management, Wildlife Biology and Management, Water Sciences, Fish and Wildlife Disease Ecology and Management, and Pre-veterinary Medicine. The department proposes moving from a single bachelor's degree to offering four degrees, each of which builds on one of our four concentrations with the highest enrollments– Applied Conservation Biology, Fish Ecology and Management, Wildlife Ecology and Management, and Aquatic Ecology and Management.

As the department developed these proposed new majors, they updated the degree requirements (as compared to the existing degree and concentration requirements), to meet the interests and needs of students, and to address the feedback from and demands of employers, so that the program stays competitive and remains a leader among similar programs in Michigan and across the U.S. The academic programs in Fisheries and Wildlife at MSU are recognized within the discipline as being among the top programs across the nation, and the adjustments that have been made to program requirements will help maintain that stature. These adjustments include increased emphasis on global climate change, natural resources policy, and diversity, equity and inclusion. Also added are two new courses: a first-year skills-based 1-credit course, and a 3-credit senior capstone course (filling a gap in the curriculum in terms of synthesis).

The implementation of the four proposed degrees also will help prospective students find fisheries and wildlife earlier in their academic careers. Many students who have changed majors to Fisheries and Wildlife share they hadn't thought they would be interested in Fisheries and Wildlife. By adding majors in Applied Conservation Biology, and Aquatic Ecology and Management, the department will better attract those students as they enroll at MSU, which will promote more timely degree progress for these students.

This proposed major and the other three proposed new majors will continue to be unique among degree programs at MSU, due to the integration of fundamental sciences (biology, ecology, chemistry, geology, etc), management and decision-making techniques, and human dimensions. The department's breadth of research and partnerships, and location in the greater Lansing area, give the program an additional advantage in that it incorporates personnel from several state and federal natural resource agencies (all potential employers of students) into classes and into student experiential opportunities.

There are no accrediting bodies for fisheries and wildlife, but the American Fisheries Society, The Wildlife Society, and the Ecological Society of America all have certification requirements. The curriculum is intentionally designed so that students can choose courses that will allow them to successfully apply for certification upon graduation, if that is what they desire. Students not desiring certification have even broader course options within topic categories.

The department has a strong and successful tradition of offering undergraduate degrees in this field. Many department alumni gain employment with Michigan natural resource agencies (and more broadly) with whom we have strong partnerships. Given the complex and increasingly apparent effects of climate change on natural resources, the program is timelier than ever.

- b. **Academic Programs Catalog Text:**

The Bachelor of Science in Applied Conservation Biology focuses on the science of analyzing and conserving the earth's biological diversity drawing from the biological,

physical and social sciences, economics, and the practice of natural resource conservation and management.

Admission as a Junior

To be considered for admission to the major, the student must:

1. Complete at least 56 credits.
2. Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of 2.0 in each course:

FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
3. Pass the following courses:
 - a.

FW	102	Succeeding in Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
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 - b. One of the following courses:

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
MTH	132	Calculus I	3
LB	118	Calculus I	4

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Conservation Biology

CREDITS

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Conservation Biology.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Applied Conservation Biology major is met by completing Fisheries and Wildlife 497 referenced in item 3. below.

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The completion of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources mathematics requirement may also satisfy the University mathematics requirement.

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Only credits in courses graded on the numerical or Pass-No Grade system may be counted toward the requirements for the major. Students may not enroll in courses required for the major, including courses in other department, on a Credit-No Credit basis. Only elective courses can be enrolled on a Credit-No Credit basis.

3. The following requirements for the major:
 - a. All of the following courses (31 credits):

BS	161	Cell and Molecular Biology
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	BS	162	Organismal and Population Biology	3
	FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
	FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
	FW	102	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
	FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
	FW	334	Human Dimensions of Fisheries and Wildlife Management	3
	FW	364	Ecological Problem Solving	3
	FW	444	Conservation Biology	3
	FW	445	Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Practice	3
	FW	497	Capstone in Fisheries and Wildlife: Conservation and Management Decision Making (W)	3
	IBIO	355	Ecology	3
b.	One of the following courses (2 credits):			
	BS	171	Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory	2
	BS	172	Organismal and Population Biology Laboratory	2
c.	Two of the following courses (5 credits):			
	CEM	141	General Chemistry	4
	CEM	161	Chemistry Laboratory	1
	LB	171	Principles of Chemistry	4
	LB	171L	Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	1
d.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
	MTH	132	Calculus I	3
	LB	118	Calculus I	4
e.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	STT	201	Statistical Methods	4
	STT	224	Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Ecologists	3
	STT	231	Statistics for Scientists	3
	STT	421	Statistics I	3
	STT	464	Statistics for Biologists	3
f.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	CSUS	310	History of Environmental Thought and Sustainability	3
	FW	439	Conservation Ethics	3
	HST	391	Environmental History of North America	3
	PHL	340	Ethics	3
	PHL	342	Environmental Ethics	3
	PHL	380	Nature of Science	3
	PHL	442	Ethics and Animals	3
	PHL	480	Philosophy of Science	4
g.	Two of the following courses (6 or 7 credits):			
	COM	100	Human Communication	3
	COM	225	An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
	COM	240	Introduction to Organizational Communication	4
	COM	275	Effects of Mass Communication	3
	CSUS	433	Grant Writing and Fund Development	3
	JRN	472	Environmental, Science and Health Reporting	3
	WRA	331	Writing in the Public Interest (W)	3
	WRA	333	Writing in Corporate Contexts	3
	WRA	335	Writing in Scientific Contexts	3
	WRA	337	Writing and Public Policy	3
	WRA	453	Grant and Proposal Writing	3
h.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	FW	424	Wildlife Population Analysis and Management	3
	FW	479	Fisheries Population Analysis and Management	3
i.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FOR	419	Applications of Geographic Information Systems to Natural Resources Management	4
	FW	413	Wildlife Research and Management Techniques	3

