

FOREST RENEWABLE MATERIALS/SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Renewable Materials is a multidisciplinary program that prepares students to work with renewable, plant-based materials to solve challenging world problems. Renewable materials such as wood, bamboo, canes, and agricultural fibers are examined to understand their characteristics and how to make useful products. Students gain broad perspectives on current issues associated with the sustainable utilization of renewable materials, including global trade, business innovation, energy production, and environmental impacts.

The science and engineering option focuses on science, technology and engineering when it comes to working with wood products. Students gain a strong understanding of where wood products come from, and test renewable materials to determine how we can use them in new and innovative ways. Students learn in woodshops, labs and even test materials in our climate rooms and earthquake testing room.

This degree was designed to transfer to Oregon State University's College of Forestry. Other transfer options may be available, consult your advisor for details. Check out the Forestry/Natural Resources program website!

The forestry field is projected to have many career opportunities coming up in the next decade as many forestry and natural resources professionals retire in the next few years. Students who enjoy working outdoors and want to have a career that focuses on managing our valuable forest lands to conserve and protect resources as well as produce valuable products for society should consider this degree.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 93 credit hours with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better. Twenty-four (24) credits must be completed at Southwestern before the degree is awarded.

Courses that are developmental in nature (designed to prepare students for college transfer courses) are not applicable to this degree.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate ability to find, compile, analyze, and communicate technical information.
- Demonstrate basic skills in engineering, forest biology, chemistry, business acumen, physics, and spreadsheet applications.
- Demonstrate basic understanding of complexity between renewable materials, business, and environmentalism.

Math and writing placement are unique to each student and are determined during the admissions and intake advising process. Additional math or writing courses may be required prior to taking the math or writing program requirements in this degree.

PRE-PROGRAM COURSE

Code	Title	Credits
MTH251	Calculus I Differential Calculus	4
MTH252	Calculus II Integral Calculus	4
BA211	Principles of Accounting I	4

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Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
CHEM221	General Chemistry I	5
F111	Introduction to Forestry ⁵	3
WR121	English Composition	4
ENGR111	Intro to Engineering	3
	or ENGR211 or Statics	
	Literature and the Arts ¹	3
Credits		18
Winter		
CHEM222	General Chemistry II	5
CIS125S	Spreadsheet Applications	3
F250	Forest Biology	4
BA212	Principles of Accounting II	4
Credits		16
Spring		
SP111	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
WR227	Report Writing	4
PE231	Wellness for Life	3
CHEM223	General Chemistry III	5
BA213	Principles of Accounting III	4
Credits		19
Second Year		
Fall		
BA230	Business Law	4
ECON201	Microeconomics	4
PH201	General Physics I: Mechanics	5
	or PH211 or General Physics with Calculus I	
Credits		13
Winter		
ECON202	Macroeconomics	4
PH202	General Physics II: Heat, Waves, Relativity	5
	or PH212 or General Physics with Calculus II	
	Cultural Diversity ³	3
Credits		12
Spring		
MTH254	Vector Calculus I ⁶	4
PH203	Gen Physics III: Elect & Magnetism	5
	or PH213 or General Physics with Calculus III	

Western Culture ⁴	3
Difference, Power, and Discrimination ²	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	93

¹ Literature and the Arts: ART204, ART205, ART206, ENG104, ENG105, ENG106, ENG107, ENG108, ENG109, ENG201, ENG204, ENG205, ENG206, ENG262, MUS201, MUS202, MUS203.

² Difference, Power, and Discrimination: HST201, HST202, HST203, SOC206, SOC213

³ Cultural Diversity: ANTH224, ANTH230, ANTH231, ANTH232, HST104, HUM204, HUM205, HUM206

⁴ Western Culture: ART204, ART205, ART206, ENG107, ENG108, ENG109, ENG201, ENG204, ENG205, ENG206, HST101, HST102, HST103, HST201, HST202, HST203, MUS201, MUS202, MUS203, PHL101, PHL102.

⁵ NR201 may be substituted for F111.

⁶ MTH254 or higher will satisfy this requirement.

* All Honors courses may substitute for their equivalent requirements.