#### Curriculum Committee August 21, 2023/Faculty Senate August 22, 2023

College of Arts & Humanities – Department of Behavioral Sciences

- 1. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice to Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration;
- 2. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Psychology to Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration; and
- 3. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Arts in Sociology to Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration.

College of Education and Health – Department of Nursing

1. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Master of Science in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management.

College of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics – Department of Biological Sciences

1. Add the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences to Master of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife Science.



## **REQUEST FOR PROGRAM CHANGE**

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Accelerated BA Criminal Justice to MS Student Affairs Administration

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	rogram changing)		
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Total Hours:	Total Hours:		
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Add/Change:	Add/Change:		
Delete	Delete:		
Total Hours:	Total Hours:		
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# (BA-CJC) Criminal Justice and Criminology

-2023-24- 2024-25

Date			Student's Name		
Grade Point	Graduation Date		T#		
General E	Education Requirements	Hrs		Major Requirements	Hrs
ENGL#	1013/1043 & 1023/1053	6	CJ/SOC	2003 2033 2043	9
MATH #		3	CJ Elective	12 UD HRS OR SAA 6023 or	12
SCIENCE		4	CJ Poilicing	CJ/SOC 3103 3153 4033 CO 4 3 CO 13	3
SCIENCE		4	CJ Courts	CJ/POLS 3023 CJ 4023	3
US HIST/GOVT		0	CJ Society	CJ/SOC 3083 SOC 4003 4023 4063	3
SOC SCI		3			
SOC SCI		3			
FINE ART/HUM		3	ANTH	1213 or 2003	3
FINE ART/HUM		3	POLS	2003**	3
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TOTAL GEN E	D HOURS	30		,	
Electives				SOC/PSY 2063 EAM 4033 or POLS 2513	3
			SPAN	1013	3
			MUST	COMPLETE MINOR OR 2ND DEGRE	£
				TOTAL MAJOR HOURS	48
TOTAL ELECT	TIVE HOURS	42		TOTAL HOURS	
Final Check:	Min. hours required	120		Earned Hrs	
	40 hours upper level		- thru	minus P/C HRS	
	# of "D" hours		thru	to be completed	

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TOTAL

Max activity hours 4

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# Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology

DEPARTMENT HOMEPAGE

The curriculum in Criminal Justice and Criminology is designed to prepare students for occupations in a wide variety of industries. This includes policing, security, corrections, social services, and transportation security. The requirements are innovative and designed to meet policing needs in the 21st century. These include a Spanish language requirement, a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) option, and a curriculum that encourages a second minor or major in diverse and impactful areas, including Cybersecurity and Emergency Management. The program affords a transition opportunity for students who have completed an AAS in Law Enforcement Certification or Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. It gives a strong base for graduate study in law, criminal justice, or criminology. Also, completion of the program provides a foundation for the Behavioral Sciences' Master's Degree in Applied Sociology, which has an emphasis in criminal justice studies.

#### 1) Basic Requirements

- SPAN 1013 Beginning Spanish I
- SOC 2053 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences/PSY 2053 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences or GEOG 2833 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
- SOC 2063 Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences/PSY 2063
   Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences or EAM 4033 Emergency
   Management Research Methods/Analysis or POLS 2513 Research Design
- CJ 2003 Introduction to Criminal Justice/SOC 2003 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJ 2033 Social Problems/SOC 2033 Social Problems
- CJ 2043 Crime and Delinquency/SOC 2043 Crime and Delinquency
- 12 Hours of 3000-4000 level Criminal Justice courses

#### (2) Policing: Choose 3 hours from:

- CJ 3153 Prison and Corrections/SOC 3153 Prison and Corrections
- CJ 3103 The Juvenile Justice System/SOC 3103 The Juvenile Justice System
- CJ 4033 Policing and Society

- (3) Courts: Choose 3 hours from:
  - CJ 3023 Judicial Process/POLS 3023 Judicial Process
  - CJ 4023 Law and the Legal System
- (4) Society: Choose 3 hours from:
  - CJ 3083 Social Deviance/SOC 3083 Social Deviance
  - SOC 4003 Minority Relations
  - SOC 4023 Sociology of Gender
  - SOC 4063 Social Stratification