	FW	474	Field and Laboratory Techniques for Aquatic Studies	3
	GEO	221	Introduction to Geographic Information	3
	And			
	GEO	221L	Introduction to Geographic Information Laboratory	1
j.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	CSS	350	Introduction to Plant Genetics	3
	IBIO	341	Fundamental Genetics	4
k.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	IBIO	445	Evolution (W)	3
	GLG	304	Physical and Biological History of the Earth	4
	GLG	434	Evolutionary Paleobiology	4
l.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FOR	340	Forest Ecology	3
	FW	420	Stream Ecology	3
	FW	472	Limnology	3
	IBIO	353	Marine Biology (W)	4
	IBIO	485	Tropical Biology	3
	PLB	441	Plant Ecology	3
m.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	CSUS	464	Environmental and Natural Resource Policy in Michigan	3
	CSUS	465	Environmental and Natural Law	3
	FOR	466	Natural Resource Policy	3
	FW	481	Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife	3
	IBIO	446	Environmental Issues in Public Policy	3
	MC	450	International Environmental Law and Policy	3
n.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	FOR	413	Wildland Fire Ecology and Management	3
	FW	410	Upland Ecology and Management	3
	FW	416	Marine Ecology and Management	3
	FW	417	Wetland Ecology and Management	3
	FW	423	Principles of Fish and Wildlife Disease	3
	FW	463	Wildlife Disease Ecology	3
	PLB	443	Restoration Ecology	3
o.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	ANP	443	Human Adaptability	3
	ANP	486	Environmental Archaeology	3
	FOR	360	Forest Ecosystems, Carbon and Climate Change	3
	GEO	409	Global Climate Change and Variability	3
	IBIO	357	Global Change Biology (W)	3
	SOC	478	Climate Change and Society	3
p.	Two of the following courses (6 to 8 credits):			
	ENT	404	Fundamentals of Entomology	4
	ENT	422	Aquatic Entomology	3
	FOR	204	Forest Vegetation	3
	FW	471	Ichthyology	4
	IBIO	306	Invertebrate Biology	4
	IBIO	360	Biology of Birds	4
	IBIO	365	Biology of Mammals	4
	IBIO	384	Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles (W)	4
	PLB	218	Plants of Michigan	3
	PLB	418	Plant Systematics	3
q.	Complete a minimum of 3 credits from the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FW	480	International Studies in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	490	Independent Study in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	493	Professional Internship in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	499	Senior Thesis in Fisheries and Wildlife	4

Effective Fall 2024.



View a Program	
Joy Speas, Office of the Registrar	
Monday, 10/9/2023	
Program Name: Applied Conservation Biology Degree: BS Sequence Number: 1	Program Request ID: 5000
Effective Dates: Spring 2024 - Open	Status: Interim Initial Action: New
Requested Date: 4/8/2023 2:23:18 PM	
1. Department/School/College: 10002344 Department of Fisheries and Wildlife	
2. Name of Program: Applied Conservation Biology	
3. Name of Degree: BS	
4. Type of Program: Major	
5. Effective Start Semester: <div>Fall</div> Spring 2024	
6. Target student audience for the program: STEM/Conservation/Environment/Sustainability interested students	
7. Enrollment: What is the expected enrollment per year: 50 What is the minimum enrollment acceptable: 5	
8. Source of budget for the program: To align academic planning and curricular change, ALL requests for NEW funds must be included in the College's annual planning letter. Provost approval of new funds and the effective date for the new program must align. If funding is not approved, then the program request will not be forwarded to Faculty Senate. Internal reallocation	

If new funds, was this request included in the College's annual planning letter?
Indicate yes or no. If no, then this is a department or college fund reallocation (If the program is implemented, no additional resources are required.).

9. Projected Costs as compared to other programs in unit:

Same

10. Staff requirement:

How many additional staff will be required: 0

Who will provide the primary instruction. Describe any external linkages(industry, government, etc.):

11. Will additional equipment be required:

Approximate cost: 0

Source of funding:

12. Will additional library materials be required:

Approximate cost: 0

Source of funding:

13. Will additional space be required:

Type:

Approximate amount:

14. If the program requirements contain a named concentration, do you wish for the concentration to be noted on the student's transcript?:

No

15. Detailed Description:

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- a. Background information including the considerations which precipitated the development of the program, and its relationship to similar programs offered at MSU and by other educational institutions. Supply a copy of standards of accrediting agencies and federal regulations related to the request as appropriate.

Why New Majors?

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b. Rationale for offering the program at MSU.

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c. Rationale for the program being housed in the primary administrative unit.

See response to question #1 above. Our department's academic, research, and outreach/engagement strengths are in the integration of science, human dimensions, and decision making. For the management of wild animal populations, their ecosystems, and their human beneficiaries, our faculty members' expertise makes us the most appropriate department to offer these degrees.

d. Educational objectives of the program and their relationship to those of the college and the University.

Please refer to the learning outcomes assessment components further below for more details of our seven undergraduate learning goals, and their close relationship to college and University learning goals. Our department seeks to educate students who, upon completion of their undergraduate degree, will be prepared to successfully enter a job market or obtain entry into graduate school, and who will continue to contribute their perspectives, skills and talent to conservation and resource stewardship throughout their lives. The seven learning goals provide an operational framework for our Department's undergraduate educational mission. These goals provide the foundational structure for our undergraduate curriculum, incorporating basic sciences, human dimensions, decision making, communication and policy for a solid foundation in the management and conservation of wild animals and ecosystems.

- e. Faculty who were instrumental in developing the program and faculty who will be responsible for implementing the program (see item 10).

Drs. Mary Tate Bremigan and Gary Roloff, as well as Mr. Jim Schneider, authored this new program, with assistance from the Fisheries and Wildlife curriculum committee spanning two academic years. All faculty in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife participated in numerous discussions throughout the development of these proposed majors, and had many opportunities to provide input. The department faculty voted and unanimously approved the creation and structure of these new majors. Drs. Mary Tate Bremigan and Gary Roloff, as well as Mr. Jim Schneider will oversee implementation of this new program.

- f. Plan for evaluating the program. Plan for assessing student outcomes. For academic major programs, indicate the learning objectives/goals for students and how outcomes will be assessed . Visit <http://www.reg.msu.edu/UCC/assessment.aspx> to complete the outcomes assessment form and include with the program submission.

