



PRE-AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

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 Pre-Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences (PAFCS) major in the Davis College is for the student who is undecided as to his or her career path and would like to explore different academic areas in the Davis College or other WVU colleges and schools before choosing a major. A student cannot complete graduation requirements in the PAFCS major.

Program Admission and Curriculum

Students who meet WVU admissions requirements may be accepted directly into the Davis College as Pre-Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences majors. Students are advised by the Davis College's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Office or a faculty advisor designated by the Associate Dean's Office.

Freshmen-level General Education Curriculum courses are combined with introductory courses from majors in which the student may have an interest. PAFCS students are encouraged to talk with professors throughout the Davis College to gain knowledge of the many career options in our college.

There is no specific time when it is appropriate to choose a major since different majors have widely varying course requirements. Students can transfer into many majors at the end of the sophomore year and graduate in four years. However, some majors are more tightly structured and require initiation of studies in the freshman year to complete studies in four years. The PAFCS student's faculty advisor will provide him or her with guidance on major requirements throughout WVU.

Students starting out in PAFCS have been very successful in choosing and graduating from a major that fits their interests, abilities, and career goals.

Students in the PAFCS are encouraged to enroll in a wide variety of courses in the Davis College to allow them to explore their career opportunities and interests before choosing a major.



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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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