



FOREST RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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 Forest Resources Management Program prepares students for an active role in the management of forests. The curriculum emphasizes the management of land for production of timber and wood products with consideration given to other forest values such as wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and water quality. Students gain a clear understanding of how social and economic goals can be met while maintaining the long-term productivity of forested lands. Accredited by the Society of American Foresters and recognized as a Program of Excellence by the West Virginia University Board of Trustees, this is one of the few baccalaureate programs in the nation that emphasizes the management of Appalachian hardwood forests.

Program Admission and Curriculum

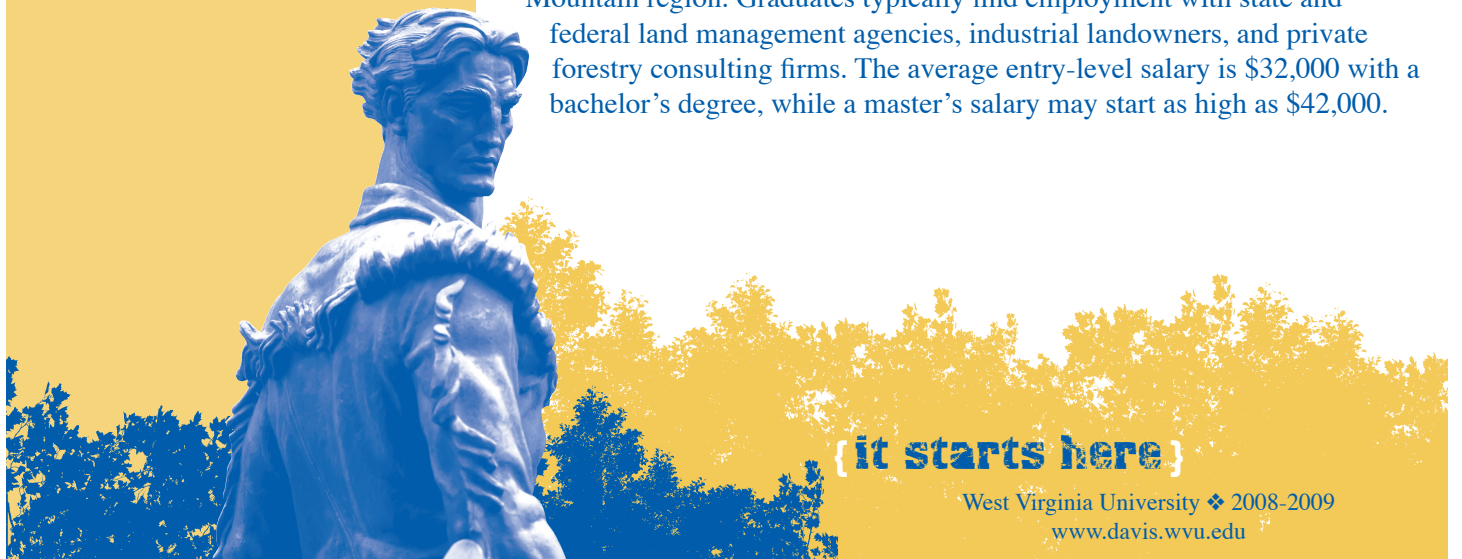
Students who meet University admission requirements may be accepted directly into the Davis College as Forest Resources Management majors. To earn a bachelor's degree, all students must complete 128 credit hours, including the General Education Curriculum required by the University.

Overall, the curriculum is designed to provide the needed blend of scientific, technical, and managerial knowledge professionals need to manage public or private forest resources. Elective hours are used to develop additional professional competence in specialized areas. Required six-week summer field practices, as well as laboratories in several courses, provide ample opportunities to gain field experience.

Core courses within the major include, but are not limited to, forest policy, forest ecology, fire protection, silviculture, forest economics, and forest management. Complete course requirements and descriptions can be found in the current *WVU Undergraduate Catalog*.

Employment Opportunities

Although there is always a demand for professionally trained forest managers, the need will increase over the next few decades—especially in the Appalachian Mountain region. Graduates typically find employment with state and federal land management agencies, industrial landowners, and private forestry consulting firms. The average entry-level salary is \$32,000 with a bachelor's degree, while a master's salary may start as high as \$42,000.



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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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