Michigan State University
Assessing Student Outcomes

College:	College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Department:	Fisheries and Wildlife
Program or Major:	Bachelor of Science in Applied Conservation Biology
Program Level:	Undergraduate
Contact Person:	Mary Tate Bremigan and Jim Schneider

1. **List the student learning outcomes for this program. Learning outcomes are statements which describe what students should know or be able to do when they complete the program.**

In concise form, the learning outcomes for the proposed BS in **Applied Conservation Biology** major are the following. Our graduates will:

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| 1) Apply knowledge of socio-ecological systems to develop natural resource management strategies |
| 2) Integrate social values and philosophies into scientific management |
| 3) Possess a broad scientific foundation |

- 4) Value and apply science for natural resource decision-making
- 5) Apply quantitative tools to natural resources research and management
- 6) Demonstrate awareness of field, lab and computer techniques used in our discipline and apply specific ones
- 7) Effectively communicate with diverse audiences

A more detailed document presenting these learning outcomes can be accessed here:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/fw/uploads/files/FW-Undergraduate-Goals-April_2018.pdf
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Note that the Fisheries and Wildlife Department is proposing 4 new majors, including the Applied Conservation Biology major. Each of the 4 majors is grounded in the same broad learning outcomes but will differ from each other in more specific ways (e.g., techniques used to capture fish differ from those used to capture terrestrial or avian animals; different emphasis on game and non-game species; etc)

Below are the institutional level Undergraduate Learning Goals and their associated dimensions. Check the boxes which align with the learning outcomes for this program. (If this program is a graduate program, skip to the next question).

Analytical Thinking

- X [Acquires, analyzes, and evaluates information from multiple sources](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/multiple-sources)
(<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/multiple-sources>)
- X [Synthesizes and applies information within and across disciplines](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/synthesizes-information)
(<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/synthesizes-information>)
- X [Identifies and applies, as appropriate, quantitative methods for defining and responding to problems](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/problem-response) (<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/problem-response>)
- X [Identifies the credibility, use and misuse of scientific, humanistic and artistic methods](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/identifies-credibility)
(<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/identifies-credibility>)

Cultural Understanding

- X [Reflects on experiences with diversity to demonstrate knowledge and sensitivity](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/diversity-sensitivity)
(<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/diversity-sensitivity>)
- X [Demonstrates awareness of how diversity emerges within and across cultures](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/diversity-awareness)
(<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/diversity-awareness>)

Effective Citizenship

- X [Understands the structures of local, national, and global governance systems and acts effectively within those structures in both individual and collaborative ways.](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/governance-systems)
(<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/governance-systems>)
- X [Applies knowledge and abilities to solve societal problems in ethical ways.](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/societal-problems)
(<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/societal-problems>)

Effective Communication

- X [Identifies how contexts affect communication strategies and practices](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/communication-strategies)
(<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/communication-strategies>)
- X [Engages in effective communication practices in a variety of situations and with a variety of media.](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/effective-communication) (<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/effective-communication>)

Integrated Reasoning

- X [Critically applies liberal arts knowledge in disciplinary contexts and disciplinary knowledge](#)

in liberal arts contexts (<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/liberal-arts-knowledge>)

X [Uses a variety of inquiry strategies incorporating multiple views to make value judgments, solve problems, answer questions, and generate new understanding](http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/inquiry-strategies) (<http://learninggoals.undergrad.msu.edu/dimension/inquiry-strategies>)

Briefly explain how the student learning outcomes for the program align with and support the institutional Undergraduate Learning Goals.

Learning outcomes of the **Applied Conservation Biology major** align well with all University Undergraduate Learning Goals, although our FW learning outcomes are more specifically worded in terms of our discipline. Analytical thinking, quantitative analyses, and integrated reasoning are paramount to scientific understanding of interactions among wild animal populations, their ecosystems, and humans. Therefore, MSU's 'Analytical Thinking' and 'Integrated Reasoning' goals are evidenced in our FW outcomes 1, 3, 4 and 5. MSU's 'Cultural Understanding' goal is incorporated in the **Applied Conservation Biology major** in several ways, but particularly in the emphasis on understanding the values, beliefs, goals, and actions of the wide diversity of human users of natural resources (FW outcome 2). MSU's goal of 'Effective Citizenship' links to all FW learning outcomes given our emphasis on understanding how humans affect natural resources (wild animal populations and their ecosystems) and identifying the management and conservation actions through which goals may be achieved. Finally, both MSU and FW specify Effective Communication across a variety of audiences and contexts as a learning goal.

2. Describe how you will assess each learning outcome listed in question 1. Include a description of the evidence you will collect as well as when the assessment will take place. (Evidence should be learning a student demonstrates and might include a set of questions from an examination, a course assignment, a final project in a capstone course, a national licensure exam, a senior thesis or project, an evaluation of student work at an internship or clinical site, auditions, performances, etc).

For the first phase of our assessment of student learning, we will draw on curricular mapping emphasizing the 400-level FW courses associated with this major, and linking course-specific learning outcomes to our seven learning outcomes for the major. Most of the 400-level courses in the major are offered by the Fisheries and Wildlife Department. We are identifying course-specific assignments and exam questions that align with each of the 7 broad learning outcomes. Each semester we will gather data on student performance on these particular assessment items, each of which will be linked to a specific component of one of our 7 learning outcomes for the major. We also will incorporate learning outcomes assessment in our new senior capstone course, which we are adding as a new required component of our undergraduate majors, including **Applied Conservation Biology**. We will include an assignment at the beginning of the semester with questions that are linked to the 7 learning outcomes allowing us an additional view of student attainment of the learning outcomes at the start of their final semester. We will assess student synthesis of learning outcomes through the final project in the new capstone course.

Based on the above learning outcomes assessment, if some learning outcomes, content areas, or skills are generally associated with poorer student performance than others, then in a later phase of learning outcomes assessment, we will begin to trace back the acquisition of the learning outcomes with poorer

terminal performance among students. This 'backwards design' to assessment approach will allow us to identify bottlenecks in student learning, and/or gaps in content or skill building between courses.