(5) <u>SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology</u>, <u>ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology</u> or <u>ANTH 1213 Introduction to Anthropology</u>, and <u>POLS 2003 American</u> <u>Government</u>

(6) Complete a minor, an associate's degree or a second degree in one of the following: Sociology, Cybersecurity, Emergency Management, Political Science, Psychology, Pre-Law, Cybersecurity, or Law Enforcement

### Curriculum

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

#### Freshman



Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 1013 Composition I 1	3	ENGL 1023 Composition II <sup>1</sup>	3
SS 1XXX Social Science Courses 1	3	SS 1XXX Social Science Courses	3
POLS 2003 American Government	3	SCIL 1XXX Science with Laboratory <sup>1</sup>	4
TECH 1001 Orientation to the	1	MATH XXXX  Mathematics 1	3
University		CJ 2003 Introduction	3
Elective 2,3	6	to Criminal	
Total Hours	16	Justice/SOC 2003 Introduction to Criminal Justice	
		Total Hours	16

## Sophomore

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
FAH 1XXX Fine Arts	6	PSY 2053 Statistics for	3
and Humanities		the Behavioral	
Courses 1		Sciences/SOC 2053	
		Statistics for the	
SCIL 1XXX Science	4	Behavioral Sciences or	
with Laboratory 1		GEOG 2833	
SPAN 1013 Beginning	3	Introduction to	
Spanish I	3	<u>Geographic</u>	
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Total Hours	13	DOLL D	
		PSY 2063 Research	3
		<u>Design for the</u>	
		Behavioral	
		Sciences/SOC 2063	
		Research Design for	
		the Behavioral	
		Sciences, EAM 4033	
		<u>Emergency</u>	
		Management	
		<u>Research</u>	
		Methods/Analysis, or	
		POLS 2513 Research	
		<u>Design</u>	
		Elective <sup>2, 3</sup>	9
		Total Hours	15

## Junior

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Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology	3	ANTH 1213 Introduction to Anthropology or	3
CJ 2033 Social Problems/SOC 2033	3	ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology	
Social Problems  CJ Policing (3000- 4000 level) 4	3	CJ 2043 Crime and Delinquency/SOC 2043 Crime and Delinquency	3
Elective <sup>2,3</sup>	6	CJ Courts (3000-4000	3
Total Hours	15	level) <sup>4</sup> Elective <sup>2, 3</sup>	6
		Total Hours	15

#### Senior

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CJ Society (3000-4 000 level) <sup>4</sup>	3	CJ Elective (3000- 4000 level)	6
CJ Elective (3000- 4000 level) <b>5</b>	6	Elective <sup>2, 3</sup>	9
Elective <sup>2,3</sup>	6	Total Hours	15
Total Hours	15		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements".

Policing: Choose 3 hours (UD) from:

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(BA-PSY) Psychology 2023-24 2024-25

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# Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

DEPARTMENT HOMEPAGE The Psychology curriculum is designed to (1) prepare students for advanced study in psychology; (2) support, through electives, programs of study in other disciplines; (3) give a basis for entry into the job market; (4) arouse the curiosity of all students regarding human behavior; (5) provide opportunities for experiences outside the classroom by way of field programs and practical experiences.

The student majoring in psychology must, in addition to meeting the general education requirements:

#### Basic Core (13 hours):

- PSY 2003 General Psychology
- PSY 2053 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences/SOC 2053 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
- PSY 2063 Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences/SOC 2063
   Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences
- PSY 3191 Careers in Psychology
- Capstone (choose one of the following courses):
  - PSY 4003 Capstone: Advanced Research Method and Lab for Psychology
  - PSY 4103 Capstone: Advanced Psychological Science
  - PSY 4203 Capstone: Psychology in the Community

# Topical Core (15 hours must be chosen from these classes):

- PSY 3003 Abnormal Psychology OR PSY 3153 Personality Psychology
- PSY 3053 Behavioral Neuroscience OR PSY 4053 Sensation and Perception
- PSY 3063 Developmental Psychology: Childhood OR PSY 3183
   Development Psychology: Adolescence
- PSY 3073 Psychology of Learning OR PSY 4073 Cognitive Psychology
- PSY 4043 Social Psychology/SOC 4043 Social Psychology OR PSY 3123
   Evolutionary Psychology

