

# Natural Resources Management

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
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[www.ndsu.edu/snrs/](http://www.ndsu.edu/snrs/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/snrs/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/natural-resources-management/#planofstudytext](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/natural-resources-management/#planofstudytext) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/natural-resources-management/#planofstudytext>)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Natural Resources Management

**Degree Type:** B.S.

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

\* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses for Natural Resources Management:		
BIOL 150 & 150L	General Biology I and General Biology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 151 & 151L	General Biology II and General Biology II Laboratory	4
CHEM 121 & 121L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	4
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics (May satisfy general education category B and G)	3
ENGL 321 or ENGL 324 or ENGL 459	Writing in the Technical Professions Writing in the Sciences Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	3
ENT 210	Insects, Humans and the Environment	3
PHIL 215 or PHIL 225	Contemporary Moral Issues (May satisfy general education category A) Environmental Ethics	3
MATH 103	College Algebra	3
NRM 150	Natural Resource Management Orientation	1
NRM 225	Natural Resources & Agrosystems	3
NRM 421	Environmental Outreach Methods	3
NRM/RNG/SOIL 462	Natural Resource and Rangeland Planning	3
RNG 136	Introduction to Range Management	3
RNG 213	Rangeland Sampling Techniques	3
RNG 452 or GEOG 455	Managing Natural and Rangeland Resources using GIS Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3
EMGT, POLS, or SOC Elective		3
SOIL 210	Introduction to Soil Science	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
<b>Emphasis: Students must select one of the NRM emphasis areas listed below to complete the major requirements.</b>		<b>45-50</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>100-105</b>

## NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS AREAS

- Declaring an Emphasis- Students should formally declare an emphasis area with the **Office of Registration & Records** no later than the beginning of their junior year. The emphasis area is recorded on the academic transcript with the degree.

## Water, Habitat, and Environmental Management Emphasis

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 364	General Ecology	3
BIOL 475 or BIOL 476	Conservation Biology Wildlife Ecology and Management	3
ECON 481	Natural Resource Economics	3
HIST 434 or HIST 435	Environmental History World Environmental History	3
NRM 264	Natural Resource Management Systems	3
NRM 402 or NRM 454	River and Stream Resource Management Wetland Resources Management	3

or SOIL 410	Soils and Land Use	
NRM 431	National Environmental Policy Act and Environmental Impact Assessment	3
NRM 453	Rangeland Resources Watershed Management	3
Select a minimum of 26 credits from the approved electives below:		26
BIOL 359	Evolution	
BIOL 414	Plant Systematics	
BIOL 450	Invertebrate Zoology	
BIOL 452	Ichthyology	
BIOL 454	Herpetology	
BIOL 456	Ornithology	
BIOL 458	Mammalogy	
BIOL 460	Animal Physiology	
BIOL 461	Plant Ecology	
BIOL 462	Physiological Ecology	
BIOL 463	Animal Behavior	
BIOL 472	Structure and Diversity of Plants and Fungi	
BIOL 477	Wildlife and Fisheries Management Techniques	
BIOL 480	Ecotoxicology	
BIOL 481	Wetland Science	
ENT 350	General Entomology	
MICR 202 & 202L	Introductory Microbiology and Introductory Microbiology Lab	
NRM 401	Urban-Ecosystem Management	
NRM 420	Sustainable Scenarios in Natural Resources Management	
PLSC 219	Introduction to Prairie & Community Forestry	
PLSC 315	Genetics	
PLSC 315L	Genetics Laboratory	
PLSC 323	Principles of Weed Science	
PLSC 355	Woody Landscape Plants	
RNG 451	Ecology of Fire-Dependent Ecosystems	
RNG 456	Ecological Restoration	
RNG 458	Grazing Ecology	
RNG 450	Range Plants	
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology & Climatology	
SOIL 351	Soil Ecology	
SOIL 410	Soils and Land Use	
SOIL 433	Soil Ecohydrology and Physics	
SOIL 444	Soil Genesis and Survey	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>50</b>