- g. Program description including statement and specific requirements of the program **as they will appear in the University catalog**. Information contained in the catalog represents a University contract with students. **Any deviation from college and University policies must be specifically requested.**

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	2		
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Biology Laboratory			2

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LB	171	Principles of Chemistry	
I			4

LB	171L	Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	
1		Introductory	

d. ONE of the following courses (3 to 4 credits):

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus	
I			3
MTH	132	Calculus	
I			3
LB	118	Calculus I	
4			

e. ONE of the following courses (3 to 4 credits)

STT	201	Statistical	
Methods			4
STT	224	Introduction to Probability and Statistics for	
Ecologists			3
STT	231	Statistics for	
Scientists			3
STT	421	Statistics	
I			3
STT	464	Statistics for	
Biologists			3

f. ONE of the following courses (3 to 4 credits):

FW	439	Conservation	
Ethics			3
HST	391	Environmental History of North America	
3			
CSUS	310	History of Environmental Thought and	
Sustainability			3
PHL	340	Ethics	
3			
PHL	342	Environmental	
Ethics			3
PHL	380	Nature of	
Science			3
PHL	442	Ethics and	
Animals			3
PHL	480	Philosophy of	
Science			4

g. TWO of the following courses (6 credits):

COM	100	Human	
Communication			3
COM	225	An Introduction to Interpersonal	
Communication			3
COM	240	Introduction to Organizational	
Communication			3
			4

COM	275	Effects of Mass	
Communication			3
CSUS	433	Grant Writing and Fund	
Development			3
JRN	472	Environmental, Science and Health	
Reporting			3
WRA	331	Writing in the Public	
Interest	(W)		3
WRA	333	Writing in Corporate	
Contexts			3
WRA	335	Writing in Scientific	
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WRA	337	Writing and Public	
Policy			3
WRA	453	Grant and Proposal	
Writing			3

h. ONE of the following courses (3 credits):

FW	424	Wildlife Population Analysis and	
Management			3
FW	479	Fisheries Population Analysis and	
Management			3

i. ONE of the following courses (3 to 4 credits):

FW	413	Wildlife Research and Management	
Techniques			3
FW	474	Field and Laboratory Techniques for Aquatic	
Studies			3
GEO	221	Introduction to Geographic Information (and GEO 221L)	
4	3	GEO 221L Introduction to Geographic Information Laboratory 1	
FOR	419	Applications of Geographic Information Systems to	
Natural Resources Management			4

j. ONE of the following courses (3 to 4 credits):

CSS	350	Introduction to Plant	
Genetics			3
IBIO	341	Fundamental	
Genetics			4

k. ONE of the following courses (3 to 4 credits):

IBIO	445	Evolution	(W)
			3
GLG	304	Physical and Biological History of the	
Earth			4
GLG	434	Evolutionary	
Paleobiology			4

I. ONE of the following courses (3 to 4 credits):

FW	420	Stream Ecology	3
FW	472	Limnology	3
FOR	340	Forest Ecology	3
IBIO	353	Marine Biology	4
IBIO	485	Tropical Biology	3
PLB	441	Plant Ecology	3

m. ONE of the following courses (3 credits):

CSUS	464	Environmental and Natural Resource Policy in Michigan	3
CSUS	465	Environmental and Natural Resource Law	3
FW	481	Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife	3
FOR	466	Natural Resource Policy	3
IBIO	446	Environmental Issues and Public Policy	3
MC	450	International Environmental Law and Policy	3

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FW	410	Upland Ecology and Management	3
FW	416	Marine Ecology and Management	3
FW	417	Wetland Ecology and Management	3
FW	423	Principles of Fish and Wildlife Disease	3
FW	463	Wildlife Disease Ecology	3
FOR	413	Wildland Fire Ecology and Management	3
PLB	443	Restoration Ecology	3

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ANP	443	Human Adaptability	3
ANP	486	Environmental	

Archaeology			3
IBIO	357	Global Change	
Biology	(W)		3
FOR	360	Forest Ecosystems, Carbon and Climate Change	3
GEO	409	Global Climate Change and Variability	3
SOC	478	Climate Change and Society	3

p. TWO of the following courses (6 to 8 credits):

ENT	404	Fundamentals of Entomology	4
ENT	422	Aquatic Entomology	3
FW	471	Ichthyology	4
FOR	204	Forest Vegetation	3
IBIO	306	Invertebrate Biology	4
IBIO	360	Biology of Birds	4
IBIO	365	Biology of Mammals	4
IBIO	384	Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles	4
PLB	218	Plants of Michigan	3
PLB	418	Plant Systematics	3

q. At least 3 credits from the following courses (3 to 4 credits):

FW	480	International Studies in Fisheries and Wildlife	1-3
FW	490	Independent Study in Fisheries and Wildlife	1-3
FW	493	Professional Internship in Fisheries and Wildlife	1-3
FW	499	Senior Thesis in Fisheries and Wildlife	4

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None

- j. Other information that will assist the Provost and the University-level committees in evaluating the request.

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Grade or grade-point average requirements and if so in which course(s), portfolio requirement, audition, essay, etc. If there are not admission requirements other than those required by the University policy indicate "none".

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Approved: Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
9/8/2023 10:20:00 AM by James Schneider for Gary Roloff, Chairperson

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Jim and Joy:

James Madison approves.

Jeff

From: Stein-Roggenbuck, Susan <steinrog@msu.edu>
Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 11:06 AM
To: Judge, Jeffrey <judgej@msu.edu>, Racioppi, Linda <racioppi@msu.edu>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Approval needed for courses in new FW majors

Jeff,
This seems completely fine with me – and it is just the one course. Go ahead and email Joy and Jim.

Susan

Susan Stein-Roggenbuck (she/her/hers)
Associate Professor
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Another item for CCC .

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Joy,

Please consider this Lyman Briggs sign off on the 4 new majors proposed by Fish and Wildlife.

Best,
Niki

Niki J. Rudolph, Ph.D.
she/her/hers
Assistant Dean of Student Success and Advising
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Hi Jim & Joy,

The Department of Communication approves these changes.

Mandy

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Hi,

We in the Department of Physics and Astronomy are fine with having our courses listed as noted.

best regards,
Steve

Steve Zepf
Professor and Chairperson
Department of Physics and Astronomy
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Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Conservation Biology

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1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Conservation Biology.

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Certain courses referenced in requirement 3. below may be counted toward College requirements as appropriate. The completion of item 3. d. and 3. e. below satisfies the College's mathematics requirement.

