



ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMICS

Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Students in the Davis College are offered fields of study that complement a wide variety of careers. Programs are constantly being updated to reflect industry trends, and student initiative is strongly encouraged. Advising is conducted by faculty members, promoting mentorship. Many current students and alumni comment on the small-school feel of the Davis College, citing the individual attention from faculty, substantial extracurricular opportunities, and hands-on learning that enhance our academic experience.

The Davis College has 22 undergraduate major fields of study and a growing number of minors in the academic divisions of animal and nutritional sciences, design and merchandising, forestry and natural resources, plant and soil sciences, and resource management. Our programs allow for considerable flexibility, as several offer individual academic tracks depending on student interests and goals.

Instructional facilities and unique settings offer varied learning opportunities for students. The majority of classrooms, laboratories, design studios and offices are located on WVU's Evansdale Campus. The College also maintains eight farms, a campus greenhouse, and more than 8,000 acres of forest land for teaching and research. Hands-on experiences, service learning, undergraduate research and study abroad are strongly encouraged for students in every program.

The Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Program focuses on environmental and natural resource economics policy. Course work prepares students for careers at all levels of government and in private industry. A special feature of the program is the opportunity to explore the interdisciplinary nature of environmental problems and links between natural resource and economic development issues.

Program Admission and Curriculum

Students who meet University admission requirements may be accepted directly into the Davis College as Environmental and Natural Resource Economics majors. To earn a bachelor's degree, all students must complete 128 credit hours, including the General Education Curriculum required by the University.

Much of the program's course work can be planned around the special interests of the student. Students will take courses in economics, business, mathematics, computer science, and applied science.

Examples of core courses include but are not limited to agricultural and natural resource law, applied demand analysis, environmental and resource economics, and agriculture, environmental, and resource policy. In addition, restricted electives must be approved by an advisor, include at least four courses from the college with at least one course in agronomy and one in plant sciences, and a capstone experience.

It is recommended that students who plan on continuing their education at the graduate level take upper-level economics courses in intermediate microeconomic theory, mathematical economics, and econometrics.

Complete course listings and descriptions can be found in the current *WVU Undergraduate Catalog*.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the program may find employment with the federal and state agencies involved in environmental, natural resource, and agricultural issues.

There are also many opportunities with private consulting companies and nonprofit environmental organizations. Entry-level salaries for students with a bachelor's degree range from \$30,000 to \$40,000 with opportunities for advancement.



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Majors in the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences

Agribusiness Management & Rural Development:	B
Agricultural & Extension Education:	B, M
Agricultural & Resource Economics:	M
Agriculture, Forestry, & Consumer Sciences:	M
Agroecology:	B
Agronomy:	B, M
Animal & Food Science:	D
Animal & Nutritional Sciences:	B, M
Applied & Environmental Microbiology:	B
Biochemistry:	B
Design Studies:	B
Entomology:	M
Environmental & Natural Resource Economics:	B
Environmental Microbiology:	M
Environmental Protection:	B
Family & Consumer Sciences:	M
Fashion Design & Merchandising:	B
Forest Resources Management:	B
Forest Resources Science:	D
Forestry:	M
Genetics & Developmental Biology:	M, D
Horticulture:	B, M
Human and Community Development:	D
Human Nutrition & Foods:	B
Interior Design:	B
Landscape Architecture:	B
Multidisciplinary Studies:	B
Natural Resource Economics:	D
Plant & Soil Sciences:	D
Plant Pathology:	M
Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Resources:	B, M
Reproductive Physiology:	M, D
Resource Management:	D
Soil Science:	B
Wildlife & Fisheries Resources:	B, M
Wood Science & Technology:	B

B = Bachelor's; M = Master's; D = Doctorate

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