**Core Degree Requirements**

**16 Interpersonal and Public Communication Skills**
ENGL 150 and 250 (with grades of C or better); LIB 160; SP CM 212 (with grade of C or better); and two additional three-credit courses in written or oral communication from approved list (see opposite side) and communications-intensive requirement

**9-10 Mathematical Sciences**
MATH 140; and 142; STAT 101 or 104

**13-14 Physical Sciences**
CHEM 163, 163L (or 177, 177L, 178); 231 and 231L (or CHEM 331, 331L, 332); PHYS 106, or 115 and 115L, (or PHYS 111)

**21 Biological Sciences**
A ECL 312, 365; BIOL 211, 211L, 212, 212L; NREM 110, 120, and 211

**15 University and College Required Electives**
Three credits in each of the following five areas:
- **Ethics** (see: [http://www.agstudent.iastate.edu/agriculturestudentservices/ethicslist.html](http://www.agstudent.iastate.edu/agriculturestudentservices/ethicslist.html) for current list);
- **Humanities** (see: [http://www.agstudent.iastate.edu/agriculturestudentservices/humanities.htm](http://www.agstudent.iastate.edu/agriculturestudentservices/humanities.htm) for current list);
- **Social Sciences** (see: [http://www.agstudent.iastate.edu/agriculturestudentservices/social_sciences.htm](http://www.agstudent.iastate.edu/agriculturestudentservices/social_sciences.htm));
- **U.S. Diversity** (see: [http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/div-ip-guide/usdiversity-courses](http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/div-ip-guide/usdiversity-courses) for current list); and
- **International Perspectives** (see: [http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/div-ip-guide/IntlPerspectives-current](http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/div-ip-guide/IntlPerspectives-current) for current list).

**R Practical experience requirement** (NREM 104) – 400 hours of career-related experience approved by academic adviser.

**Options** - Students are expected to choose one of the following options, or areas of specialization, by the end of their sophomore year. Please refer to specific option sheets for course requirements and details.

**31 Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences**
The Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences option concentrates on aquatic ecosystems. Students learn about a variety of aquatic environments and the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of these ecosystems. They may focus on basic fish biology, aquatic ecology and fishery and watershed management.

**33 Interpretation of Natural Resources**
The Interpretation option concentrates on natural history, earth science, and communication techniques. Students in this option will also study the natural environment and learn how to teach others about natural resource-related topics. Some students pursue conservation law enforcement careers through this option.

**33 Pre-veterinary and Wildlife Care**
The Pre-vet/Wildlife Care option is suited for two groups of people. The first group is interested in continuing their education in the veterinary field. Students take courses to meet admission requirements for veterinary school. The second group is interested in pursuing careers in the field of wildlife care. Courses cover animal physiology, animal disease detection and prevention, animal behavior, and advanced animal ecology.

**42 Wildlife**
The Wildlife option concentrates on wildlife habitats, interactions within and among populations, and wildlife management. In addition to in-depth study of wildlife, the option offers courses in policy, administration and law in order to prepare students for the public decision-making process that is necessary in most areas of wildlife management. Some students pursue conservation law enforcement careers through this option.

**10 – 23 Free Electives**

**128 Total Credits**

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**Suggested Course Sequence***

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### Junior Year

### Senior Year

* Students are required to successfully complete the majority of the core curriculum courses suggested for the freshman and sophomore years before declaring an option. The academic adviser will review the student's coursework and must approve the option before it will be recognized by the department.

** Initial math course is determined on the basis of high school math and placement test scores. A non-credit math course (Math 10) may be required at additional costs.

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**Written/Oral Communications Course List**

Select two courses from this list:

- AGEDS 311  Presentation and Sales Strategies for Agricultural Audiences
- ENGL 207  Introduction to Creative Writing
- ENGL 275  Popular Culture Analysis
- ENGL 302  Business Communication
- ENGL 303  Free-Lance Writing for Popular Magazines
- ENGL 304  Creative Writing - Fiction
- ENGL 305  Creative Writing - Nonfiction
- ENGL 306  Creative Writing - Poetry
- ENGL 309  Report and Proposal Writing
- ENGL 310  Rhetorical Analysis
- ENGL 312  Biological Communication
- ENGL 314  Technical Communication
- JL MC 201  Reporting and Writing for the Mass Media
- JL MC 305  Publicity Methods
- SP CM 312  Business and Professional Speaking
- SP CM 313  Communication for the Classroom Teacher

Note: Students must demonstrate communication proficiency by earning a grade of C or better in 6 credits of composition (usually Engl 150 and 250) and 3 credits of speech fundamentals (Sp Cm 212).