Students must earn a 2.0 or higher in all FW courses taken to complete major requirements in item 3. below.

Only credits in courses graded on the numerical or Pass-No Grade system may be counted toward the requirements for the major. Students may not enroll in courses required for the major, including courses in other department, on a Credit-No Credit basis. Only elective courses can be enrolled on a Credit-No Credit basis.

3. The following requirements for the major:

- a. All of the following courses (31 credits):

BS	161	Cell and Molecular Biology	3
BS	162	Organismal and Population Biology	3
FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
FW	102	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
FW	334	Human Dimensions of Fisheries and Wildlife Management	3
FW	364	Ecological Problem Solving	3
FW	444	Conservation Biology	3
FW	445	Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Practice	3
FW	497	Capstone in Fisheries and Wildlife: Conservation and Management Decision Making (W)	3
IBIO	355	Ecology	3
- b. One of the following courses (2 credits):

BS	171	Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory	2
BS	172	Organismal and Population Biology Laboratory	2
- c. Two of the following courses (5 credits):

CEM	141	General Chemistry	4
CEM	161	Chemistry Laboratory	1
LB	171	Principles of Chemistry	4
LB	171L	Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	1
- d. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
MTH	132	Calculus I	3
LB	118	Calculus I	4
- e. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

STT	201	Statistical Methods	4
STT	224	Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Ecologists	3
STT	231	Statistics for Scientists	3
STT	421	Statistics I	3
STT	464	Statistics for Biologists	3
- f. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

CSUS	310	History of Environmental Thought and Sustainability	3
FW	439	Conservation Ethics	3
HST	391	Environmental History of North America	3
PHL	340	Ethics	3
PHL	342	Environmental Ethics	3
PHL	380	Nature of Science	3
PHL	442	Ethics and Animals	3
PHL	480	Philosophy of Science	4
- g. Two of the following courses (6 or 7 credits):

COM	100	Human Communication	3
COM	225	An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COM	240	Introduction to Organizational Communication	4
COM	275	Effects of Mass Communication	3
CSUS	433	Grant Writing and Fund Development	3
JRN	472	Environmental, Science and Health Reporting	3
WRA	331	Writing in the Public Interest (W)	3
WRA	333	Writing in Corporate Contexts	3
WRA	335	Writing in Scientific Contexts	3
WRA	337	Writing and Public Policy	3

	WRA	453	Grant and Proposal Writing	3
h.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	FW	424	Wildlife Population Analysis and Management	3
	FW	479	Fisheries Population Analysis and Management	3
i.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FOR	419	Applications of Geographic Information Systems to Natural Resources Management	4
	FW	413	Wildlife Research and Management Techniques	3
	FW	474	Field and Laboratory Techniques for Aquatic Studies	3
	GEO	221	Introduction to Geographic Information	3
	And			
	GEO	221L	Introduction to Geographic Information Laboratory	1
j.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	CSS	350	Introduction to Plant Genetics	3
	IBIO	341	Fundamental Genetics	4
k.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	IBIO	445	Evolution (W)	3
	GLG	304	Physical and Biological History of the Earth	4
	GLG	434	Evolutionary Paleobiology	4
l.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FOR	340	Forest Ecology	3
	FW	420	Stream Ecology	3
	FW	472	Limnology	3
	IBIO	353	Marine Biology (W)	4
	IBIO	485	Tropical Biology	3
	PLB	441	Plant Ecology	3
m.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	CSUS	464	Environmental and Natural Resource Policy in Michigan	3
	CSUS	465	Environmental and Natural Law	3
	FOR	466	Natural Resource Policy	3
	FW	481	Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife	3
	IBIO	446	Environmental Issues in Public Policy	3
	MC	450	International Environmental Law and Policy	3
n.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	FOR	413	Wildland Fire Ecology and Management	3
	FW	410	Upland Ecology and Management	3
	FW	416	Marine Ecology and Management	3
	FW	417	Wetland Ecology and Management	3
	FW	423	Principles of Fish and Wildlife Disease	3
	FW	463	Wildlife Disease Ecology	3
	PLB	443	Restoration Ecology	3
o.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	ANP	443	Human Adaptability	3
	ANP	486	Environmental Archaeology	3
	FOR	360	Forest Ecosystems, Carbon and Climate Change	3
	GEO	409	Global Climate Change and Variability	3
	IBIO	357	Global Change Biology (W)	3
	SOC	478	Climate Change and Society	3
p.	Two of the following courses (6 to 8 credits):			
	ENT	404	Fundamentals of Entomology	4
	ENT	422	Aquatic Entomology	3
	FOR	204	Forest Vegetation	3
	FW	471	Ichthyology	4
	IBIO	306	Invertebrate Biology	4
	IBIO	360	Biology of Birds	4
	IBIO	365	Biology of Mammals	4
	IBIO	384	Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles (W)	4
	PLB	218	Plants of Michigan	3
	PLB	418	Plant Systematics	3
q.	Complete a minimum of 3 credits from the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			

FW	480	International Studies in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
FW	490	Independent Study in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
FW	493	Professional Internship in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
FW	499	Senior Thesis in Fisheries and Wildlife	4

AQUATIC ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

The Bachelor of Science in Aquatic Ecology and Management is designed for students interested in examining the biological, physical, chemical, geological and hydrological aspects of lakes and ponds, rivers and streams, wetlands and groundwaters, with an emphasis on water quality. This major provides students with the understanding and skills needed for careers related to protecting and restoring water resources around the North American Great Lakes region and the world.

Admission as a Junior

To be considered for admission to the major, the student must:

1. Complete at least 56 credits.
2. Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of 2.0 in each course:

FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
3. Pass the following courses:
 - a.

FW	102	Succeeding in Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
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 - b. One of the following courses:

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
MTH	132	Calculus I	3
LB	118	Calculus I	4

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Aquatic Ecology and Management

CREDITS

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree in Aquatic Ecology and Management.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Aquatic Ecology and Management major is met by completing Fisheries and Wildlife 497 referenced in item 3. below.

Students who are enrolled in the Aquatic Ecology and Management major leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife may complete an alternative track to Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences by completing BS 161, BS 162 and CEM 141 below. The completion of BS 171 or BS 172 and CEM 161 satisfies the laboratory requirement. Completion of items 3. a., 3. b., and 3. c. below will be counted toward both the alternative track and the requirements for the major.

