
The University of Tennessee at Martin Wildlife Biology Concentration, 2004-2005

Career Opportunities

Humanity is dependent upon coexistence with a multitude of wildlife species in balanced ecosystems. Trained wildlife professionals are able to apply scientific principles and techniques to modify environmental conditions to favor fish and wildlife. They must not only understand the needs of fish and wildlife, but how to provide those needs, in harmony with man's other land management activities, such as forestry, agriculture and industrial development. They must be able to resolve human and wildlife conflicts to the benefit of both and to the detriment of neither. The wildlife biology curriculum provides a broad general education with a strong background in life sciences.

Employment Possibilities

Agencies of various levels of government have historically been major employers of wildlife professionals. This continues to be true, but an increasing number of wildlife professionals are employed by private and corporate firms as concern about the environmental impact of industrial activities increases. Graduates of the UT Martin wildlife biology curriculum are eligible for entry-level employment as conservation officers, wildlife research technicians, wildlife refuge managers, wildlife damage control technicians and environmental impact consultants. Graduates are also well prepared to pursue advanced degrees.

Facilities

Classes and laboratory exercises are conducted in modern and comfortable facilities using modern instructional equipment. Many courses take frequent field trips to privately owned areas, state and federal wildlife refuges and management areas, and state and national parks. Upper division wildlife courses emphasize field participation with professional biologists of state and federal agencies to help students get experience and increase knowledge about practical management techniques. Numerous computer facilities are available for student use. An active UT Martin student chapter of The Wildlife Society (the national professional organization) provides a multitude of opportunities for students to gain hands-on wildlife experience. Students also have the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

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Program of Study

This list includes all courses required; however, the sequence may be flexible.

Freshman Year

Fall

Biology 110: Introductory Cell Biology and Genetics . . .	4
English 111: English Composition	3
Math 140: College Algebra and Elementary Functions	3
Natural Resources Management 100: Intro to Natural Resources Management	3
<u>Aesthetics Elective*</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	16

Spring

Biology 120: Introductory Plant and Animal Biology . . .	4
English 112: English Composition	3
Math 160: Calculus for Business and Life Sciences . . .	3
Global Dynamics Elective*	3
<u>Social Dynamics Elective*</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	16

Sophomore Year

Fall

Biology 331: General Ecology	3
Chemistry 121: General Chemistry	4
Math 210: Elementary Statistics and Probability	3
Natural Resources Management 210: Mediating Environmental Conflicts	3
<u>Global Dynamics Elective*</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	16

Spring

Chemistry 122: General Chemistry	4
Communications 230: Public Speaking	3
Soil Science 210: Introduction to Soil Science	4
Wildlife Biology 250: Principles of Wildlife Management	3
<u>Global Dynamics Elective*</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	17

Junior Year

Fall

Chemistry 310, 319: Organic and Biochemistry	4
Natural Resources Management 390: Career Planning in Natural Resource Management	2
Plant Science 341: Dendrology and Forest Ecology . . .	3
Soil Science 315 or 430: Soil and Water Conservation or Wetland Science	3
<u>Wildlife Biology 350: Wildlife Management Techniques</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Hours	16

Spring

Biology 336: Introductory Genetics	3
Botany 303: Plant Taxonomy	3
Wildlife Biology 330: Wildlife Biopolitics	3
Zoology 320: Ichthyology	3
<u>Zoology 321: Ornithology</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	15

Senior Year

Fall

Biology 412: Wildlife Biology Seminar	1
Botany 431: (lecture only) Plant Ecology	3
Zoology 319 or 322: Mammalogy or Herpetology	3
Zoology 441, 442: Animal Ecology, Laboratory	4
<u>Technology Elective*</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	14

Spring

Wildlife Biology 450: Wildlife Habitat Management . . .	4
Social Dynamics Elective*	3
<u>Wildlife Policy Elective*</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Hours	10

*See catalog for options.