#### Other:

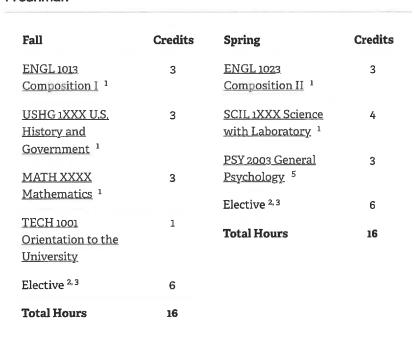
- Upper Division Elective, PSY 6 hours
- ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology or ANTH 1213 Introduction to Anthropology and SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology

Minor or Second Major

## Curriculum

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#### Freshman



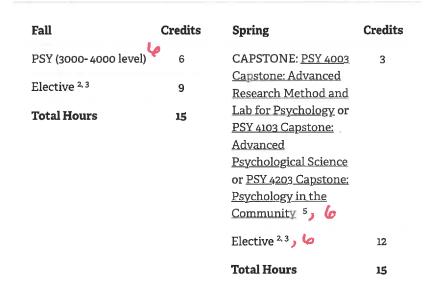
### Sophomore

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and Humanities Courses 1		PSY 2063 Research Design for the	3
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with Laboratory 1		Sciences/SOC 2063	
PSY 2053 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences/SOC 2053	3	Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences 5	
Statistics for the  Behavioral Sciences 5		PSY 3191 Careers in Psychology	1
Total Hours	13	Elective <sup>2, 3</sup>	8
		Total Hours	15

#### **Junior**

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology	3	ANTH 1213 Introduction to Anthropology or	3
PSY Topical Core <sup>4</sup>	6	ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology	
Elective <sup>2, 3</sup>	6	PSY Topical Core 4	6
Total Hours	15	Elective <sup>2,3</sup>	6
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#### Senior



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6 Accelerated BA Psy to MS SAA (insert text)

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Add/Change:	Add/Change:		
Delete:	Delete:		
Total Hours:	Total Hours:		
Junior Fall Semester	Junior Spring Semester		
Change: Elective from 9 hours to 12 hours	Change: Elective from 9 hours to 12 hours		
Delete 3 hours SOC Elective (3000-4000 level)	Delete 3 hours SOC Elective (3000-4000 level)		
Total Hours: 15 hours	Total Hours: 15 hours		
Senior Fall Semester	Senior Spring Semester		
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Change Elective from 12 hours to 9 hours	Add 3 hours SOC Elective (3000-4000 level) and add footnote 4		
Add the following footnote to SOC elective (up to 6 cr.):			
Students in the accelerated program will substitute SAA	Add the following footnote to SOC Electives (up to 6 cr.):		
6023: Intro to Student Affairs Administration and/or SAA 6043 College Students and Diversity.	Students in the accelerated program will substitute SAA 6033 Student Development Theory and/or SAA 6073 Counseling Theories and Helping Skills.		
Total Hours: 15 hours	Total Hours: 15 hours		

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Date			Student's	s Name	
Grade Point	Graduation Date		T#		
General E	ducation Requirements	Hrs		Major Requirements	
ENGL#	1013/1043 & 1023/1053	6	SOC	1003** 2073 2083 3163 4283	15
MATH#		3	SOC/PSY		
SCIENCE		4	SOC	(9 HRS UD) OR SAA 6023 or	9
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SOC SCI		0	PSY	2003**	3
FINE ART/HUM		3		(RS 2003 or CJ/SOC 2003)	3
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TECH 1001 <b>◆</b>		11			
TOTAL GEN E	D HOURS	27	MUS	T COMPLETE MINOR OR 2ND DEGR	EE
Electives					
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	SAA 6033 01	•			
	SAA 6643 01	•			
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TOTAL ELECT	TIVE HOURS	54		TOTAL HOURS	
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# Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

DEPARTMENT HOMEPAGE The Sociology curriculum is designed to prepare students for employment in a range of careers or for advanced study in sociology, law, criminology, criminal justice, counseling, education, research, population, social work or other related fields. Sociology prepares majors to deal with the constant social change that is today's world.

