

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SCIENCE, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BIOL 110 [†]	4 CHEM 110 [†]	3
MATH 110 or 140 ^{**†}	4 CHEM 111 [†]	1
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 ^{††}	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
First-Year Seminar	1-3 MATH 111 or 141	2-4
	WFS 209N [*]	3
	15-17	15-17

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ANSC 201, BIOL 141 <i>and</i> BIOL 142, or BIOL 446	3-4 PHYS 250	4
BIOL 220W [*]	4 BIOL 240W	4
CHEM 202	3 CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C ^{††}	3
BIOL 133, 222, 230W, or ANSC 322	3-4 SOILS 101 [†]	3
STAT 240 or 301 ^{††}	3 General Education Course	3
	16-18	17

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WFS 300 [*]	2 FOR 350 or STAT 460	3
WFS 301 [*]	2 ENT 425, FOR 470, WFS 422, or WFS 435	3
WFS 310 [*]	3 Wildlife Selection	3
WFS 452	2 ECON 104 [†]	3

Natural Resource Policy, Planning, Law, Administration (PPLA) and Human Dimensions (HD) Course	3 Natural Resource Policy, Planning, Law, Administration (PPLA) and Human Dimensions (HD) Course	3
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Elective	0-4	
	12-16	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WFS 410	3 WFS 463W	3
WFS 453	2 WFS 446	3
ENGL 202C ^{††}	3 General Education Course	3
AEE 440, ENGL 416, or ENGL 418	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
Physical Science Selection	3 Elective	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
	15.5	13.5

Total Credits 119-129

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All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

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ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 ^{††}	3 MATH 111 or 141	2-4
General Education Course	3 WFS 209N [*]	3
First-Year Seminar	1-3 General Education Course	3
15-17		12-14

Second Year

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BIOL 220W [*]	4 PHYS 250	4
FOR 203	3 BIOL 240W	4
CHEM 202	3 CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C ^{††}	3
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16-17		17

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WFS 300 [*]	2 FOR 350 or STAT 460	3
WFS 301 [*]	2 WFS 407 or 408	3
WFS 310 [*]	3 WFS 406 or 409	2
Natural Resource Policy, Planning, Law, Administration (PPLA) and Human Dimensions (HD) Course	3 ECON 104 [†]	3
Elective	3 Natural Resource Policy, Planning, Law, Administration (PPLA) and Human Dimensions (HD) Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
16		15.5

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WFS 447W	3 WFS 446	3
ENGL 202C ^{††}	3 WFS 407 or 408	3
AEE 440, ENGL 416, or ENGL 418	3 General Education Course	3
Fisheries Selection	2-3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5

Botany Selection	3 Elective	1-5
14-15		11.5-15.5

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General Education Course	3 BIOL 220W [*]	4
First-Year Seminar	1-3 General Education Course	3
	General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	15-17	14.5-16.5

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CHEM 202	3 BIOL 240W	4
BIOL 133, 222, 230W, or ANSC 322	3-4 ENGL 202C ^{††}	3
STAT 240 or 301 ^{††}	3 ECON 104 [†]	3
CAS 100 ^{††}	3 General Education Course	3
	15-17	17

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WFS 300 [*]	2 ENT 425, FOR 470, WFS 422, or WFS 435	3
WFS 301 [*]	2 SOILS 101 [†]	3
WFS 310 [*]	3 Natural Resource Policy, Planning, Law, Administration (PPLA) and Human Dimensions (HD) Course	3
WFS 452	2 Elective	0-4
General Education Course	3	
	15	12-16

Fourth Year

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WFS 410	3 WFS 463W	3
WFS 453	2 WFS 446	3
AEE 440, ENGL 416, or ENGL 418	3 Physical Science Selection	3
Wildlife Selection	3 Natural Resource Policy, Planning, Law, Administration (PPLA) and Human Dimensions (HD) Course	3

General Education Course	3 Elective	3
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
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BIOL 133, 222, 230W, or ANSC 322	3-4 BIOL 240W	4
STAT 240 or 301 ^{††}	3 ENGL 202C ^{††}	3
CAS 100 ^{††}	3 ECON 104 [†]	3
General Education Courses (GHW)	1.5 General Education Course	3
13.5-14.5		17

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FOR 203	3 WFS 407 or 408	3
WFS 300 [*]	2 WFS 406 or 409	2
WFS 301 [*]	2 SOILS 101 [†]	3
WFS 310 [*]	3 Elective	3
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