



What Can I Do With a Major In FORESTRY?

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The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.
Some of the options listed below may require additional training.
Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Forestry

Forestry is the profession of sustainably managing forestlands to meet society's demands for wood, clean water, wildlife habitat, recreation, conservation of forest flora and fauna, and climate amelioration. The nationally accredited Forestry curriculum provides a firm understanding of forest ecosystems, the way people view and utilize the forest, and management tools and concepts applied in forest management. The curriculum stresses "hands-on" field experience, teamwork, and developing critical thinking skills through problem analysis. The Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources is one of 52 programs nation-wide accredited by the Society of American Foresters. It is widely regarded as one of the top five forestry programs in the country. The graduate from this major will be a professional forester responsible for the resolution of competing uses of the forest and forest resources, and for the management of healthy, productive forests in meeting the owner's objectives.

Job Titles of Forestry Graduates

Arborist	Forest Resources Manager	Research Forester
Asst Inventory and Analysis	Forest Technician	Research Technician
Consultant	Forester	Resource Forester
District Tech. Forester	GIS Technician	Survey Forester
Environmental Consultant	Inventory Accountant	Timber Appraiser and Buyer
Environmental Ecologist	Outdoor Educator/Instructor	Timber Broker
Field Technician	Plant Health Care Technician	Tree Surgeon
Forest Ranger	Procurement Forester	Urban Forester
Forest Research Specialist	Quality Assurance Technician	Wood Buyer

To research careers of interest, you may want to visit these web sites:

- Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)
 - O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)
 - Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)
 - Alberta Occupational Profiles <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)
- *Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant if you need additional information or assistance.**

Possible Employment Settings of Forestry Graduates

Arboguard	Georgia-Pacific	Resource Solutions
Bartlett Tree Experts	Gilmon Paper Company	S & W Forestry
Classic City Appraisals	Henderson Logging	Sav A Tree
Consulting firms	International Paper Co. Inc.	State Forestry Commissions
F & W Forest Services, Inc	Lumber Companies	Tenneco Packaging
Forest Resources Management	Mulkey Enterprises, Inc.	Timber Companies
Georgia Depart. of Natural Resources	Newkirk Environmental	Trees Atlanta
Georgia Forestry Association	Nixon & Harris Forestry Corp.	Universities
Georgia Forestry Commission	Peace Corps	U.S. Forest Service
Georgia Mountain Forestry Serv.	Public Land Management Agencies	Webb Properties
Georgia Power Company	Rayonier	Wetherton Leisure
Georgia Timberlands	Resource Improvements, LLC	Weyerhaeuser

Career Center Library Resources

- 2004 Federal Employment from A to Z* by Federal Research Service
- Forest Science in the South 2003* by USDA, Forest Service
- Outdoor Careers: 2nd Edition* by Shenk, Ellen
- The Eco Guide to Careers That Make a Difference* by The Environmental Careers Organization

Campus Resources

Warnell School Student Organizations: <http://www.warnell.uga.edu/h/campuslife/h/campuslife/organizations>

UGA Forestry Club, Society of American Foresters, The Wildlife Society

Strategies

- Maintain knowledge of current environmental issues including policy, conservation, and industry trends.
- Be prepared to work with minimal supervision, outdoors, in all types of weather conditions.
- Develop physical stamina, be able to tolerate extensive walking, and be willing to relocate to find employment.
- Maintain up-to-date computer skills including desktop publishing and specialized tools used in fieldwork.
- Develop strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Learn a foreign language to increase marketability for international employment.
- Participate in related clubs to build contacts.
- Gain knowledge of the social and cultural factors that affect forest management in areas of interest.
- Seek volunteer or paid experiences in forestry or conservation.
- Become familiar with the federal job application process for government employment.

Employment Websites

Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources Job Site: <http://jobs.forestry.uga.edu/>

Environmental Jobs and Careers: <http://www.ejobs.org/>

AgCareers.com: <http://agcareers.com>

Making the Difference (Federal Jobs & Internships): <http://www.makingthedifference.org>

Get Forestry Jobs <http://www.getforestryjobs.com/browse-all-jobs.php>

Society of American Foresters Job Board <http://www.safnet.org/careercenter/classifieds.cfm>

International Society of Arboriculture Careers <http://www.isa-arbor.com/careersInArboriculture/careers.aspx>

Additional Resources for Forestry Majors

Society of American Foresters

<http://www.safnet.org/index.shtml>

Georgia Forestry Commission

<http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/>

Georgia Forestry Association

<http://www.gfagrow.org/>

USDA Forest Service

<http://www.fs.fed.us/>

United States Forest Service International Programs

<http://www.fs.fed.us/global/aboutus/welcome.htm>

International Society of Arboriculture

<http://www.isa-arbor.com>

National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/>

Nat. Resource Conservation Svc.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.blm.gov/nhp/index.htm>

Society of American Foresters

<http://www.safnet.org/>

Society for Range Management

<http://www.rangelands.org/srm.shtml>

ForestryUSA

<http://www.forestryusa.com/>

Nat. Assoc. of State Foresters

<http://www.stateforesters.org/index.html>

Ctr for International Forestry Research

<http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/>

Forest Products Society

<http://www.forestprod.org/>

American Forest and Products Association

<http://www.afandpa.org>

International Society of Tropical Foresters

<http://www.istf-bethesda.org>

TreeLink

<http://www.treelink.org/>

Tree Care Industry Association

<http://www.treecareindustry.com/index.aspx>

Pulp and Paper Education and Research Alliance

<http://www.cnr.umn.edu/PPERA/#wise>

Society of Wood Science and Technology

<http://www.swst.org/index.html>