In addition to understanding the organization of social groups and the human behaviors that comprise everyday social life, sociologists remain important contributors to the collection of data pertaining to these levels of human behavior. The undergraduate sociology major learns to identify problems, formulate appropriate questions, search for answers, analyze data, organize information, and express themselves in written and spoken communication.

The undergraduate major provides a strong liberal arts degree for entry-level positions throughout the business, social service, and government worlds. In addition to the general education requirements, a student majoring in sociology must complete:

(1) 30 hours of sociology including:

- SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology
- SOC 2053 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences/PSY 2053 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
- SOC 2063 Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences/PSY 2063
   Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences
- SOC 2073 Classical Theories of Sociology
- SOC 2083 Contemporary Theories of Sociology
- SOC 3163 Introduction to Social Research
- SOC 4283 Sociology Capstone
- 9 credit hours of 3000-4000 level Sociology courses
- (2) Complete a minor, an associate's degree or a second degree.
- (3) PSY 2003 General Psychology
- (4) RS 2003 Introduction to Rehabilitation Science; or CJ 2003 Introduction to Criminal Justice/SOC 2003 Introduction to Criminal Justice

(5) <u>ANTH 1213 Introduction to Anthropology</u> or <u>ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology</u>.

# **Curriculum**

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

### Freshman



Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 1013 Composition I <sup>1</sup>	3	ENGL 1023 Composition II <sup>1</sup>	3
SCIL 1XXX Science with Laboratory <sup>1</sup>	4	FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities	3
TECH 1001 Orientation to the	1	Courses 1 ANTH 1213	3
University  SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology	3	Introduction to Anthropology or ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology	
Elective <sup>2, 3</sup>	3	MATH XXXX  Mathematics <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Hours	14	Elective <sup>2, 3</sup>	3
		Total Hours	15

## Sophomore



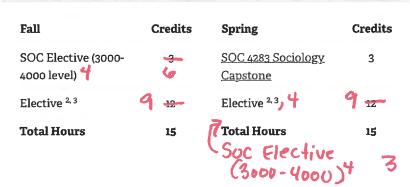
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PSY 2003 General	3	USHG1XXX U.S.	3
<u>Psychology</u>		History and	
SCIL 1XXX Science	4	Government <sup>1</sup>	
with Laboratory 1		FAH 1XXX Fine Arts	3
PSY 2053 Statistics for	3	and Humanities	
the Behavioral	Ü	Courses 1	
Sciences/SOC 2053		SOC 2083	3
Statistics for the		<b>Contemporary</b>	
Behavioral Sciences		Theories of Sociology	
PSY 2063 Research	3	Elective 2,3	6
Design for the		Total Hours	15
<u>Behavioral</u>		Total riours	15
Sciences/SOC 2063			
Research Design for			
the Behavioral			
<u>Sciences</u>			

Fall	Credits
SOC 2073 Classical Theories of Sociology	3
Total Hours	16

#### **Junior**

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
RS 2003 Introduction to Rehabilitation	3	SOC 3163 Introduction to Social Research	3
Science or CJ 2003 Introduction to Criminal Justice/SOC		SOC Elective (3000- 4000 level)	-3
2003 Introduction to Criminal Justice		Elective <sup>2, 3</sup>	7 -
SOC Elective (3000- 4000 level)	3	Total Hours	15
Elective <sup>2,3</sup>	3 -		
<b>Total Hours</b>	15		

#### Senior



 $<sup>^1</sup> See \, appropriate \, alternatives \, or \, substitutions \, in \, \hbox{\tt "}\underline{General} \, \underline{Education} \, \underline{Requirements} \hbox{\tt "}\underline{General} \, \underline{General} \, \underline{Genera$ 

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}\,{\rm A}$  minor, an associate's degree or a second degree must be completed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> To be chosen in consultation with advisor. Students are strongly encouraged to pursue a foreign language. At least 40 of the total hours required for graduation must be 3000 - 4000 level courses.



