As global populations increase, concern for the sustainability of natural resources is becoming imperative. The Natural Resources program provides students with a working knowledge of a broad span of natural resources, their diversity and interdependence and the critical relationships between humans and their environment. Students interested in an interdisciplinary approach to natural resources and a career dealing with land use, water resources, environmental policy, forest or range land ecology, and related endeavors may find this program suited to their career and life goals.

Curriculum

The broad curriculum ensures that students who graduate with a Natural Resources Management degree will be able to integrate technical “field” knowledge with analytical skills to solve important natural resource management problems; and be able to communicate effectively, work collaboratively. Courses in rangeland biology, forest and natural resource management, wildlife management, watershed management, and recreation resources provide the broad overview that is unique to this major. Students also choose a minor in a related topic or an interdisciplinary study program from among the dozens offered at CSU, including Spatial Information Systems, Conservation Biology, Water Resources, or Criminal Justice. The choice of minor or interdisciplinary study allows the student to gain greater depth of understanding in an area of particular interest, and may greatly influence employment opportunities.

Hands-on Learning

CSU’s campus is located in perfect proximity to an abundance of wilderness and bio-diverse landscapes that serve as outdoor classrooms for many experiential learning opportunities. A highlight for many students, CSU’s 1,200 acre Pingree Park mountain campus is home to a field course unlike any other. Students spend a summer learning about ecology at 9,000 feet - surrounded by national forests and Rocky Mountain National. Students participate in field studies in forest ecology, plant and animal identification, wildland fire measurements, forest mapping, and forest measurements.
As an NR graduate, you can find employment with public land management agencies and non-governmental organizations in a wide variety of settings such as environmental groups, legislative bodies concerned with land use policy and law, public relations organizations and a range of public education activities. Some natural resource professionals are employed in environmental consulting firms and corporate environmental departments. The nonprofit sector provides a variety of environmentally related jobs. Participating in seasonal and voluntary work, internships, and cooperative education opportunities will enhance your chances for permanent full time employment.

It is if this describes you:
* Strong interest in natural resources and resource management issues
* Desire to understand wildlife, range and water management principles
* Interest in policy formation and implementation
* Able to integrate knowledge of a variety of concepts to obtain an holistic perspective
* Prefers hands on work

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