

Wildlife Biology and Conservation M.S.

Program Requirements

Catalog Department Overview # (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/academic-departments/biology-wildlife/>)

Minimum Requirements for Wildlife Biology and Conservation M.S.: 30 credits

		Credits
General University Requirements		
Complete the graduate general university requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#gurmastersdegreestext)		
Master of Science with Thesis Degree Requirements		
Complete the master's degree requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#masterofscience)		
As part of the master's degree requirements, complete the following:		
BIOL F699	Thesis	6-12
Wildlife Biology and Conservation Program Requirements		
Complete two courses in BIOL or WLF at the graduate level including one of the following:		6-7
BIOL/WLF F602	Research Design	
BIOL/WLF F604	Scientific Writing, Editing and Revising in the Biological Sciences	
BIOL/WLF F680	Data Analysis in Biology	
Additional committee-approved coursework		11-18
Complete and pass the departmental written and oral master's comprehensive examination.		
Total Credits		30

Admission Requirements

Complete the following general university admission requirements for graduate programs (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/getting-started/admission/#graduatedegreetext>).

1. Submit an application for admission
2. Submit official transcripts
3. Official test results: GRE scores are not required for this program, but may be considered if submitted
4. Submit resume/curriculum vitae
5. Submit statement of academic goals
6. Submit 3 letters of recommendation

International Students: Please consult UAF's most recent application requirements regarding English language proficiency (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/getting-started/admission/#english>).

Additional program admission requirements and information:

- Unofficial transcripts may be suitable for initial review of the application. Official transcripts must follow prior to matriculation

- The statement of goals should be specific, informative, focused and concise. The statement should address the following:
 - Career aspirations
 - Research interests
- Research experience and relevant training
- Interest, experience, and/or plans to serve society through your career
- Relevance of UAF Biology and Wildlife in achieving your future goals, including the names of faculty members you have contacted regarding graduate training
- Letters of reference should be from individuals who can address your potential to succeed in graduate school. Ideally, letters of reference should come from university faculty, research staff, or professionals familiar with your academic and research achievements and also with the expectations of graduate school. References are asked to address writing ability, critical thinking skills, quantitative skills, and potential to succeed in a graduate program. References that address notable service (e.g., Peace Corps or AmeriCorps) may also be informative.

See the Biology and Wildlife website (<https://www.uaf.edu/bw/>) for more detailed instructions about applying to our programs.

Note: Students are typically not admitted to the program unless a faculty advisor has agreed to serve as the mentor. Applicants should contact potential advisors before applying.

Roadmaps

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Roadmaps provide suggested semester-by-semester study plans for programs and are based on full-time enrollment, unless otherwise specified.

- This roadmap should be used in conjunction with regular academic advising sessions. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor or mentor each semester.
- Certain courses and milestones must be completed in the specified semester to ensure on-time graduation.
- Transfer credits may affect the roadmap.
- Requirements, course availability, and sequencing may change.
- Courses marked with (*) are recommended.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Program Elective	3 Program Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3
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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BIOL F699 ¹⁸	3 BIOL F699 ¹⁸	3
General Elective	3 General Elective	3

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Footnote Definitions

General Education Requirements	Degree Requirements	Program & Other Requirements
1—Communication	8—Alaska Native-themed	20—Program Requirement
2—Arts	9—Communication	21—Capstone Requirement
3—Humanities	10—Computation	22—Concentration Course
4—Social Sciences	11—Ethics	23—General Elective
5—Additional Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences	12—Humanities	24—Minor Course
6—Mathematics	13—Human Relations	25—Upper Division
7—Natural Sciences	14—Humanities or Social Sciences	26—Program Elective
	15—Library & Information Research	
	16—Mathematics	
	17—Natural Sciences	
	18—Other	
	19—Social Sciences	

Learning Outcomes

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Learning Outcomes are specific, measurable statements that define the knowledge and skills students will gain by the end of the program.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the biology of animals that includes and understanding of the structure and function of individual organisms, the interactions among populations and communities of animals, plants, people and their environment, and the principles of monitoring and managing animals and their habitats
- Effectively communicate scientific evidence in both oral and written form; they will be able to make cogent scientific arguments for specialist audiences in the sciences but will also be able to present arguments and evidence to general audiences
- Be competent in the collection of data, quantitative analysis and the use of scientific literature
- Complete the program in a timely manner
- Obtain jobs in the wildlife profession or engage in further graduate study
- Publish their thesis research in peer-reviewed scientific journals and present their work at professional conferences