

WILDLIFE OR FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

GRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

Application deadlines: Rolling deadline (applications are accepted year round)

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A Bachelor's degree; Master-level degree or significant independent research required for admission to Ph.D. program
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- International students will need to submit proof of English proficiency scores to the University of Arizona. More information can be found here:
<https://grad.arizona.edu/admissions/requirements/international-applicants#english-proficiency>

MANDATORY PREPARATORY COURSEWORK (based on Wildlife or Fisheries undergraduate degree requirements; deficiencies are determined by the committee and may be satisfied after admission):

- 2 semesters each, biology and chemistry
- Mathematics through an elementary course in statistics and calculus
- An upper division course in general ecology, at least one taxonomy course (e.g., mammalogy, herpetology, ornithology), and a natural resources management or related course.

Degree Requirements:

REQUIREMENT	M.S. (Thesis)	Ph.D. (Dissertation)
Coursework	≥ 24 (15 units must receive regular grades)	36 units in the major ≥ 9 units in the minor* (23 units must receive regular grades)
Thesis/Dissertation	6	18
Minor	No minor required	Specific requirements are set by minor department.
MINIMUM TOTAL UNITS	30	63
Total Units for Degree	30	63
Comprehensive Committee	NA	4 Member Minimum (at least 3 tenure-track or equivalent with one in minor)
Final Committee	3 Member Minimum (at least 2 tenure-track or equivalent)	3 Member Minimum (at least 3 tenure-track or equivalent)

- Both M.S. and Ph.D. students must have a FIRST SEMESTER ADVISORY MEETING during their 1st semester to review potential transfer coursework and a draft plan of study.
- Both M.S. and Ph.D. students must take RNR 696A during their first two semesters.
- A PLAN OF STUDY must be completed in the 2nd semester for M.S. Students and the 3rd semester for Ph.D. Students.
- A RESEARCH PROPOSAL must be approved by their committee in the 2nd semester for M.S. Students in the Thesis Option and in the 4th semester for the Ph.D. Students
- Ph.D. Students must complete the oral and written portions of their COMPREHENSIVE EXAM in the 5th – 6th semester.

**The Natural Resources minor requires 12 units. Other minors may require only 9 units. Check with the department offering the minor.*

Note: This sheet is a digest of degree requirements. Students should become familiar with [the Graduate Catalog](#) and [the SNRE Graduate Student Handbook](#). The latter is available from the Academic Coordinator or on the SNRE website. If you have questions, see your major advisor.

COURSE PLANNING TOOL for Plans of Study

	Course prefix and number	Course title	Units	Semester planned or taken
Coursework units	RNR 696A 001 RNR 696A 001	Natural Resources Seminar Natural Resources Seminar	1 1	
Thesis or Dissertation units	RNR 910 thesis (6) or RNR 920 dissertation (18)			
	TOTAL			
			MS ≥ 30 PhD ≥ 63	