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 (FNRM), you will gain the knowledge and skills required to work as a natural resource manager from Minnesota to Alaska.

Tracks in this major include:

- Forest Ecosystem Management and Conservation
- Park and Protected Area Management
- Urban and Community Forestry
- Minors are also 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

There are more than 900+ student groups that you can get involved in at the University of Minnesota. Specifically, our CFANS student groups are designed to help you gain real-world experience and meet fellow students who share your interests.

Some groups that are popular with students in this major include:

- Forestry Club
- Society of American Foresters Student Chapter
- Tree Ascension Group
- Women in Natural Resource Sciences

Study Abroad Options

More than 250 study abroad programs in 70 countries are available to University of Minnesota students. Study abroad can offer a global perspective on your studies in agriculture. Learn more about CFANS study abroad options.

Meet Our Alumni

Check out student and alumni profiles!
You might also explore

Urban and Community Forestry Minor
Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology

Associated Careers

Arborists, Biological Statisticians, Conservationists, Environmental Consultants, Environmental Educators, Foresters, Forest Fire Protection Specialists, Land Managers, Outdoor Recreation Planners, Park Rangers, Silviculturists, Urban Foresters, Wilderness Managers