Do have a passion for the outdoors? Are you seeking a career that enables you to work outside? With a major in Forest and Natural Resource Management, you will gain the knowledge and skills required to work as a natural resource manager from Minnesota to Alaska. You will get to choose a specialization in one of three tracks: 1) Forest Ecosystem Management and Conservation 2) Park and Protected Area Management or 3) Urban and Community Forestry. Minors are available in each track.

You will benefit from a well-rounded curriculum that covers the managerial, behavioral, and ecological sciences of our natural resources. Examples of coursework include dendrology, managing recreational lands, hydrology, environmental conflict management, and forest ecology. The hands-on curriculum in FNRM will bring you beyond the classroom during field sessions where students learn and practice the technical skills used by professionals. The FNRM major is the only 4-year bachelor’s degree program in Minnesota that is accredited by the Society of American Foresters. This accredited degree program prepares students to work for local, state, and federal agencies such as the National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Student Experiences

Student Group Spotlight: Forest Club, LTD, University of Minnesota
Study Abroad Options

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Meet Our Alumni

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Planners, Park Rangers, Silviculturists, Urban Foresters, Wilderness Managers