PLAN YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

YOUR GUIDE TO A CAREER THAT EXPLORES THE OUTDOORS

Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
A small school with big ideas.

At the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia, you won’t get lost in the crowd. Even though we’re part of a large campus, our small classes and personal instruction guarantees you’ll get hands-on training from faculty who will know your name.

We offer some of the best programs in the country to learn about conservation and sustainable management of our natural resources. Learn new and better ways to use and restore our land, water, and natural habitats through in-the-field classes and research. Our graduates understand the challenges facing our world and are prepared to manage them for the future.
LOOKING UP
In our greenhouses, Dr. Caterina Villari is one of several faculty members who specialize in the interaction between trees and pests.
FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Our fisheries and wildlife program is one of the best in the country, giving you the foundational skills and knowledge to understand and execute scientifically rigorous management of fish and wildlife populations. Graduates of this program go on to work as biologists and wildlife managers for government agencies, nonprofits, and in the private sector. Choose from among three areas of emphasis:

Aquatic Sciences
Get hands-on experience in Georgia’s rivers and lakes, while learning the ecology and management practices needed to help fish thrive.

Pre-Vet Wildlife Sciences
Not all veterinarians work in an office. If you have an interest in animal health but prefer to focus on wildlife species, this pre-veterinary sciences area of emphasis will prepare you for the next step.

Wildlife Sciences
Ensure that wildlife populations and their environments are sustained into the future. Learn about species and ecosystems while also learning spatial modeling, policies, and communication—with a strong foundation in biology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Fisheries or wildlife biologist, aquatic ecologist, animal ecologist, environmental consultant, conservation biologist, wildlife scientist

FORESTRY

Combine sustainability and science to work in one of Georgia’s largest industries. Forestry majors get hands-on instruction in forest ecosystems, developing critical thinking skills through problem analysis to meet the demand for wood, clean water, wildlife habitat, recreation, and conservation. This nationally accredited program is one of the top five forestry programs in the country and is accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Forester, land manager, environmental consultant, forestry consultant, wood supply forester, land investment analyst

ANIMAL HEALTH
Dr. Gino D’Angelo works with students to understand wild game, such as deer.
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
& SUSTAINABILITY
Learn a suite of skills related to biological and ecological sciences with this program, which allows for a flexible curriculum. Coursework crosses areas of natural resources management and social sciences to allow you to address complex environmental challenges. Choose from among three areas of emphasis:

Community Forestry and Arboriculture
Help improve the quality of life in urban and suburban environments. You will learn about tree health and biology in community settings and use new technology to assess tree health and safety. Our graduates enter a fast-growing field that includes private companies, local governments, and utility companies.

Geospatial Information Science
Discover a world of 3-D imaging, spatial technology, information gathering, and big data with this area of emphasis. Learn to fly drones for a variety of natural resources applications, receive extensive training in GIS, and apply the newest imaging technologies to find solutions in natural resource management.

Water and Soil Resources
Combine science, technology, and engineering to help improve our world. We rely on our soils and watersheds for a healthy environment, and this program teaches the latest technologies that can help us build a more sustainable future. Learn about the social, political, and economic forces that influence natural resource policy decisions as well as solutions to real-world problems facing our planet.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Community forester, soil scientist, arborist, hydrologist, utility arborist, GIS analyst

PARKS, RECREATION
& TOURISM MANAGEMENT
Connect people with the outdoors with a major in parks, recreation, and tourism management. This program is ideal for anyone who wants to work outdoors and teach others about the environment. Learn to create educational programs, manage natural resources for outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism, and help people interact with the environment.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Tourism director, park manager, environmental educator, naturalist, outdoor adventure guide or entrepreneur

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
Share your passion for the environment with others by adding on a certificate in environmental education, one of several certificates that work with Warnell’s curriculum.
MEET YOUR CLASSROOM

At Warnell, we learn by doing. Our classes take place outside where you learn real-world techniques used by professionals in the field. But we also know that working in natural resources also means analyzing data or running samples in a lab—and we’re set up for that, too. Here are some of the primary ways you can get hands-on experience in your field.

LABS
Our state-of-the-art labs are located on UGA’s South Campus as well as in Whitehall Forest, our 740-acre research forest located just south of campus. In these labs, students take a closer look at aquatic health and toxicology, forest health and invasive pests, white-tailed deer, soil health, hydrology, plant and animal genetics, spatial analysis, and wildlife diseases.

FIELD COURSES
Many Warnell students participate in field courses, usually offered in Maymester. These two-week classes take students to a variety of locations and experiences that relate to their chosen field. This is where you learn specific techniques that will come in handy as you move through your coursework, or network with alumni and professionals in the field to gain a deeper perspective of potential careers.

INTERNSHIPS
Many of our students participate in internships during their time at Warnell. Warnell’s vibrant alumni network plays a large role in providing these opportunities, connecting students with summer jobs that often turn into careers.

STUDY AWAY
Discover Abroad is a program affiliated with Warnell that provides courses in a variety of environments outside of campus. These courses are designed to fit into any major and cover topics such as reforestation, sustainability, or disease ecology. Locations range from a week in the Smoky Mountains National Park to courses in Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Our students are active in clubs and organizations that provide an opportunity to connect with others who share your passions—or just try something new. These clubs provide professional development, guest speakers, and leadership opportunities. They also are a great way to meet students across all majors (and even from across campus).