The completion of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources mathematics requirement may also satisfy the University mathematics requirement.

2. The requirements of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Certain courses referenced in requirement 3. below may be counted toward College requirements as appropriate. The completion of item 3. d. and 3. e. below satisfies the College's mathematics requirement.

Students must earn a 2.0 or higher in all FW courses taken to complete major requirements in item 3. below.

Only credits in courses graded on the numerical or Pass-No Grade system may be counted toward the requirements for the major. Students may not enroll in courses required for the major, including courses in other department, on a Credit-No Credit basis. Only elective courses can be enrolled on a Credit-No Credit basis.

3. The following requirements for the major:

- a. All of the following courses (28 credits):

BS	161	Cell and Molecular Biology	3
BS	162	Organismal and Population Biology	3
FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
FW	102	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
FW	334	Human Dimensions of Fisheries and Wildlife Management	3
FW	364	Ecological Problem Solving	3
FW	497	Capstone in Fisheries and Wildlife: Conservation and Management Decision Making (W)	3
IBIO	355	Ecology	3
MMG	201	Fundamentals of Microbiology	3
- b. Two of the following courses (5 credits):

CEM	141	General Chemistry	4
CEM	161	Chemistry Laboratory	1
LB	171	Principles of Chemistry	4
LB	171L	Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	1
- c. One of the following courses (2 credits):

BS	171	Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory	2
BS	172	Organismal and Population Biology Laboratory	2
- d. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

LB	273	Physics I	4
PHY	221	Studio Physics for Life Scientists I	4
PHY	231	Introductory Physics I	3
- e. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
MTH	132	Calculus I	3
LB	118	Calculus I	4
- f. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

STT	201	Statistical Methods	4
STT	224	Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Ecologists	3
STT	231	Statistics for Scientists	3
STT	421	Statistics I	3
STT	464	Statistics for Biologists	3
- g. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

CSUS	310	History of Environmental Thought and Sustainability	3
FW	439	Conservation Ethics	3
HST	391	Environmental History of North America	3
PHL	340	Ethics	3
PHL	342	Environmental Ethics	3
PHL	380	Nature of Science	3
PHL	442	Ethics and Animals	3
PHL	480	Philosophy of Science	4
- h. Two of the following courses (6 or 7 credits):

COM	100	Human Communication	3
COM	225	An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COM	240	Introduction to Organizational Communication	4

	COM	275	Effects of Mass Communication	3
	CSUS	433	Grant Writing and Fund Development	3
	JRN	472	Environmental, Science and Health Reporting	3
	WRA	331	Writing in the Public Interest (W)	3
	WRA	333	Writing in Corporate Contexts	3
	WRA	335	Writing in Scientific Contexts	3
	WRA	337	Writing and Public Policy	3
	WRA	453	Grant and Proposal Writing	3
i.	Two of the following courses (6 credits):			
	CSUS	354	Water Resources Management	3
	FW	207	Great Lakes: Biology and Management	3
	FW	416	Marine Ecology and Management	3
	FW	417	Wetland Ecology and Management	3
j.	Two of the following courses (6 or 7 credits):			
	FW	420	Stream Ecology	3
	FW	472	Limnology	3
	GLG	303	Oceanography	3
	IBIO	353	Marine Biology (W)	4
	MMG	425	Microbial Ecology	3
k.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	EPI	390	Disease in Society: Introduction to Epidemiology and Public Health	4
	FW	423	Principles of Fish and Wildlife Disease	3
	FW	431	Ecophysiology and Toxicology of Fishes	3
	FW	463	Wildlife Disease Ecology	3
l.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	CSS	455	Environmental Pollutants in Soil and Water	3
	GEO	411	Stream Systems and Landforms	3
	GLG	411	Hydrogeology	3
	GLG	421	Environmental Geochemistry	4
m.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FOR	419	Applications of Geographic Information Systems to Natural Resources Management	4
	FW	474	Field and Laboratory Techniques for Aquatic Studies	3
	FW	479	Fish Population Analysis and Management	3
	GEO	221	Introduction to Geographic Information and	3
	GEO	221L	Introduction to Geographic Information Laboratory	1
	GLG	446	Ecosystems Modeling, Water and Food Security	3
n.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	CSUS	464	Environmental and Natural Resource Policy in Michigan	3
	CSUS	465	Environmental and Natural Law	3
	FOR	466	Natural Resource Policy	3
	FW	445	Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Practice	3
	FW	481	Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife	3
	IBIO	446	Environmental Issues in Public Policy	3
	MC	450	International Environmental Law and Policy	3
o.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	ANP	443	Human Adaptability	3
	ANP	486	Environmental Archaeology	3
	FOR	360	Forest Ecosystems, Carbon and Climate Change	3
	GEO	409	Global Climate Change and Variability	3
	IBIO	357	Global Change Biology (W)	3
	SOC	478	Climate Change and Society	3
p.	Complete a minimum of 3 credits from the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FW	480	International Studies in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	490	Independent Study in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	493	Professional Internship in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	499	Senior Thesis in Fisheries and Wildlife	4

FISH ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

The Bachelor of Science in Fish Ecology and Management is designed for students interested in the research and management of fish populations, other freshwater and marine organisms, and the ecosystems that sustain them.

Admission as a Junior

To be considered for admission to the major, the student must:

1. Complete at least 56 credits.
2. Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of 2.0 in each course:

FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
3. Pass the following courses:
 - a.

FW	102	Succeeding in Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
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 - b. One of the following courses:

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
MTH	132	Calculus I	3
LB	118	Calculus I	4

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Fish Ecology and Management

CREDITS

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree in Fish Ecology and Management.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Fish Ecology and Management major is met by completing Fisheries and Wildlife 497 referenced in item 3. below.

Students who are enrolled in the Fish Ecology and Management major leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife may complete an alternative track to Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences by completing BS 161, BS 162 and CEM 141 below. The completion of BS 171 or BS 172 and CEM 161 satisfies the laboratory requirement. Completion of items 3. a., 3. b., and 3. c. below will be counted toward both the alternative track and the requirements for the major.

