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July 16, 2015

Dr. Larry Grabau
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Dear Dr. Grabau,

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If you need additional information on our forestry curriculum revision package, please contact Laura Lhotka at (859) 257-8718 or laura.lhotka@uky.edu.

Sincerely,

Terrell T. "Red" Baker, Ph.D.

Chair/Professor

Department of Forestry

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Required Paperwork

• Change Undergraduate Program Form

Copy of Materials Submitted Through eCATS

Major Change Form

FOR 100 Forests and Forestry (3)*

FOR 101 Keeping it Wild: Animal Conservation in the 21st Century (3)*

FOR 200 Basics of Geospatial Technology (3)*

FOR 230/435 Conservation Biology (3)*

FOR 250 Statistics and Measurements I (4)*

FOR 280 Forest Resource Policy and Law (3)

FOR 310 Introduction to Forest Health and Protection (1)

FOR 355/255 Forest Fire (1)

FOR 356 Forest Soils and Hydrology (1)

FOR 460 Forest Hydrology and Watershed Management (3)

*Submitted with UK Core paperwork

Minor Change Form

FOR 330 GIS and Spatial Analysis (3)

FOR 357 Inventory and Measurements II (2)

FOR 358 Silvicultural Practices (3)

FOR 359 Forest Operations and Utilization (3)

FOR 400 Human Dimensions of Forestry and Natural Resources (3)

FOR 425 Forest Management (4)

New Course Form

FOR 285 Communication and Professional Development in Forestry and Natural Resources I (1)

FOR 286 Communication and Professional Development in Forestry and Natural Resources II (1)

FOR 365 Wildlife Assessment (2)

FOR 520 Mammals of the Eastern United States (4)

FOR 530 Freshwater Ecology (3)

FOR 540 Urban Ecology (3)

FOR 550 U.S. Biodiversity Hotspots (3)

FOR 560 Landscape Ecology for Natural Resources (3)

Drop Course Form

FOR 375 Taxonomy of Forest Vegetation (1)

FOR 376 Silvicultural Practices (2)

FOR 377 Forest Surveying (1)

FOR 378 Forest Mensuration (2)

FOR 379 Harvest and Utilization of Wood (2)

Ett, Joanie M

From: Lhotka, Laura R

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 1:33 PM

To: Badger, Karen

Cc: Ett, Joanie M; Ringe, Jim; Baker, Terrell T

Subject:Updated Forestry Curriculum Revision paperworkAttachments:ForestryProgramChangeForm_030416_FINAL.doc;

CurriculumRevision_UKCoreRevised030416_FINAL.pdf

Karen,

Thank you again for all of your help with the Forestry Curriculum Revision paperwork. Attached is a revised version of the Program Change Form with the adjustments made to the UK Core.

This paperwork should reflect the change that forestry majors may use FOR 250 Statistics and Measurements I (4) and FOR 435 Conservation Biology (3) to satisfy the Statistical Inferential Reasoning and Global Dynamics UK Core areas. FOR 100, FOR 200 and FOR 101 will still be part of the UK Core, but will be used by non-majors for that purpose. Forestry majors will take FOR 100 and FOR 200, but will <u>not</u> be able to use them to satisfy UK Core requirements. To accomplish these changes, the forestry faculty voted to approve replacing the departmental MA 109 College Algebra pre-major requirement with any Quantitative Foundations course having a MA prefix (MA 111 or MA 113 or MA 123 or MA 137).

Also attached is a sample curriculum showing the proposed 4-year plan for a student.

Please let me know if additional changes are need to the paperwork.

