

# Outdoor Conservation

The Outdoor Conservation major offers two tracks to the bachelor's degree: a natural resources track and a law enforcement track. Both provide coursework for students who wish to pursue careers in parks, natural resources, environmental education, or outdoor careers. The curriculum includes courses in fundamentals of the natural world, conservation of resources, communication, and analytical thinking.

Students in this major acquire knowledge that enables them, for example, to: analyze environmental problems from various viewpoints; employ various methodologies and equipment for sampling terrestrial and aquatic environments; and use computers to present scientific information.

## Major

28.5-36 semester hours

### Law Enforcement Track

BI 125	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I	3
BI 125L	Biostatistics and Scientific Investigation I	1.5
BI 126	Found of Biology & Scientific Inquiry II	4.5
or MA 135	Basic Statistics	
BI 127	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry III	4.5
BI 225	Global Environmental Issues	4.5
BI 242	Iowa Natural History	4.5
CJ 101	Introduction To Criminal Justice	3
CJ 203	Policing	3
CJ 355	Criminal Procedure	3
Select one of the following:		3
AAS in Parks and Recreation from Kirkwood Community College		
BI 440	Biology Internship	
An approved course at a field station		
Total Hours		34.5

<sup>1</sup> 9 hours of Criminal Justice courses must be taken at Mount Mercy. If a student transfers these courses other CJ courses can be selected.

### Natural Resources Track:

BI 125	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I	3
BI 125L	Biostatistics and Scientific Investigation I	1.5
BI 126	Found of Biology & Scientific Inquiry II	4.5
or MA 135	Basic Statistics	
BI 127	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry III	4.5
BI 310	Ecology	4.5
Select three of the following:		9
BI 225	Global Environmental Issues	
BI 242	Iowa Natural History	
BI 305	Evolution	
BI 357	Animal Behavior	
Select one of the following:		3

AAS in Parks and Recreation from Kirkwood Community College	
BI 440	Biology Internship
An approved course at a field station	
Total Hours	30

## Academic Requirements

A grade of C or higher (C- does not count) in all Mount Mercy University major courses and a cumulative major GPA of 2.25 or higher is required for graduation.