



Department of Fisheries & Wildlife

New Student Advising and Orientation for First Year Students

The following links contain important information for new students.

- [ALEKS](#) – Math Placement
- [Tutorial of Curriculum Yearly Planner](#)
- [FW Course Descriptions & Curriculum](#)
- [MyDegrees Tutorials](#)
- [Academic Advising at OSU](#)
- [Fisheries and Wildlife Undergraduate Student Page](#)
- [Advising Resources](#) for Fisheries and Wildlife Students
- [Internships Page](#)
- [Guide to your First Year](#) – lots of resources here
- [General Catalog](#) & [Academic Regulations](#)
- [College of Agricultural Sciences](#) – Academic Programs Office - Strand Ag Hall 147, 737-2211 (when Dean's signature is needed, or other College of Ag questions arise)

Advisor Information:

Student's Name: _____

Advisor: _____

Office: _____

E-Mail: _____

What to do during START with your departmental advisor:

1. Get your advisor information
2. All Fisheries and Wildlife students should be subscribed to the **FW-undergrads** listserv which delivers essential items such as advising, scholarships, internships, course offerings, and departmental functions. To subscribe to the FW-undergrads listserv:
 - Got to web page: <http://lists.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/fw-undergrads>
 - Under "Subscribing" put your name and your ONID email address
 - You don't need a password to subscribe
3. Prepare your schedule using the catalog and the curriculum yearly planner and then register for classes.

INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS 2017-2018

Who should I go to with my questions?

<p>For questions about what classes to sign up for each term and to get your registration PIN - see your assigned First Year Advisor (FYE) Advisor.</p> <p>FYE students will receive an email from their advisor with instructions on how to sign up for advising appointments.</p>	<p>For questions about internship or work experience:</p> <p>Danielle Jarkowsky, Internship Coordinator danielle.jarkowsky@oregonstate.edu Nash 104E 541-737-1091</p>
<p>For questions about registration (restrictions or needing overrides), general issues regarding advising, or if your advisor is not available.</p> <p>Nancy Allen, Head Advisor, Nash 104F, nancy.allen@oregonstate.edu, 541-737-1941</p>	<p>If you'd like to talk about career options or graduate school:</p> <p>Selina Heppell Department Head, Nash 104C, selina.heppell@oregonstate.edu 541-737-9039</p>

How can I be a rock star student?

READ YOUR EMAIL

One of the most important tasks for a college student is checking email for critical advising, class, and university related announcements. Don't miss out!

Get Connected and Experience F&W.

- **Connect to Graduate Students** with our [Undergraduate Mentorship Program](#). It's a great way to get hands-on experience and find out how to become a graduate student one day.
- **Connect to faculty.** We have internationally recognized faculty who are working on a range of research projects (<http://fw.oregonstate.edu/fisheries-and-wildlife/research-department-fisheries-and-wildlife>). Locate a faculty member with professional interests similar to yours and make it a point to connect with them for career or professional advice!
- **Connect to other students** by forming study groups, joining student clubs, attending the annual fall BBQ and other Department functions and seminars. "Like" The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife [Facebook page](#) and tell us about your unique experiences! See other student excursions by exploring our [student blogs](#).
- **Get hands-on experience** through a term at the coast, study abroad, research experience, or taking a hybrid course. We have lots of opportunities.
- **Join professional societies and attend annual meetings.** Becoming a member of professional societies such as [American Fisheries Society](#), [The Wildlife Society](#), and [The Coastal Society](#) through our [AFS/TWS Oregon Student Chapters](#) demonstrates a commitment to the profession. Their annual conferences provide excellent opportunities for networking with professionals.
- **Focus on education but take advantage of other opportunities** in the community and at OSU. Locate federal, state, county or private natural resource organizations and get involved.

Go to the Writing Center!

We strongly encourage you to take advantage of The Writing Center which is located in Waldo Hall Room 123. The Center offers an in-house Language Use Diagnostic test at no cost. This test is to

assist you with grammar and punctuation and also help with any writing assignments you will need to prepare for class.

Know where to find academic info!

The [Registration Handbook](#) contains registration procedures and calendars, academic regulations, Bacc Core courses, campus maps, and a schedule of final exams for each term. When planning your schedule each term make sure to use the [curriculum yearly planner](#) and the [schedule of classes](#).

You don't get experience, you don't get a job!