The completion of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources mathematics requirement may also satisfy the University mathematics requirement.

2. The requirements of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Certain courses referenced in requirement 3. below may be counted toward College requirements as appropriate. The completion of item 3. d. and 3. e. below satisfies the College's mathematics requirement.

Students must earn a 2.0 or higher in all FW courses taken to complete major requirements in item 3. below.

Only credits in courses graded on the numerical or Pass-No Grade system may be counted toward the requirements for the major. Students may not enroll in courses required for the major, including courses in other department, on a Credit-No Credit basis. Only elective courses can be enrolled on a Credit-No Credit basis.

3. The following requirements for the major:

- a. All of the following courses (35 credits):

BS	161	Cell and Molecular Biology	3
BS	162	Organismal and Population Biology	3
FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
FW	102	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
FW	334	Human Dimensions of Fisheries and Wildlife Management	3
FW	364	Ecological Problem Solving	3
FW	471	Ichthyology	4
FW	474	Field and Laboratory Techniques for Aquatic Studies	3
FW	479	Fish Population Analysis and Management	3
FW	497	Capstone in Fisheries and Wildlife: Conservation and Management Decision Making (W)	3
IBIO	355	Ecology	3
- b. One of the following courses (2 credits):

BS	171	Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory	2
BS	172	Organismal and Population Biology Laboratory	2
- c. Two of the following courses (5 credits):

CEM	141	General Chemistry	4
CEM	161	Chemistry Laboratory	1
LB	171	Principles of Chemistry	4
LB	171L	Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	1
- d. At least 7 credits from the following courses:

CEM	142	General and Inorganic Chemistry	3
CEM	162	Chemistry Laboratory II	1
CEM	143	Survey of Organic Chemistry	4
CEM	251	Organic Chemistry I	3
CSS	210	Fundamentals of Soil Science	3
FOR	419	Applications of Geographic Information Systems to Natural Resources Management	4
GEO	203	Introduction to Meteorology	3
GEO	206	Physical Geography	3
GEO	208	Physical Geography of the National Parks	2
GEO	221	Introduction to Geographic Information	3
GEO	221L	Introduction to Geographic Information Laboratory	1
GEO	333	Geography of Michigan and the Great Lakes Region	3
GEO	411	Stream Systems and Landforms	3
GLG	201	The Dynamic Earth	4
GLG	411	Hydrogeology	3
LB	172	Principles of Chemistry II	3
LB	172L	Principles of Chemistry II – Reactivity Laboratory I	1
LB	271	Organic Chemistry	3
LB	273	Physics I	4
PHY	221	Studio Physics for Life Scientists I	4
PHY	231	Introductory Physics I	3
PHY	251	Introductory Physics Laboratory I	1

Students who select FOR 419 to fulfill this requirement may not also use GEO 221 and 221L.
- e. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
MTH	132	Calculus I	3

	LB	118	Calculus I	4
f.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	STT	201	Statistical Methods	4
	STT	224	Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Ecologists	3
	STT	231	Statistics for Scientists	3
	STT	421	Statistics I	3
	STT	464	Statistics for Biologists	3
g.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	CSUS	310	History of Environmental Thought and Sustainability	3
	FW	439	Conservation Ethics	3
	HST	391	Environmental History of North America	3
	PHL	340	Ethics	3
	PHL	342	Environmental Ethics	3
	PHL	380	Nature of Science	3
	PHL	442	Ethics and Animals	3
	PHL	480	Philosophy of Science	4
h.	Two of the following courses (6 or 7 credits):			
	COM	100	Human Communication	3
	COM	225	An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
	COM	240	Introduction to Organizational Communication	4
	COM	275	Effects of Mass Communication	3
	CSUS	433	Grant Writing and Fund Development	3
	JRN	472	Environmental, Science and Health Reporting	3
	WRA	331	Writing in the Public Interest (W)	3
	WRA	333	Writing in Corporate Contexts	3
	WRA	335	Writing in Scientific Contexts	3
	WRA	337	Writing and Public Policy	3
	WRA	453	Grant and Proposal Writing	3
i.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	CSUS	464	Environmental and Natural Resource Policy in Michigan	3
	CSUS	465	Environmental and Natural Law	3
	FOR	466	Natural Resource Policy	3
	FW	445	Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Practice	3
	FW	481	Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife	3
	IBIO	446	Environmental Issues in Public Policy	3
	MC	450	International Environmental Law and Policy	3
j.	Two of the following courses (6 credits):			
	CSUS	354	Water Resources Management	3
	FW	416	Marine Ecology and Management	3
	FW	417	Wetland Ecology and Management	3
	FW	420	Stream Ecology	3
	FW	472	Limnology	3
	GLG	303	Oceanography	3
k.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	PLB	218	Plants of Michigan	3
	PLB	418	Plant Systematics	3
	ENT	404	Fundamentals of Entomology	4
	ENT	422	Aquatic Entomology	3
	IBIO	306	Invertebrate Biology	4
l.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FW	423	Principles of Fish and Wildlife Disease	3
	FW	431	Ecophysiology and Toxicology of Fishes	3
	FW	463	Wildlife Disease Ecology	3
	IBIO	313	Animal Behavior	3
	IBIO	328	Comparative Anatomy and Biology of Vertebrates	4
	IBIO	341	Fundamental Genetics	4
	IBIO	483	Environmental Physiology	3
m.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	ANP	443	Human Adaptability	3
	ANP	486	Environmental Archaeology	3
	FOR	360	Forest Ecosystems, Carbon and Climate Change	3

	GEO	409	Global Climate Change and Variability	3
	IBIO	357	Global Change Biology (W)	3
	SOC	478	Climate Change and Society	3
n.	Complete a minimum of 3 credits from the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FW	480	International Studies in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	490	Independent Study in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	493	Professional Internship in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	499	Senior Thesis in Fisheries and Wildlife	4

WILDLIFE ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

The Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology and Management is for students interested in understanding and managing terrestrial habitats and animals including game, non-game, and endangered species.

Admission as a Junior

To be considered for admission to the major, the student must:

1. Complete at least 56 credits.
2. Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of 2.0 in each course:

FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
3. Pass the following courses:
 - a.

