

## WILDLIFE OR FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

### GRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Application deadlines: Rolling deadline (applications are accepted year round)

#### MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A Bachelor's degree; Master-level degree or significant independent research required for admission to Ph.D. program
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum score of 550 on the paper-based, 213 on the computer-based, or 79 on the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for all applicants whose native language is not English

MANDATORY PREPARATORY COURSEWORK (based on Wildlife or Fisheries undergraduate degree requirements; deficiencies are determined by the committee and may be satisfied after admission):

- 2 semesters each, biology and chemistry
- Mathematics through an elementary course in statistics and calculus
- An upper division course in ecology, at least one taxonomy course (e.g., mammalogy, herpetology, ornithology), and a natural resources management or related course.

#### Degree Requirements:

REQUIREMENT	M.S. (Thesis)	Ph.D. (Dissertation)
Coursework	≥ 24 (15 units must receive regular grades)	36 units in the major ≥ 9 units in the minor (23 units must receive regular grades)
Thesis/Dissertation	6	18
Minor	No minor required	Specific requirements are set by minor department.
<b>MINIMUM TOTAL UNITS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>63</b>
Total Units for Degree	30	63
Comprehensive Committee	NA	4 Member Minimum (at least 3 tenure-track or equivalent with one in minor)
Final Committee	3 Member Minimum (at least 2 tenure-track or equivalent)	3 Member Minimum (at least 3 tenure-track or equivalent)

- Ph.D. students must have a QUALIFYING MEETING during their 1<sup>st</sup> semester to review potential transfer coursework and a draft plan of study.
- A PLAN OF STUDY must be completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester for M.S. Students and the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester for Ph.D. Students.
- A RESEARCH PROPOSAL must be approved by their committee in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester for M.S. Students in the Thesis Option and in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester for the Ph.D. Students
- Ph.D. Students must complete the oral and written portions of their COMPREHENSIVE EXAM in the 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> semester.
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Note: This sheet is a digest of degree requirements. Students should become familiar with the Graduate Catalog and the SNRE Graduate Student Handbook. The latter is available from the Academic Coordinator or on the SNRE website. If you have questions, see your major advisor.