Thanks, Laura

Laura Lhotka
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1. General Information

College: Agriculture, Food and Environment		De	partment:	<u>Forestry</u>			
Current N	⁄lajor Name	: <u>Forestry</u>		Proposed Major Name: <u>Forestry</u>			
Current D	egree Title:	Bachelor of Science in Fores	stry	Proposed	Degree Title:	Bachelor of Sci	ence in Forestry
Formal O	ption(s):	n/a	Pro	posed Forn	mal Option(s):	<u>n/a</u>	
Specialty Field w/in Formal Option: $\frac{n/a}{}$				roposed Specialty Field /in Formal Options: <u>n/a</u>			
Date of C	ontact with	Associate Provost for Academic	Adm	ninistration ¹	1: <u>11/11/201</u>	<u>4</u>	
Bulletin (y	yr & pgs):	$\frac{2014-2015}{\text{pg.}109-110}$ CIP Code ¹ :	<u>B03</u>	.0502		Today's Date:	03/22/2016
Accrediting Agency (if applicable): Society of American Foresters							
Requested Effective Date: Semester following approval. OR Specific Date ² :							
Dept. Contact Person: Laura R. Lhotka Phone: 859-257-8718 Email: laura.lhotka@uky.edu							

2. General Education Curriculum for this Program:

The new General Education curriculum is comprised of the equivalent of 30 credit hours of course work. There are, however, some courses that exceed 3 credits & this would result in more than 30 credits in some majors.

- There is no foreign language requirement for the new Gen Ed curriculum.
- There is no General Education Electives requirement.

Please list the courses/credit hours currently used to fulfill the University Studies/General Education curriculum:
I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity
Choose one course from approved list (3)
II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities Choose one course from approved list (3)
III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences
Choose one course from approved list (3)
IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (3)
V. Composition and Communication I
CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I (3)
VI. Composition and Communication II CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II (3)

¹ Prior to filling out this form, you MUST contact the Associate Provost for Academic Administration (APAA). If you do not know the CIP code, the (APAA) can provide you with that during the contact.

² Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No program will be made effective until all approvals are received.

VII. Quantitative Foundations

One calculus course from approved list (3). Students who do not take calculus will use three hours of free electives taking MA 109 College Algebra.

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

Recommended: STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning (3)

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture, Food and Environment (3)

X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list (3)

General Education Area	Course	Credit Hrs
I. Intellectual Inquiry (one course in each area)		
Arts and Creativity	Any from list	<u>3</u>
Humanities	Any from list	<u>3</u>
Social Sciences	Any from list	<u>3</u>
Natural/Physical/Mathematical	<u>BIO 103 Basic</u> <u>Ideas of Biology</u>	<u>3</u>
II. Composition and Communication		
Composition and Communication I	CIS or WRD 110	3
Composition and Communication II	CIS or WRD 111	3
III. Quantitative Reasoning (one course in each are	ea)	
Quantitative Foundations ³	Any approved Quantitative Foundations course with a Math (MA) prefix	<u>3</u>
Statistical Inferential Reasoning	FOR 250 Statistics and Measurements I (submitted for approval)	<u>4</u>
IV. Citizenship (one course in each area)		
Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA	GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture, Food and Environment	<u>3</u>
Global Dynamics	FOR 435 Conservation Biology (submitted for approval)	<u>3</u>
1 7		2.1
	Total General Education Hours	<u>31</u>

3. Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 4 to 12) involve courses offered by

³ Note that MA 109 is NOT approved as a Quantitative Foundations course. Students in a major requiring calculus will use a calculus course (MA 113, 123, 137 or 138) while students not requiring calculus should take MA 111, PHI 120 or another approved course.

another department/program. Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).

The Forestry Department contributes to the Natural Resources and Environmental Science (NRES) interdisciplinary degree program. The proposed changes involve courses in the NRES program taught by forestry faculty.

Current		Proposed		
Standard University co	urse offering.	Standard University course offering.		
List:		List:		
	I —		l	
Specific course – list:	FOR 400 Human	Specific course) – list:	<u>No change</u>	
	<u>Dimensions</u> of Forestry			
	and Natural Resources (3)			
	FOR 480 Integrated Forest			
	Research Management (5)			

5. List any changes to college-level requirements that must be satisfied.

Current	Proposed
Standard college requirement. List:	Standard college requirement. List:
Specific required course – list:	Specific course – list:

6. List pre-major or pre-professional course requirements that will change, including credit hours.

Current	Proposed
GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture, Food and Environment	not required
BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (3)	BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (3)
or	<u>or</u>
BIO 150 Principles of Biology I (3)	BIO 148 Introductory Biology I (3)
CHE 104 Introductory General Chemistry (3)	CHE 104 Introductory General Chemistry (3)
or	or
CHE 105 General College Chemistry I (4)	CHE 105 General College Chemistry I (4)
MA 109 College Algebra	Any approved Quantitative Foundations course with
	a Math (MA) prefix

7. List the major's course requirements that will change, including credit hours.

Current	Proposed
FOR 110 Natural Resource Issues (1)	<u>FOR 110 - removed</u>
FOR 150 Computer App. in Nat. Res. Professions (2)	<u>FOR 150 - removed</u>
FOR 200 Basics of Geospatial Technology (2)	FOR 200 Basics of Geospatial Technology (3)
FOR 219 Dendrology (4)	<u>FOR 219 - same</u>
FOR 230 Conservation Biology (3)	FOR 435 Conservation Biology (3)
FOR 240 Forestry and Natural Resource Ethics (2)	<u>FOR 240 - same</u>
FOR 250 Statistics and Measurements I (3)	FOR 250 Statistics and Measurements I (4)
FOR 260 Forest Products and Wood Science (4)	<u>FOR 260 - same</u>

	FOR 280 Forest Policy (2)	FOR 280 - Forest Resource Policy and Law (3)
	FOR 310 Intro. to Forest Health and Protection (3)	FOR 310 Intro. to Forest Health and Protection (1)
	FOR 320 Forest Valuation and Economics (3)	FOR 320 - same
	FOR 330 GIS and Spatial Analysis (3)	<u>FOR 330 - same</u>
	FOR 340 Forest Ecology (4)	FOR 340 - same
	FOR 350 Silviculture (4)	FOR 350 - same
	FOR 355 Forest Fire Control and Use (1)	FOR 255 Forest Fire (1)
	FOR 356 Landscape Assessment (5)	FOR 356 Forest Soils and Hydrology (1)
	FOR 357 Inventory and Measurements II (2)	FOR 357 - same
	FOR 358 Silvicultural Practices (3)	FOR 358 - same
	FOR 359 Forest Operations and Utilization (3)	FOR 359 - same
	FOR 370 Wildlife Biology and Management (4)	FOR 370 - same
	FOR 400 Human Dimensions of For. & Nat. Res. (3)	FOR 400 - same
	FOR 425 Forest Management (4)	FOR 425 - same
	FOR 460 Forest Hydrology & Watershed Mgmt (4)	FOR 460 Forest Hydrology & Watershed Mgmt (3)
	FOR 470 Interdependent Natural Resource Issues (3)	FOR 470 - removed
	FOR 480 Integrated Forest Resource Management (5)	FOR 480 - same
	PLS 366 Fundamentals of Soil Science (4)	PLS 366 - same
		FOR 100 Forests and Forestry (3)
		FOR 221 Winter Dendrology (1)
		FOR 285 Com. & Prof. Dev. in For. & Nat. Res. I(1)
		FOR 286 Com. & Prof. Dev. in For. & Nat. Res. II (1)
		FOR 365 Wildlife Assessment (2)
		FOR 402 Forest Entomology (3)
	Current	Proposed
	es the proposed change affect any option(s)?	N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Yes," indicate current courses and proposed changes belospecialties, if any.	ow, including credit nours, and also specialties and
	Current	Proposed
10. D	oes the change affect pgm requirements for number of	credit hrs outside the maior subject
	a related field?	☐ Yes 🔀 No
If s	so, indicate current courses and proposed changes below.	
	Current	Proposed
	oes the change affect pgm requirements for technical o so, indicate current courses and proposed changes below	
'	Current	Proposed
	Not required	Nine hours of professional electives. In general, the
	110t required	professional electives should be a 300-level or above
		course. If a student wants to take a course not on the
		forestry program's professional elective list, the

	student must receive approval from of Forestry Undergraduate Progra	-
oes the change affect a minimum number of free creatives," indicate current courses and proposed change	• •	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Current	Proposed	

