Foresters are stewards of the land. They not only care about trees, but also care about the land that trees grow on and the other plants and animals in the forest. If you’re interested in protecting wildlife habitat and the environment while meeting the ever-growing human demand for wood products, clean water, outdoor recreation and scenic beauty, consider a career in forestry.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Acquire a broad knowledge of the forest and the ecosystems through coursework that explores the biological, political and managerial sciences while earning your forestry degree from the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. The emphasis areas in this degree program will prepare you for a variety of careers, including:

- **FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.** Work to promote forest health and productivity, increase and enhance wildlife habitat, increase biodiversity, and help protect endangered species while working for state and federal agencies such as the Missouri Department of Conservation or the US Forest Service. Forest resource managers are also employed by wood products firms like Weyerhaeuser to ensure a sustainable wood supply for meeting the needs of our society.

- **URBAN FORESTRY.** Maintain and improve the green infrastructure found in parks and other public places as an urban forester working for cities and other municipalities. Urban foresters also work for tree service companies that serve homeowners and citizen groups through maintaining the health and vigor of trees on private land.

- **FOREST RESOURCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP.** Assume a role administrating timber sales, developing carbon contracts or implementing forest stand improvement practices to name but a few of the tasks you could perform as either an independent consulting forester or as a forestry consulting firm employee.

DUAL DEGREE OPTION

A dual degree in fisheries and wildlife can supplement a forestry degree.

Along with coursework in forestry, this dual degree option requires courses in fisheries and wildlife that will build a strong foundation in understanding the science of the plants and animals living in the forest environment.

Check out additional minor and degree opportunities at cafnr.missouri.edu/academics.

ADVISING/MENTORING

As a student in CAFNR, you will be assigned a faculty member and/or a professional who will serve as your academic advisor. This one-on-one advisement and guidance will help you design the course of study best suited to meet your career objectives.

This personalized approach to student advising means our students are more likely to stay in college and graduate.
HANDS-ON LEARNING

A wide array of opportunities showcase the College’s signature research, education and outreach programs that provide experience for our students.

LEARNING LABS. In CAFNR, you can dive into real-world experiences at our research centers that specialize in forestry: Baskett Research Center, Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center and Wurdack Research Center. We also work closely with the Missouri Department of Conservation’s Missouri Ozark Forest Ecosystem Project (MOFEP) and the USFS Northern Research Station’s Sinkin Experimental Forest; both located deep in the heart of the scenic Missouri Ozarks.

INTERNSHIPS. Opportunities for internships exist with state and federal agencies, employers in the forest industry and non-profit organizations. On-the-job training will provide invaluable experience that will serve you well after graduation.

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH. As part of your technical training, you’ll spend five weeks during the summer in various field studies throughout the Missouri Ozarks. You can spend a summer working side-by-side with MU forestry faculty on research such as the Missouri Ozark Forest Ecosystem Project (MOFEP) or any of a number of multidisciplinary studies.

GETTING INVOLVED

Mizzou recognizes more than 800 student organizations. In CAFNR alone there are more than 50 clubs and organizations to choose from, and each gives you the opportunity to apply what you learn in the classroom while making lifelong friends.

CAREER PLANNING

CAFNR offers Career Services tailored to help you make connections and build your professional brand. You can meet employers, prepare your resume, practice interview skills and develop your professional communication skills. More than 100 employers recruit CAFNR students each year through on-campus career events.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources offers one of the strongest scholarship programs at MU. About $1.3 million is awarded each year to undergraduates, ranging from $500 to $3,500 per year.

PREVIOUS INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Missouri Department of Conservation, U.S. Forest Service
- International Paper, Green Bay Packaging
- Weyerhaeuser, Deltic Timber
- Pioneer Forest, Davey Tree

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STUDYING ABROAD

The forestry program, together with the CAFNR Study Abroad Office, offers a variety of international experiences around the globe, providing you the opportunity to explore conservation and natural resource management practices in other countries. The programs also help you better understand the global dimensions of the Missouri and U.S. natural resource industries. Study abroad for a summer, a semester or winter break in your choice of more than 14 countries. Scholarships and loans are available for study abroad students.

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