Forest landscapes are always changing, sometimes very slowly as a result of long-term processes, followed by rapid changes as a result of fires or harvesting. Sustaining forests in the modern world requires managers who understand these changes, and how forests connect to global, ecological, and social systems.

Curriculum

Curricula include a broad background in the biological, physical, social, and management sciences, followed by professional forestry courses. You may specialize in one of four concentrations in the Forestry Major: Forest Management, Forest Biology, Forest Fire Science or Forestry Business. These concentrations provide you with professional training in the fundamental principles of multiple-use forestry and ecosystem management. At the same time, you will develop a broad understanding of the sciences and improve your communication abilities. Each of the four concentrations leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The Forestry curriculum is accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

Hands-on Learning

The program includes a summer course at CSU’s 1,200 acre Pingree Park mountain campus. Students participate in field studies in forest ecology, plant and animal identification, wildland fire measurements, forest mapping, and forest measurements, all at 9,000 feet.

Objectives

The Department of Forest & Rangeland Stewardship provides forestry education that spans the entire range of experiences necessary to understand and manage forests. The forestry program offers high quality education in forestry and related disciplines; develops knowledge through scholarly endeavors; and disseminates information to the profession, and the public through service and outreach.
Career Opportunities

Careers in forestry and natural resources are exceptionally varied, challenging, and personally satisfying. Opportunities are available in rural and urban settings worldwide. Participation in internships, volunteer activities, or cooperative education opportunities is highly recommended to enhance practical training and development. Positions are available in industry, education, consulting, public service, and government agencies. Forestry majors at CSU consistently enjoy job placement rates that are about 20 percent higher than average.

Why Colorado?

In a state known for its natural resources and where outdoor recreation is a way of life, CSU’s Northern Colorado campus is located in perfect proximity to an abundance of wilderness and biodiverse landscapes that serve as outdoor classrooms for many experiential learning opportunities.

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