

Natural Resources Pre-Major

Prepares students to work in the environmental science, natural resources, or earth sciences fields. Students completing this degree and planning to transfer to UW-Stevens Point are eligible to attend the Treehaven summer camp before transferring and will enter any of the College of Natural Resources bachelor's degree programs with junior standing.

[View Degree Comparison Chart \(PDF\)](#)

Program Outline

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS									
2089010100	Foundations of University Learning	1.00									
20801219	English Composition I Develops expository writing and critical thinking skills, including clarity, concision, concreteness, and completeness of expression, supported by reasoning, organization, and language conventions. Lecture.	3.00									
20801223	English Composition II Advances composition skills, emphasizing well-reasoned argumentative research papers. Lecture. Credits: 3. Prerequisite(s): 2080121900 English Composition I (D- or better) or 1080119500 Written Communication (B or better).	3.00									
20810201	Fundamentals of Speech Examines theory and process of communication, the role of speech in self-development, the art of persuasion, topic selection, the use of research-based evidence, and audience analysis. Includes organizing speech content, speech delivery, and critique via presentation of informative and persuasive speeches and development of effective extemporaneous speaking style. Students gain self-confidence, proficiency, and poise.	3.00									
N/A	Humanities <table> <tr> <td>20-809-226</td><td>Environmental Ethics</td><td>3 credits</td></tr> <tr> <td>20-815-230</td><td>Native American Art</td><td>3 credits</td></tr> </table>	20-809-226	Environmental Ethics	3 credits	20-815-230	Native American Art	3 credits	6.00			
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N/A	Social Sciences <table> <tr> <td>20-809-287</td><td>Principles of Macroeconomics</td><td>3 credits</td></tr> <tr> <td>20-803-258</td><td>World History to 1500</td><td>3 credits</td></tr> <tr> <td>or 20-803-259</td><td>or World History since 1500</td><td></td></tr> </table>	20-809-287	Principles of Macroeconomics	3 credits	20-803-258	World History to 1500	3 credits	or 20-803-259	or World History since 1500		6.00
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N/A	Mathematics & Natural Science	20.00									

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
	Required: 20-804-224 Algebra for Calculus (or higher) - 4 credits 20-806-210 General Ecology - 4 credits 20-806-211 Intro to Soil and Water Resources - 4 credits 20-806-232 Intro to Forestry Fisheries Wildlife - 4 credits 20-806-215 Environmental Science - 3 credits Plus an additional 5 credits from: 20-806-209 General Botany - 5 credits 20-806-213 General Zoology - 5 credits 20-806-245 College Chemistry I - 5 credits 20-806-249 College Chemistry II - 5 credits	
N/A	Health/Wellness/Physical Education	1.00
N/A	Diversity/Ethnic Studies Courses that meet this requirement may also count toward Humanities or Social Science. These credits are not in addition to the 60 credits required for the degree. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	0.00
N/A	World Language May be met with one year high school, with a grade of "C" or better, or one semester in college. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	4.00
N/A	Electives Suggested (if not used to meet natural science requirement) 20-806-209 General Botany - 5 credits 20-806-213 General Zoology - 5 credits 20-806-245 College Chemistry I - 5 credits 20-806-249 College Chemistry II - 5 credits 20-806-212 Geographic Information Systems - 3 credits 20-804-230 Statistics - 3 credits	13.00

Total Credits: 60.00

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

At A Glance

How You'll Learn

Term Starts

Spring 2026
 January 12 - 16-Week Spring Term Start

Summer 2026
May 18 - 12-Week Summer Term Start

Start dates represent the beginning of a new term. Certain programs or courses may not be available to start every term. Please view the [course schedules](#) for a list of upcoming classes or contact the Welcome Center at 715-365-4493.

[VIEW FULL ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

Program Tuition*

\$12,240

Books & Supplies*

\$3,308

*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

Financial Aid Eligible

► [Potential Indirect Costs](#)

What You'll Learn

- Employ effective verbal and nonverbal communication skills in diverse professional and social contexts
 - Demonstrate quantitative reasoning skills at the appropriate undergraduate level
 - Demonstrate critical thinking skills at the appropriate undergraduate level
 - Demonstrate effective use of scientific method skills in a variety of contexts at the appropriate undergraduate level
 - Demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural, political, and historical dimensions of our world at the appropriate undergraduate level
 - Demonstrate a heightened awareness of our physical, chemical, and biological environment at the appropriate undergraduate level
 - Demonstrate an increased responsibility for self-directed learning and personal wellness
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Possible Bachelor's Degree Majors

- Fisheries/Water Resources
- Forestry
- Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management
- Paper Science and Engineering
- Soil and Waste Resources
- Wildlife Ecology

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Get Started

Your application can be submitted online, it takes just a few minutes to complete.

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