### ***Environmental Sustainability, Outreach, and Policy Emphasis***

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BIOL 364	General Ecology	3
ECON 481	Natural Resource Economics	3
HIST 434	Environmental History	3
or HIST 435	World Environmental History	
NRM 401	Urban-Ecosystem Management	3
NRM 420	Sustainable Scenarios in Natural Resources Management	3
NRM 431	National Environmental Policy Act and Environmental Impact Assessment	3
POLS, SOC or EMGT	200 level or higher	6
Select a minimum of 26 credits from the approved electives listed below:		26
BIOL 461	Plant Ecology	

COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change
COMM 133	Introduction to Agricultural Communication
COMM 316	Conflict Communication
ECON 482	Environmental Economics
EMGT 101	Emergencies, Disasters, and Catastrophes
EMGT 261	Disaster Preparedness
EMGT 262	Disaster Mitigation
EMGT 263	Disaster Response
EMGT 264	Disaster Recovery
EMGT 410	Comprehensive Emergency Management Planning
EMGT 481	Disaster Analysis
ENT 350	General Entomology
GEO 201	Climate Change and Energy
GEO 219	Oceanography
GEO 300	Environmental Geology
GEO 412	Geomorphology
GEO 414	Hydrogeology
GEO 460	Biogeochemistry
GEOG 470	Remote Sensing
NRM 322	Environmental Law and Policy
NRM 453	Rangeland Resources Watershed Management
PLSC 110	World Food Crops
PLSC 219	Introduction to Prairie & Community Forestry
POLS 115	American Government
POLS 215	Problems and Policies In American Government
POLS 442	Global Policy Issues
RNG 451	Ecology of Fire-Dependent Ecosystems
RNG 456	Ecological Restoration
RNG 458	Grazing Ecology
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 115	Social Problems
SOC 340	Social Research Methods
SOC 404	Community Assessment
SOC 405	Community Development
SOC 235	Cultural Diversity
SOC 431	Environmental Sociology
SOC 439	Social Change
SOC 443	International Disasters
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology & Climatology
AGEC 347	Principles of Real Estate
AGEC 242	Introduction to Agricultural Management
AGEC 375	Applied Agricultural Law
AGEC 452	Food Laws & Regulations
AGEC 474	Cooperatives
MATH 144	Mathematics for Business
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 341	Intermediate Microeconomics
ECON 470	Public Economics
GEO 465	Remote Sensing of the Environment

**Rangeland Ecology Emphasis**

Code	Title	Credits
ANSC 114	Introduction to Animal Sciences	3
BIOL 364	General Ecology	3
BIOL 452	Ichthyology	3
or BIOL 454	Herpetology	
or BIOL 456	Ornithology	
or BIOL 458	Mammalogy	
BIOL 461	Plant Ecology	3
BIOL 475	Conservation Biology	3
or BIOL 476	Wildlife Ecology and Management	
NRM 431	National Environmental Policy Act and Environmental Impact Assessment	3
NRM 453	Rangeland Resources Watershed Management	3
or NRM 454	Wetland Resources Management	
PLSC 380	Principles of Plant Physiology	3
RNG 450	Range Plants	3
RNG 451	Ecology of Fire-Dependent Ecosystems	3
RNG 456	Ecological Restoration	3
RNG 458	Grazing Ecology	3
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology & Climatology	3
SOIL 351	Soil Ecology	3
or SOIL 410	Soils and Land Use	
or SOIL 444	Soil Genesis and Survey	
Select a minimum of 9 additional credits of 300 or 400 level courses from ENT, SOIL, RNG, or NRM:		9

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**Total Credits** **51**

**Rangeland Livestock Production Emphasis**

Code	Title	Credits
ANSC 114	Introduction to Animal Sciences	3
ANSC 220	Livestock Production	3
ANSC 223	Introduction to Animal Nutrition	2
ANSC 357	Animal Genetics	3
NRM 431	National Environmental Policy Act and Environmental Impact Assessment	3
PLSC 315	Genetics	3
PLSC 320	Principles of Forage Production	3
PLSC 323	Principles of Weed Science	3
RNG 450	Range Plants	3
RNG 456	Ecological Restoration	3
RNG 458	Grazing Ecology	3
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology & Climatology	3
SOIL 351	Soil Ecology	3
or SOIL 410	Soils and Land Use	
or SOIL 444	Soil Genesis and Survey	
Select a minimum of 9 additional credits of 300 or 400 level courses from ENT, SOIL, RNG, or NRM		9