13. Summary of changes in required credit hours:

			Current	Proposed
a.	a. Credit Hours of Premajor or Preprofessional Courses:		9	<u>6</u>
b.	Credit Hours of Major's Requirements:	<u>81</u>	<u>82</u>	
c.	Credit Hours for Required Minor:	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	
d.	Credit Hours Needed for a Specific Opti	on:	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
e.	Credit Hours Outside of Major Subject i	n Related Field:	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
f.	Credit Hours in Technical or Professiona	none	9	
g.	Minimum Credit Hours of Free/Support	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	
h.	Total Credit Hours Required by Level:	100:	12	<u>18</u>
		200:	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>
		300:	<u>39</u>	<u>34</u>
		400-500:	<u>19</u>	<u>21</u>
i.	i. Total Credit Hours Required for Graduation:		<u>121</u>	<u>121</u>

14. Rationale for Change(s) – if rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to that.

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15. List below the typical semester by semester program for the major. If multiple options are available, attach a separate sheet for each option.

YEAR 1 – FALL:	FOR 100 Forests and Forestry 3	YEAR 1 – SPRING:	FOR 240 Forestry and Natural
(e.g. "BIO 103; 3 credits")	EOD 205 Com & Drof Dov. in		Resource Ethics 2
	FOR 285 Com. & Prof. Dev. in For. & Nat. Res. I		FOR 255 Forest Fire 1
	Humanities 3		BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (Natural, Physical,
	Citizenship - U.S. (required GEN 100) 3		and Mathematical Sciences) (or BIO 148) 3
	<u>CIS/WRD 110</u> 3		Quantitative Foundations (MA 111 or MA 113 or MA 123 or
	Total 13		<u>MA 137)</u> 3
			<u>CIS/WRD 111 3</u>
			Arts and Creativity 3
YEAR 2 - FALL :	FOR 200 Basics of Geospatial Technology 3	YEAR 2 – SPRING:	FOR 260 Forest Products and Wood Science 4
	FOR 219 Dendrology 4		FOR 330 GIS and Spatial Analysis 3
	FOR 250 Statistics and Measurements I (Statistical Inferential Reasoning) 4		PLS 366 Fundamentals of Soil Science 4
	FOR 280 Forest Resource Policy and Law 3		<u>Professional Elective</u> 3
	CHE 104 Introductory General		Social Sciences 3

	Chemistry (or CHE 105) 3		Total 17
	Total 17		
YEAR 3 - FALL:	FOR 221 Winter Dendrology 1	YEAR 3 - SPRING:	SPRING FIELD SEMESTER
	FOR 320 Forest Valuation and Economics 3		FOR 286 Com. & Prof. Dev. in For. & Nat. Res. II
	<u>Economics</u>		101. & Ivai. Res. II
	FOR 340 Forest Ecology 4		FOR 310 Intro. to Forest Health and Protection 1
	FOR 350 Silviculture 4		1
	FOR 370 Wildlife Biology and		FOR 356 Forest Soils and Hydrology 1
	Management 4		
	Total 16		FOR 357 Inventory and
	Total 16		Measurements II 2
			FOR 358 Silvicultural
			<u>Practices</u> 3
			FOR 359 Forest Operations and Utilization 3
			FOR 365 Wildlife
			Assessment 2
			Total 13
YEAR 4 - FALL:	FOR 400 Human Dimensions of For. & Nat. Res. 3	YEAR 4 - SPRING:	FOR 435 Conservation Biology (Global Dynamics) 3
	FOR 402 Forest Entomology 3		FOR 480 Integrated Forest Resource Management 5
	FOR 425 Forest Management 4		Resource Management 5
			<u>Professional Elective</u> 3
	FOR 460 Forest Hydrology & Watershed Mgmt 3		Free Elective 3
	Professional Elective 3		
	Total 16		

Signature Routing Log

General Information:

Current Degree Title and Major Name: <u>Bachelor of Science in Forestry</u>; <u>Forestry</u>

Proposal Contact Person Name: Laura Lhotka

Phone: Email:

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
Forestry		Terrell Baker / 257-7596 / terrellbaker@uky.edu	
NRES Steering		Mary Arthur / 257-5762 /	
Committee		mary.arthur@uky.edu	
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		/ /	
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External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision ⁴
Undergraduate Council	3/28/16	Joanie Ett-Mims	
Graduate Council			
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:		

⁴ Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.