## **REQUEST FOR PROGRAM CHANGE**

Department Initiating Proposal	Date
Nursing	4-19-23

Title	Signature	Date
Department Head	3.6	
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Dean	1	
	Linda Blas	4/26/23
Assessment	071/7	"///
Dr. Christine Austin	/ In / lula	4/27/23
Registrar		
Ms. Tammy Weaver	Tamnighelane	4/27/23
Vice President for Academic Affairs	U	
Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe		

Approval Date

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Accelerated RN-MSN in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management

Outline change in program: (e.g., list changes in program such as (1) delete three hours of elective and (2) add three hours of approved major electives)

We already have the original RN-MSN track that allows the student to take the graduate level NUR 6303 Law/Ethics course in lieu of NURN 4013 Law/Ethics and take one EMHS 5000-6000 level course as an elective in the RN-BSN program. We have been doing this for years. Changing to an accelerated program adds one more EMHS 5000-6000 level elective to fulfill the RN-BSN student's need for two electives in that program and provides them with the two EMHS courses they will need for the MSN program.

What impact will the change have on staffing, on other programs and space allocation?

This adds one additional EMHS graduate elective course requirement, so this helps EM department course enrollment at the graduate level. Additionally, it may reduce the number of electives that need to be offered by the Nursing department for the RN-BSN students.

Answer the following Assessment questions:

- a. How does the program change align with the university mission?

  Provides an opportunity for "progressive intellectual development" by making the master's degree more accessible to more students.
- **b.** If this change in the program is mandated by an accrediting or certifying agency, include the directive. If not, state not applicable.

N/A

- c. What is the rationale for this program change?
  - 1. How will the program change impact learning for students enrolled in this program?

    This change offers the RN-BSN student an opportunity to fulfill three undergraduate course requirements with graduate level coursework, making the MSN degree seem more attainable. And now that we offer graduate courses at the undergraduate cost for accelerated students, that is an additional barrier that has been removed.
  - 2. Provide an example or examples of student learning assessment evidence which supports the changes in the program.
    - Many of our RN-BSN students have been taking 1-2 graduate courses since the beginning of the MSN program. They have been just as successful in those courses as the graduate students. Additionally, the program change fits the new policy approved by the Board of Trustees to offer Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Plus Master's Degree Programs.
- b. How does this program fit in the current state of the discipline? Include Arkansas institutional comparisons. If Arkansas educational institutions do not have the course or program provide comparative examples from regional educational institutions.
  - We are the only program in the state and nation that offers the combination (hybrid) program in Nursing Administration and Emergency Management. Hospitals need nurses with advanced degrees in all areas, including administration. The emergency management component is useful for health care because it provides content knowledge of disaster planning/management that can be applied to the health care setting.
- c. Attach a detailed assessment plan including three to five specific program student learning outcomes, means or instructional measures to assess each outcome, identify program courses where learning will be assessed, and performance standards or criteria for success which demonstrate student learning for each outcome. (Examples for assessment plans/curriculum mapping can be found at the Office of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness web page.)

#### Students who complete the program will be able to do the following:

(1) Assume administrative roles in a variety of health care settings, including hospitals, and community, military, and government agencies.

Measurement: (a) NUR 6313 Role of Nurse Administrator one day clinical experience with administrator with an accompanying formal paper related to experience; (b) NUR 6526 Administrative practicum: 180-hr practicum experience with master's or doctoral prepared administrator.

(2) Address technical competencies and interpersonal skills needed to assume leadership roles in planning and coordinating emergency responses.

Measurement: (a) NUR 6213 Epidemiology: Johns Hopkins Teach-Out course

(3) Formulate solutions to important problems of interest to nursing through analysis, synthesis, and application of current research.

Measurement: (a) NUR 6303 Theoretical Foundation: Concept Analysis Paper; (b) NUR 6203 Research Design and Methods: Research poster assignment; (c) NUR 6403 Non-thesis project; (d) NUR 6996 Thesis

(4) Demonstrate ability as an innovative leader

Measurement: (a) NUR 6503 Organizational Behavior: Change Agent paper

If this course will affect other departments, a Departmental Support Form for each affected department must be attached. The form is located on the Curriculum forms web page at <a href="http://www.atu.edu/registrar/curriculum forms.php">http://www.atu.edu/registrar/curriculum forms.php</a>. See Attachment. The EM department was provided with a copy of the curriculum matrix below and it was discussed with the EMHS Program Director, Dr. Rejina Mandanhar, in person.

