Minimum credit hours required for graduation is 120. *Prerequisites or enrollment restrictions may apply to some courses. Consult the undergraduate course catalog or the time table of classes.

**Degree Core Requirements (21 credits)**
- FREC 2004 Forest Ecosystems (3 credits) or FREC 3314 Forest Ecology and Silvics* (3 credits)
- FREC 2214 Introduction to Land and Field Measurements* (3 credits)
- FREC 2314 Forest Biology and Dendrology* (2 credits)
- FREC 2324 Dendrology Laboratory (1 credit)
- FREC 2614 Human-Environment Systems* (3 credits)
- FREC 4014 (NR 4014) Natural Resources Economics* (3 credits)
- FREC 4114 Information Technologies for Natural Resources Management* (3 credits)
- FREC 4434 Natural Resource Policy* (3 credits)

**Major Requirements (36 credits)**
- BIOL 1115 Principles of Biology Lab* (1 credit)
- BIOL 1116 Principles of Biology Lab* (1 credit)
- CHEM 1035 General Chemistry* (3 credits)
- CHEM 1045 General Chemistry Lab* (1 credit)
- CSES 3134 (ENSC 3134) Soils in the Landscape* (3 credits)
- FW 2114 Principles of Fish and Wildlife Management (3 credits)
- FREC 2414 Field Experience in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation (2 credits)
- FREC 3364 Environmental Silviculture* (3 credits) (*Pathways 6 Design*)
- FREC 4354 Forest Soil and Watershed Management* (3 credits)
- FREC 4374 Forested Wetlands* (3 credits)
- FREC 4464 (AAEC 4464/WAGR 4464) Water Resources Policy and Economics* (3 credits)
- GEOS 1024 Earth Resources, Soc, & Env or GEOS 1004 Introduction to Earth Science (3 credits)
- GEOS 1124 Earth Res, Society & Env Lab or GEOS 1104 Intro to Earth Sciences Lab (1 credit)
- GEOS 3014 Environmental Geosciences* (3 credits)

**Geospatial Analysis Elective (3 credits – take one)**
- FREC 4214 Forest Photogrammetry and Spatial Data Processing* (3 credits)
- GEOG 4354 (GEOS 4354) Introduction to Remote Sensing (3 credits)

**Required Restricted Electives (15 to 16 credits – see accompanying lists)**
- Global Environmental Issues Restricted Elective (3 credits)
- Law Restricted Elective (3 credits)
- Public Relations Restricted Elective (3 credits)
- Urban Environments Restricted Elective (3 credits)
- Water Restricted Elective (3 or 4 credits)
Pathways to General Education Requirements (45 - 47 credits)

Pathways Concept 1: Discourse (9 credits)
- COMM 1015 Communication Skills or ENGL 1105 First-Year Writing (3 credits)
- COMM 1016 Communication Skills or ENGL 1106 First-Year Writing (3 credits)
- Pathways Concept 1 Advanced course: ___________________________ (3 credits)

Pathways Concept 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 credits)
- FREC 2554 (LAR 2554/NR 2554) Leadership for Global Sustainability (3 credits)
- Pathways Concept 2 course: ___________________________ (3 credits)

Pathways Concept 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 credits)
- AAEC 1005 Economics of the Food & Fiber System or ECON 2005 Principles of Economics (3 credits)
- Pathways Concept 3 course: ___________________________ (3 credits)

Pathways Concept 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 credits)
- BIOL 1105 Principles of Biology (3 credits)
- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology (3 credits)

Pathways Concept 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 - 11 credits)
- MATH 1025 Elementary Calculus or MATH 1225 Calculus of a Single Variable (3 or 4 credits)
- MATH 1026 Elementary Calculus or MATH 1226 Calculus of a Single Variable (3 or 4 credits)
- STAT 3615 Biological Statistics* (3 credits)

Pathways Concept 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 credits)
- Pathways Concept 6 Arts course: ___________________________ (3 credits)
- Pathways Concept 6 Design course: fulfilled by:
  - FREC 3364 Environmental Silviculture* (3 credits)

Pathways Concept 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 credits)
- Pathways Concept 7 course: ___________________________ (3 credits)

Free Electives (additional credit hours to total at least 120, estimated 6 credits)²

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¹A course taken to satisfy another area of Pathways that is also listed within Concept 7 will satisfy the Concept 7 requirement simultaneously
² Free elective estimations are calculated utilizing available overlap between major requirements and Pathways requirements.
### Restricted Electives (15 to 16 credits – see lists below)