FW	102	Succeeding in Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
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 - b. One of the following courses:

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
MTH	132	Calculus I	3
LB	118	Calculus I	4

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Ecology and Management

CREDITS

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology and Management.

The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Wildlife Ecology and Management major is met by completing Fisheries and Wildlife 497 referenced in item 3. below.

Students who are enrolled in the Wildlife Ecology and Management major leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife may complete an alternative track to Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences by completing BS 161, BS 162 and CEM 141 below. The completion of BS 171 or BS 172 and CEM 161 satisfies the laboratory requirement. Completion of items 3. a., 3. b., and 3. c. below will be counted toward both the alternative track and the requirements for the major.

The completion of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources mathematics requirement may also satisfy the University mathematics requirement.
2. The requirements of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Certain courses referenced in requirement 3. below may be counted toward College requirements as appropriate. The completion of item 3. d. and 3. e. below satisfies the College's mathematics requirement.

Students must earn a 2.0 or higher in all FW courses taken to complete major requirements in item 3. below.

Only credits in courses graded on the numerical or Pass-No Grade system may be counted toward the requirements for the major. Students may not enroll in courses required for the major, including courses in other department, on a Credit-No Credit basis. Only elective courses can be enrolled on a Credit-No Credit basis.

3. The following requirements for the major:

- a. All of the following courses (40 credits):

BS	161	Cell and Molecular Biology	3
BS	162	Organismal and Population Biology	3
CSS	210	Fundamentals of Soil Science	3
FW	101	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
FW	101L	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology and Management Lab	2
FW	102	Fundamentals of Fisheries and Wildlife – New Student Seminar	1
FW	293	Undergraduate Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife	1
FW	334	Human Dimensions of Fisheries and Wildlife Management	3
FW	364	Ecological Problem Solving	3
FW	410	Upland Ecology and Management	3
FW	413	Wildlife Research and Management Techniques	3
FW	417	Wetland Ecology and Management	3
FW	424	Wildlife Population Analysis and Management	3
FW	497	Capstone in Fisheries and Wildlife: Conservation and Management Decision Making (W)	3
IBIO	355	Ecology	3
- b. One of the following courses (2 credits):

BS	171	Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory	2
BS	172	Organismal and Population Biology Laboratory	2
- c. Two of the following courses (5 credits):

CEM	141	General Chemistry	4
CEM	161	Chemistry Laboratory	1
LB	171	Principles of Chemistry	4
LB	171L	Principles of Chemistry Laboratory I	1
- d. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

MTH	124	Survey of Calculus I	3
MTH	132	Calculus I	3
LB	118	Calculus I	4
- e. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

STT	201	Statistical Methods	4
STT	224	Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Ecologists	3
STT	231	Statistics for Scientists	3
STT	421	Statistics I	3
STT	464	Statistics for Biologists	3
- f. One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):

CSUS	310	History of Environmental Thought and Sustainability	3
FW	439	Conservation Ethics	3
HST	391	Environmental History of North America	3
PHL	340	Ethics	3
PHL	342	Environmental Ethics	3
PHL	380	Nature of Science	3
PHL	442	Ethics and Animals	3
PHL	480	Philosophy of Science	4
- g. Two of the following courses (6 or 7 credits):

COM	100	Human Communication	3
COM	225	An Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COM	240	Introduction to Organizational Communication	4
COM	275	Effects of Mass Communication	3
CSUS	433	Grant Writing and Fund Development	3
JRN	472	Environmental, Science and Health Reporting	3
WRA	331	Writing in the Public Interest (W)	3

	WRA	333	Writing in Corporate Contexts	3
	WRA	335	Writing in Scientific Contexts	3
	WRA	337	Writing and Public Policy	3
	WRA	453	Grant and Proposal Writing	3
h.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	CSUS	464	Environmental and Natural Resource Policy in Michigan	3
	CSUS	465	Environmental and Natural Law	3
	FOR	466	Natural Resource Policy	3
	FW	445	Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Practice	3
	FW	481	Global Issues in Fisheries and Wildlife	3
	IBIO	446	Environmental Issues in Public Policy	3
	MC	450	International Environmental Law and Policy	3
i.	Two of the following courses (8 credits):			
	FW	471	Ichthyology	4
	IBIO	360	Biology of Birds	4
	IBIO	365	Biology of Mammals	4
	IBIO	384	Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles	4
j.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FOR	204	Forest Vegetation	3
	PLB	218	Plants of Michigan	3
	PLB	418	Plant Systematics	3
k.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	CSS	350	Introduction to Plant Genetics	3
	FOR	340	Forest Ecology	3
	GEO	201	Introduction to Plant Geography	3
	IBIO	485	Tropical Biology	3
	PLB	105	Plant Biology	3
	PLB	301	Introductory Plant Physiology	3
	PLB	402	Biology of Fungi	4
	PLB	441	Plant Ecology	3
	PLB	443	Restoration Ecology	3
l.	One of the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	CSS	411	Fire and Environmental Quality	3
	FOR	413	Wildland Fire Ecology and Management	3
	FOR	419	Applications of Geographic Information Systems to Natural Resources Management	4
	FW	423	Principles of Fish and Wildlife Disease	3
	FW	463	Wildlife Disease Ecology	3
	GEO	221	Introduction to Geographic Information and	3
	GEO	221L	Introduction to Geographic Information Laboratory	1
	IBIO	313	Animal Behavior	3
	IBIO	328	Comparative Anatomy and Biology of Vertebrates	4
	IBIO	341	Fundamental Genetics	4
	IBIO	483	Environmental Physiology	3
	SOC	452	Advanced Seminar in Environmental Sociology	3
m.	One of the following courses (3 credits):			
	ANP	443	Human Adaptability	3
	ANP	486	Environmental Archaeology	3
	FOR	360	Forest Ecosystems, Carbon and Climate Change	3
	GEO	409	Global Climate Change and Variability	3
	IBIO	357	Global Change Biology (W)	3
	SOC	478	Climate Change and Society	3
n.	Complete a minimum of 3 credits from the following courses (3 or 4 credits):			
	FW	480	International Studies in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	490	Independent Study in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	493	Professional Internship in Fisheries and Wildlife	1 to 3
	FW	499	Senior Thesis in Fisheries and Wildlife	4