Undergraduate Forestry Program

Proposed Curriculum Revision
Last Revised 03/04/2016

FORESTRY FALL SPRING

YEAR 1	FOR 100 FORESTS AND FORESTRY FOR 285 COM. & PROF. DEV. IN FOR. & N.R. I Humanities Citizenship - U.S. (GEN 100 Issues in Ag., Food & Env.) 3 CIS/WRD 110 (Composition & Comm.) 3	FOR 240 FORESTRY AND NAT. RES. ETHICS FOR 255 FOREST FIRE BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (Natural, Physical and Mathematical Sciences) (or BIO 148) Quantitative Foundations (MA 111 or 113 or 123 or 137) 3 CIS/WRD 111 (Composition & Communication) 3 Arts and Creativity 3
	Forestry Credit Hours 4 Total Credit Hours 13	Forestry Credit Hours 3 Total Credit Hours 15
YEAR 2	FOR 200 BASICS OF GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY 3 FOR 219 DENDROLOGY 4 FOR 250 STATISTICS AND MEASUREMENTS I (Statistical Inferential Reasoning) 4 FOR 280 FOREST RESOURCE POLICY AND LAW 3 CHE 104 Introductory General Chemistry (or CHE 105) 3	FOR 260 FOREST PRODUCTS & WOOD SCIENCE 4 FOR 330 GIS & SPATIAL ANALYSIS 3 PLS 366 FUNDAMENTALS OF SOIL SCIENCE 4 PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVE 3 Social Sciences 3
	Forestry Credit Hours 14 Total Credit Hours 17	Forestry Credit Hours 11 Total Credit Hours 17
YEAR 3	FOR 221 WINTER DENDROLOGY (2 nd half of semester) 1 FOR 320 FOREST VALUATION & ECONOMICS 3 FOR 340 FOREST ECOLOGY 4 FOR 350 SILVICULTURE 4 FOR 370 WILDLIFE BIOLOGY & MANAGEMENT 4 Forestry Credit Hours 16 Total Credit Hours 16	FOR 286 COM. & PROF. DEV. IN FOR. & N.R. II FOR 310 INTRO TO FOREST HEALTH & PRO. FOR 356 FOREST SOILS AND HYDROLOGY FOR 357 INVENTORY AND MEASUREMENTS II FOR 358 SILVICULTURAL PRACTICES FOR 359 FOREST OP. & UTILIZATION FOR 365 WILDLIFE ASSESSMENT 2 Forestry Credit Hours 13 Total Credit Hours 13
YEAR 4	FOR 400 HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES* 3 FOR 402 FOREST ENTOMOLOGY 3 FOR 425 FOREST MANAGEMENT 4 FOR 460 FOREST HYDROLOGY AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT 3 PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVE 3 Forestry Credit Hours 13 Total Credit Hours 16	FOR 435 CONSERVATION BIO. (Global Dynamics) 3 FOR 480 INTEGRATED FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT* 5 PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVE 3 Free Elective 3 Forestry Credit Hours 8 Total Credit Hours 14

*Graduation	Writing 1	Requirement
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	Credit Hours
REQUIRED FORESTRY COURSES	82
PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVES	9
Free Electives	3
Pre-Major Requirements	3 (6)
UK Core	24(31)
Total Undergraduate Forestry Program	121

FORESTRY PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVES

The nine hours of professional electives are designed to give forestry students supplemental coursework to support their career interests. We encourage students to use these professional electives to enhance their knowledge base and build their resume.

Depending on a students' career interest they may take a series of courses in wildlife to help qualify them for the Associate Wildlife Biologist Certification by The Wildlife Society. Students interested in consulting forestry, timber investment management organizations, or forest industry may take courses in business, management, or economics. Students interested in extension or environmental education may take courses in education, leadership, communication, or agriculture. For students planning to attend graduate school, upper-level science courses or statistics may be used. Communication, GIS, policy, and agricultural economics are examples of other areas students

may choose as professional electives. We also encourage students to enroll in study abroad, research, or internship experiences to meet their professional elective requirements.