- American Fisheries Society
- American Water Resources Association
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management Society
- Pre-Vet Club
- Society of American Foresters
- Student Ambassadors
- The Wildlife Society
- UGA Herpetological Society
- Xi Sigma Pi National Forestry Honors Society
When an invasive species of fish was discovered in an Athens stream, faculty member Dr. Jay Shelton took his students to investigate.
STUDENT SUPPORT

Our small classes and strong connection to faculty give our students an advantage. But so do Warnell’s support staff, who offer assistance with academic advising, career services, scholarships, and writing and data collection.
WE’RE HERE TO HELP

In addition to our amazing faculty and hands-on learning, Warnell students have a team of dedicated support staff, a wealth of scholarships, and an active alumni network to help you thrive.

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND SUPPORT

We know navigating UGA can seem daunting, which is why our team of academic advisors and student support is here to de-mystify the process of getting your degree. We will walk you through the classes you need to take, options for electives or certificates, and general rules and requirements. The goal of our advising process is to help you understand your individual degree program and the options available to you.

Beyond advising, Warnell offers a variety of services to ensure your success:

Career Services

We consider your professional development and future employment to be our institutional responsibility. Internships, research projects, and volunteer work are essential training experiences, and to support this, Warnell provides a staff member dedicated to connecting our students with these opportunities. This professional also works with students to provide:

- Assistance with cover letters and resumes
- Practice with interview skills
- Connections with professionals in the field
- Internships and jobs

Writing Program

Good communication skills are essential no matter where you work in natural resources. This is why Warnell provides a writing instructor to work with students as they progress through our program. Warnell’s writing instructor typically works with two classes each semester, meeting individually with students on several writing assignments in each class.

Data Literacy

In addition to writing, our students must enter the workforce with solid research skills and an understanding of data. So, Warnell has a faculty-level data specialist to work alongside students as they conduct classroom research and learn new techniques. You will get hands-on instruction in collecting data in the field, setting up data sheets, drafting projects, and analyzing numbers. Our program helps build habits of thinking forward and backward in collecting and reporting data.

Financial Aid

Every year, Warnell awards scholarships to more than 85 graduate and undergraduate students, totaling more than $250,000. This means one out of every five Warnell students receives some form of financial assistance during their time here. We recognize college comes with a lot of additional and sometimes unexpected expenses, but thanks to our network of generous alumni and friends, we can help relieve some of that burden for our students.
Dr. Rebecca Abney specializes in soils, and students in her classes regularly visit sites around Athens to take soil samples.

PROFESSIONAL? PRE-PROFESSIONAL? What does it all mean?

Warnell’s programs consist of two parts:

- **The pre-professional:** Classes you take in your first two years of college that provide a foundation in biological, physical, and social sciences, and the humanities.

- **The professional:** Two years of natural resources courses and specialized study in your chosen major. This is where you tailor your coursework to align with your interests after graduation.

Undergraduates from across UGA, as well as transfer students, are welcome to apply to the professional program as long as they have met the entrance requirements. Students typically apply in the last semester of their second year, as they are finishing their pre-professional courses.
TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Students come to Warnell in a variety of ways. Some find out about us in high school, while others learn about our programs halfway through their college careers. No matter how your path takes you to Warnell, know that we have dedicated professionals to guide you through the process.

Schedule a tour or get more information: wrecruit@uga.edu

ARE YOU PREPARING TO APPLY TO UGA?
When you complete the online application at admissions.uga.edu, be sure to select one of Warnell’s majors as your intended major (Fisheries & Wildlife, Forestry, Natural Resource Management and Sustainability, or Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management.) Not sure about a major yet? Select “BSFR Unspecified” as your choice.

Why select a major?
There are several benefits to declaring your major as you enter UGA!
• Meet one–on–one with an advisor who knows your requirements
• Stay on track for entering our programs
• You will be added to Warnell’s email list, keeping you connected to news and updates about scholarships, jobs, internships, important dates, and club events
• It’s not set in stone—you can always change!

ARE YOU ALREADY A UGA STUDENT?
Our students receive regular news and updates, including job and internship posts, club meetings and announcements, and access to school–wide events. Students can enter Warnell as a pre–professional student at any time with no prerequisites. But in order to be accepted into the professional program, Warnell requires a minimum 2.5 GPA as well as completion of specific required courses. Our advisors will work with you to recommend certain classes and help you stay on track for graduation.

What about the Double Dawgs program?
Ambitious, motivated students can get a competitive advantage after graduation by taking part in our Double Dawgs programs. By earning a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in five years or less, you can save time and money while positioning yourself for success after graduation.
• B.S.F.R.in Fisheries & Wildlife (Wildlife Sciences)/M.F.R. in Forest Resources (non–thesis)
• B.S.F.R.in Fisheries & Wildlife (Wildlife Sciences)/M.N.R. in Natural Resources (non–thesis)

ARE YOU TRANSFERRING TO UGA?
About half of all our students transfer from another school or college—you are not alone! To apply as a transfer student, visit admissions.uga.edu for full instructions and to submit your transcripts from your previous institutions.

To transfer as a sophomore, you must have at least 30 hours of transferrable credits. To see if your classes transfer, visit admissions.uga.edu/transferequiv. Please visit the UGA website for full GPA requirements.

For more details on how to apply, visit warnell.uga.edu/undergrad/admissions
IGNITE YOUR PASSION
With two spring break courses focused on prescribed fires, Warnell students learn valuable skills that transfer to in-demand jobs across the country.

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