#### Global Environmental Issues Restricted Electives
- **AAEC 3204** International Agricultural Development and Trade* (Pathways 3) 3
- **FREC 2124** Forests, Society and Climate (Pathways 3 or 4) 3
- **FREC 2784** (SBIO 2784) Global Forest Sustainability 3
- **FREC 3604** Climate Science* 3
- **GEOG 3104** Environmental Problems, Population and Development (Pathways 3) 3
- **GEOG 4204** Geography of Resources* 3
- **GEOG 4764** (SOC 4764/UAP 4764) International Development 3
- **UAP 3344** (PSCI 3344) Global Environmental Issues: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* 3
- **UAP 4214** (GEOG 4214, WGS 4214) Gender, Environment, and International Development* 3

#### Law Restricted Electives
- **AAEC 3314** Environmental Law 3
- **AAEC 3604** Agricultural Law 3
- **FIN 3054** Legal and Ethical Environment of Business* 3
- **UAP 4314** Law of Critical Environmental Areas 3
- **UAP 4754** Legal Foundations of Planning* 3

#### Public Relations Restricted Electives
- **ENGL 4804** Grant Proposals and Reports* 3
- **FREC 3524** Environmental Interpretation* (Pathways 1 Advance) 3
- **HUM 3204** (RLCL 3204) Multicultural Communication (Pathways 3) 3
- **PR 2044** Principles of Public Relations (Pathways 3) 3
- **PSCI 3244** (JMC 3244) Political Communication* 3
- **SPIA 2554** Collaborative Policy and Planning (Pathways 3 and 7) 3

#### Urban Environments Restricted Electives
- **FREC 2134** (HORT 2134) Plants and Greenspaces in Urban Communities (Pathways 4) 3
- **FREC 3354** (HORT 3354) Trees in the Built Environment* 3
- **FREC 4454** Urban and Community Forestry* (Pathways 1 Advance) 3
- **GEOG 3244** The U.S. City* 3
- **UAP 2014** Urbanization and Development 3
- **UAP 3354** Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning 3
- **UAP 4374** Land Use and Environment* 3

#### Water Restricted Electives
- **BIOL 4004** Freshwater Ecology* 4
- **BIOL 4354** (ENT 4354) Aquatic Entomology* 4
- **FIW 4534** Ecology and Management of Wetland Systems* 3
- **FIW 4614** Fish Ecology* 3
- **FREC 3104** (WATR 3104) Principles of Watershed Hydrology* 3
- **FREC 3754** (WATR 3754) Watersheds and Water Quality Monitoring* 3
- **FREC 4784** Wetland Hydrology and Biogeochemistry* 3

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**IMPORTANT NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

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3 Students interested in pursuing hydrology positions in the federal government should note the US Office of Personnel Management Hydrology Qualification Standards, outlined on the notes page of this checksheet
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT NOTES

1. **Satisfactory Progress:** By the end of the semester in which the student has attempted 60 hours (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination), "satisfactory progress" towards a B.S. degree in Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation will include the following minimum criteria:
   - Having an in-major and overall grade point average of at least 2.0
   - Passing at least 24 semester credits that apply to Pathways General Education requirements
   - Passing the following courses or their equivalents: BIOL 1105, 1106, 1115, and 1116; CHEM 1035 and MATH 1026.

2. **Foreign Language Requirement:** A sequence of two (2) foreign language courses is required for graduation unless two (2) high school credits of the same foreign language or six (6) transfer credit hours of foreign language have been earned. These credits do not count toward graduation. See catalog section on “Graduation Requirements.”

3. **Policy on Student Exchanges:** Studying overseas or at another U.S. university is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your education. However, planning for an exchange should begin at least 9 months prior to leaving. This will allow time to determine what substitutions, if any, will be allowed and to arrange your schedule at Virginia Tech to ensure that all requirements for graduation are met.

4. **In-major grade point average computation:** Includes all courses designated as FIW, FREC, GEOG, NR, SBIO, GEOS, and WATR.

5. An in-major and overall GPA of at least 2.0 is required for graduation.

6. In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double-counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways requirements).

7. *Prerequisites: Some of the listed courses have prerequisites and some courses must be taken in sequence to satisfy prerequisites. Be sure to consult with the University Catalog or check with your advisor.

8. **For students interested in pursuing hydrology positions in the federal government, please note:**

   **US Office of Personnel Management: Hydrology Qualification Standards:**
   **Basic Requirements:**
   Degree: physical or natural science, or engineering that included at least 30 semester hours in any combination of courses in hydrology, the physical sciences, geophysics, chemistry, engineering science, soils, mathematics, aquatic biology, atmospheric science, meteorology, geology, oceanography, or the management or conservation of water resources. The coursework must have included at least 6 [credit hours] in calculus (including both differential and integral calculus, e.g., MATH 1025 and 1026), and at least 6 [credit hours] in physics (e.g., PHYS 2205 and 2206).

The Watershed Management minor will facilitate completion of additional water-related coursework that may be beneficial for those seeking federal hydrology positions. For full information, consult your advisor.