Natural Resources MGMT

NDSU NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MAJOR MAP

B.S.

Curriculum Guide

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
NAVIGATE COURSEWORK	Take relevant General Education courses. Start introductory Natural Resources coursework which introduces you to the major and guides you toward the emphasis of interest to you. Pair with relevant GE courses.	Complete General Education requirements. By the end of year two an emphasis area should be decided upon. Explore minor options. *NRM Bulletin	Course work focused within chosen emphasis area. Upper level English, and focus on 300 – 400 level course work. Declare minor take corresponding courses. *NRM Bulletin	Select relevant electives for emphasis area. Complete major and minor requirements. Develop portfolio and complete capstone course (NRM 462). *NRM Bulletin
DEVELOP SKILLS THROUGH EXPERIENCE	Explore careers associated with your major. Identify key skills needed in your field. Explore student organizations such as NRM Club.	Consider a job or volunteer opportunity to start building experience. Learn professional etiquette and how to write a proper resume, cover letter, and thank you note.	Find summer employment or internship within the NRM field. Seek out student research opportunities.	Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess experiences you are lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, internships.
SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS	Consider volunteering with a non-profit organization related to your interest such as River Keepers, Audubon Society, etc. Seek out opportunities outside of NRM in areas of interest. Attend the clubs and organizations fair in the fall.	Begin networking with professionals in targeted field. Consider joining a professional organization or club in your interest area.	Do some targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest. Consider a leadership position in a professional organization or club.	Focus on making connections with faculty, staff, alumni who can help you materialize post-graduation plan. Work closely with your advisor in finding important connections.
UNDERSTAND BROADER PERSPECTIVES	Explore self, including personality, strengths, interests, and skills.	Consider if Study Abroad fits into your education. If so, submit an application for an abroad opportunity. Volunteer with a community organization that helps others in need.	Study or intern abroad, if relevant. Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by improving your language skills.	Prepare for work or studies in a foreign country and research possible visa regulations. Pursue position types that fit your career goals and current background.
GO! BUILD YOUR FUTURE	Struggling with career or program decisions? Go to orientation sessions, visit with Academic Advising, visit with the Career Center, and attend Career Fairs during the year	Start building your resume and cover letter, develop 10-15 second elevator pitch on who you are, conduct internship/job search, develop a list of references.	Begin to streamline your career focus area. Research education and experience requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take a graduate school test.	Solidify post-graduation plan and apply for jobs, graduate school, or additional training. Get help from advisor and the Career Center with job searching, resumes, letters, interviews, grad school apps, etc.

CONSIDER A SUMMER JOB OR INTERNSHIP

Where could I go after graduation?

Audubon Society

Botanist

City Planner

Department of Environmental Quality

Department of Health

Department of Natural Resources

Ducks Unlimited

Education

Environmental/Ecological Consulting

Extension Agent

Forester

Game Warden

GIS Specialist

Graduate Student

Natural Areas Interpreter

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Natural Resources Management Specialist

Parks Manager

Pheasants Forever

Pollution Control Agency

Recreation Specialist

Start Your Own Business

The Nature Conservancy

U.S. Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Geological Survey

Urban Ecosystem Planner

Watershed Coordinator

*Some careers may require additional training

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