One of the best avenues to a permanent job in Fisheries and Wildlife is through a strong Internship and temporary employment or volunteer positions. There are many opportunities for such work, including the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State Police (cadet program leading to game law enforcement), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Environmental Protection Agency, National Marine Fisheries Service, Defenders of Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, and others. Begin by looking for positions on our [Internship and Seasonal Job website](#). It also has tips on preparing resumes, writing cover letters and interviewing.

Get out of Dodge!

Consider [studying abroad](#) or doing an [international internship](#) your sophomore or junior years. Credits from these can be applied to meet some of your degree requirements. The OSU International Degree and Education Abroad office has many partnerships with programs that will accept financial aid and scholarships as payment. Check out our Department's [International Experiences](#) section on our undergraduate webpages. Meet with the Guru - Internship Coordinator, Danielle Jarkowsky, in Nash 104E early and often.

Get help when you need it! You will find that your teachers and advisors are interested in your success and are willing to assist you when you need it. Your tuition and fees pay for many services – take advantage of them – and let us know when you need help.

Planning for your Fisheries and Wildlife Courses

Prerequisites and sequencing require thoughtful planning and regular consultation with your advisor. In general, students should complete all lower division courses (100/200) before taking upper division courses (300/400). Math, chemistry, and biology are prerequisites for many other courses and should be completed no later than your sophomore year.

A typical 4 year plan could include the following courses under two different tracks. Your advisor will help you determine which one is right for you. **These are examples and course options will vary for every student.**

FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM 4-YEAR COURSE OF STUDY

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TRACK I - Traditional	TRACK II - Rigorous
Freshman Year	Freshman Year
FW 107 Orientation to FW (Fall)	FW 107 Orientation to FW (Fall)
CH 121-123 ¹ Chemistry (F,W,S)	CH 231-233 ¹ Chemistry, labs 261-263 ¹ (F,W,S)
Math/ALEKS if appropriate	BI 211-213 Biology (F,W,S)
WR 121 English Composition	Math 241 or 251
COMM 111 or 114 - Speech	WR 121 English Composition
Physical Science Course(s)	COMM 111 or 114 - Speech
Baccalaureate Core Requirement(s)	Baccalaureate Core Requirement(s)
	FW 251 Principle of FW Conservation (Winter)
Sophomore Year	
FW 209 Career Skills in FW (Fall or winter)	Sophomore Year
FW 251 Principles of FW Conservation (Winter)	FW 209 Career skills in FW (F or W)
FW 255 Field Sampling of Fish and Wildlife	FW 255 Field Sampling of Fish and Wildlife
FW 289 Communications Skills for FW Professionals	FW 289 Communications Skills for FW Professionals
BI 211-213 ¹ Biology (F,W,S)	FW 307 Specialization Development (Spring)
Writing II (WR 327 recommended)	BI 370 Ecology (Fall)
Physical Science Course(s)	ST 351, 352 Statistics (Fall, Winter)
Baccalaureate Core Requirements	FW 320 Population Dynamics (Winter)
	FW 321 Resource Ecology (Spring)
Junior Year	Writing II - WR 327 recommended or HC 199 (honors)
FW 307 Specialization Development (Fall)	Baccalaureate Core Requirements
Vertebrate Biology/Systematics course(s)	Physical Science Course(s) Math recommended
BI 370 Ecology (Fall)	Vertebrate Biology/Systematics course(s)
FW 320 Population Dynamics (Winter)	
FW 321 FW Resource Ecology (Spring)	Junior Year
FW 410 Internship Requirement ²	Human Dimensions Course(s)
ST 351, 352 Statistics (Fall, Winter)	Vertebrate Biology/Systematics course(s)
Physical Science Course(s)	Advanced Core Courses
Specialization Courses	Specialization Courses
	FW 410 Internship Requirement ²
	FW 401 Research (optional)
Senior Year	Study Abroad (optional)
Vertebrate Biology/Systematics Course(s)	
Human Dimensions Course(s)	Senior Year
FW 488 Problem Solving in FW Science	FW 488 Problem Solving in FW Science
Human Dimensions Course(s)	Advanced Core Courses
FW 410 Internship Requirement ²	Specialization Courses
Advanced Core Courses	Human Dimensions Course(s)
Specialization Courses	FW 410 Internship Requirement ²
	FW 401 Research (optional)
	Study Abroad and/or HMSC (optional)

¹Chemistry and Biology Courses must be completed with a C- or better grade.

²Internships can be done any year and should be completed at least 2 terms before you graduate.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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