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**Total Credits** **47**

**Soil Science Emphasis**

Code	Title	Credits
CHEM 240	Survey of Organic Chemistry	3
or BIOC 260	Elements of Biochemistry	
or MICR 202 & 202L	Introductory Microbiology and Introductory Microbiology Lab	

GEOL 105 & 105L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	4
MATH 105	Trigonometry	3
PHYS 211 & 211L	College Physics I and College Physics I Laboratory	4
PLSC 110	World Food Crops	3
PLSC 225	Principles of Crop Production (or 300/400 level Range Sciences Course )	3
PLSC 380	Principles of Plant Physiology	3
SOIL 217	Introduction to Meteorology & Climatology	3
SOIL 322	Soil Fertility and Fertilizers	3
SOIL 351	Soil Ecology	3
SOIL 410	Soils and Land Use	3
SOIL 433	Soil Ecohydrology and Physics	3
SOIL 444	Soil Genesis and Survey	3
SOIL/NRM 454	Wetland Resources Management	3
Select a minimum of 6 additional credits of 300 or 400 level classes from PLSC, RNG, NRM, ENT, PPTH, ABEN, or ASM		6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>50</b>

### ***Entomology Emphasis***

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BIOL 364	General Ecology	3
RNG 450	Range Plants	3
or BIOL 461	Plant Ecology	
or PLSC 380	Principles of Plant Physiology	
BIOL 450	Invertebrate Zoology	3
BIOL 475	Conservation Biology	3
ENT 350	General Entomology	3
ENT 431	Principles of Insect Pest Management	3
ENT 470	Insect Ecology	3
PLSC 110	World Food Crops	3
Select a minimum of 6 credits of approved electives from below:		6
PLSC 210	Horticulture Science	
PLSC 219	Introduction to Prairie & Community Forestry	
PLSC 315	Genetics	
PLSC 323	Principles of Weed Science	
PLSC 350	Sugarbeet Production	
PLSC 355	Woody Landscape Plants	
PLSC 365	Herbaceous Landscape Plants	
PLSC 370	Landscape Management	
PLSC 375	Turfgrass Management	
PLSC 412	Nursery Production and Management	
PLSC 415	Vegetable Crop Production	
PLSC 416	Fruit Crop Production	
PLSC 422	Greenhouse Production and Management	
PLSC 425	Potato Science	
PLSC 431	Intermediate Genetics	
PLSC 433	Weed Biology and Ecology	
PLSC 455	Cropping Systems:An Integrated Approach	
SOIL 351	Soil Ecology	
Select a minimum of 15 credits from the approved electives listed below:		15
BIOL 359	Evolution	
BIOL 463	Animal Behavior	

BIOL 476	Wildlife Ecology and Management
MICR 202	Introductory Microbiology
MICR 452	Microbial Ecology
MICR 463	Clinical Parasitology
NRM 401	Urban-Ecosystem Management
NRM 402	River and Stream Resource Management
NRM 420	Sustainable Scenarios in Natural Resources Management
NRM 431	National Environmental Policy Act and Environmental Impact Assessment
NRM 453	Rangeland Resources Watershed Management
NRM 454	Wetland Resources Management
PLSC 315	Genetics
PPTH 324	Introductory Plant Pathology
PPTH 454	Diseases Of Field and Forage Crops
PPTH 455	Plant Disease Management
PPTH 457	Landscape Plant Pathology
PPTH 460	Fungal Biology
RNG 450	Range Plants
SOIL 410	Soils and Land Use

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**Total Credits**
**45****Degree Requirements**

- **Acceptable Substitutions:** For the Water, Habitat, and Environmental Management; Environmental Sustainability, Outreach, and Policy; and Entomology emphasis areas there is a list of recommended emphasis electives: **All other substitutions require advisor approval and a substitution form to be completed and submitted to the** Office of Registration and Records (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/>). Emphasis area courses may not be double-counted with the NRM core classes; a maximum of 3 credits of Field Experience (396/496) or Co-op Ed (397/497) may be counted as emphasis electives.
- Students electing to complete this major in the College of Science and Mathematics do not have to complete the 6 credits of humanities or social sciences College of Science and Mathematics requirements.