Students need to visit with their advisors early (freshman or sophomore year) to outline a plan for meeting the professional elective requirement. Be aware that some courses may have prerequisites. In general, the professional electives should be a 300-level or above course.

Below is a list of suggested courses that qualify as professional electives. If a student wants to take a course not on this list, the student must receive approval from the Department of Forestry Undergraduate Programs Committee (UPC). A student must provide a brief, written justification to their advisor for why they should receive approval to take the particular course. The advisor will then share this information with the UPC for final approval.

The professional electives listed below will be updated with additional courses as they are approved by the Department of Forestry Undergraduate Programs Committee.

Business/Management/Economics

ACC 201 Financial Accounting I (3)

ACC 202 Managerial Uses Of Accounting Information (3)

ACC 300 Financial Accounting II (3)

ACC 301 Intermediate Accounting I (3)

ACC 302 Intermediate Accounting II (3)

ACC 324 Accounting Information Systems (3)

AEC 201 Introduction To Farm And Natural Resource Finance (3)

AEC 302 Agricultural Management Principles (4)

AEC 303 Microeconomic Concepts In Agricultural Economics (3)

AEC 304 Macroeconomic Concepts In Agricultural Economics (3)

AEC 305 Food And Agricultural Marketing Principles (3)

AEC 306 Technical Communication In Economics (2)

AEC 309 International Agriculture, World Food Needs

And U.S. Trade In Agricultural Products (3)

AEC 326 Principles Of Environmental Law (3)

AEC 340 Human Resource Management In Agriculture (3)

AEC 445G Intro. To Resource And Environmental Economics (3)

B&E 201 Introduction To Business (3)

ECO 201 Principles Of Economics I (3)

ECO 202 Principles Of Economics II (3)

FIN 360 Principles Of Real Estate (3)

MGT 292 Introduction To Entrepreneurship (3)

MGT 301 Business Management (3)

MGT 450 Negotiations And Conflict Resolution (3)

MKT 300 Marketing Management (3)

NRE 545 Resource And Environmental Economics (3)

Communication/Leadership

CIS 300 Strategic Business And Professional Communication (W) (3)

CLD 360 Environmental Sociology (3)

CLD 400 Agricultural Communications Campaigns (3)

CLD 401 Principles Of Cooperative Extension (3)

CLD 402 Principles Of Leadership (3)

CLD 403 Leadership And Communication (3)

CLD 404 Contemporary Leadership Applications (3)

NRE 381 Natural Resource And Environmental Policy Analysis (3)

WRD 425 Environmental Writing (3)

Experiential Education

FOR 399 Field-Based Education In Forestry (1-3)

Pre-Approved Study Abroad Courses

GIS/Remote Sensing/Land Use

GEO 409 Advanced GIS (3)

GEO 419 Introduction To Remote Sensing (3)

GEO 506 Introduction To Computer Cartography (3)

LA 308 Regional Land Use Planning Systems (3)

LA 457 Contemporary Regional Land Use Planning Applications (3)

LA/NRE 355 Intro. Geospatial Applications For Land Analysis (3)

LA/NRE 556 Contemporary Geospatial App. For Land Analysis (3)

Plant Sciences

BIO 351 Plant Kingdom (3)

BIO 361 Ecology Of The Kentucky Flora And Vegetation (3)

BIO/NRE 420G Taxonomy Of Vascular Plants (4)

FOR 325 Economic Botany: Plants And Human Affairs (3)

PLS 220 Introduction To Plant Identification (3)

PLS 320 Woody Horticultural Plants (4)

PLS 451 Landscape Management And Arboriculture (3)

Sciences

ABT 360 Genetics (3)

ABT 361 Genetics Lab Online (1)

ABT 460 Introduction To Molecular Genetics (3)

ABT/BIO/ENT/FOR 461 Introduction To Population Genetics (3)

BIO 300 General Entomology (3)

NRE/PLS 455G Wetland Delineation (3)

NRE/PLS 456G Constructed Wetlands (3)

Wildlife Sciences

FOR 510 Herpetology (4)

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