For ease of understanding the changes to the curriculum matrix in which the regular RN-BSN program has three start dates, the changes are presented here rather than using the table. Hours for each semester remain the same.

#### **FALL Start**

#### Fall courses:

**NURN 4002 Nursing Informatics** 

**NURN 4003 Scope of Professional Practice** 

NURN 4013 Law/Ethics/Issues in Professional Practice → make this a 5000-6000 Elective EM course NURN 4303 Nursing Research

#### Spring courses:

**NURN 4024 Community Health** 

NURN 4034 Leadership/Management

3 hr Elective → change to NUR 6303 Law, Ethics, and Policy in Health Care (spring is only semester this course is offered)

#### Summer courses:

**NURN 4045 Professional Practicum Synthesis** 

3 hr Elective → make this a 5000-6000 EM Elective

### **SPRING Start**

#### Spring courses:

**NURN 4002 Nursing Informatics** 

**NURN 4003 Scope of Professional Practice** 

NURN 4013 Law/Ethics/Issues in Professional Practice → change to NUR 6303 Law, Ethics, and Policy in Health Care (spring is only semester this course is offered)

**NURN 4303 Nursing Research** 

#### Summer courses:

**NURN 4024 Community Health** 

3 hr Elective → make this a 5000-6000 Elective EM course

#### Fall courses:

NURN 4034 Leadership/Management
NURN 4045 Professional Practicum Synthesis
3 hr Elective → make this a 5000-6000 Elective EM course

#### **SUMMER Start**

#### Summer courses:

NURN 4002 Nursing Informatics
NURN 4003 Scope of Professional Practice
3 hr Elective → make this a 5000-6000 Elective EM course

#### Fall courses:

NURN 4013 Law/Ethics/Issues in Professional Practice  $\rightarrow$  make this a 5000-6000 Elective EM course NURN 4303 Nursing Research NURN 4024 Community Health

#### Spring courses:

NURN 4034 Leadership/Management

NURN 4045 Professional Practicum Synthesis

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3 hr Elective -> change to NUR 6303 Law, Ethics, and Policy in Health Care (spring is only semester this course is offered)

# **Arkansas Tech University DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT FORM**

This form must be completed for every department affected by the course change.

Department Affected: EPS Department – EMHS Program	This department  Supports  the change.	☐ does not support
Comments:		
Department of EPS is in full support of the Departme option for the RN-MSN. We have found the MSN stu EMHS courses and thoroughly enjoy the diverse personal courses are supported by the diverse personal course are s	dents to be some of	f our strongest students in our

Department Head Signature: <u>Sarah M. Salah</u>

Date: 4-24-23

# **DEGREE AUDIT CHECK LIST** (BSN-NURN) RN to BSN

2023-24 2024-25 Student's Name

Graduation Date		Т#		
Education Requirements	Hrs		Major Requirements	Hrs
1013/1043 & 1023/1053	6	NUR*	3303	3
	0	NUR/BIOL*	3803	3
	4	NURN*	4002 4003 4013 4024 4034 4045 4303	24
	3		(4015 or 6303)	
(0-3)				
<b>I</b> (6-9)		BIOL*	(2014 or 2404**) (2414 or 3074)	8
I		BIOL*	2054 or 3054	4
I		MATH	1113 or >#** (exclude 2033, 2043, 2163)	3
(0-3)	9	PSY*	2003**	3
	0	PSY	3813	3
		SOC*	1003**	3
ED HOURS	22		ESCROW	
		NUR	2023 2303 3103 3204 3213 3402	
3503, 4983, 4993, or MATH			3404 3513 3606 3802 3805	38
			*C or better	
GR				
			TOTAL MAJOR HOURS	92
TIVE HOURS	6		TOTAL HOURS	
40 hours upper level # of "D" hours	thru thru		Earned Hrs minus P/C HRS to be completed	
	Education Requirements  1013/1043 & 1023/1053  (0-3)  (0-3)  (0-3)  ED HOURS  3503, 4983, 4993, or MATH  GL  TIVE HOURS  Min. hours required 40 hours upper level # of "D" hours	Education Requirements   Hrs	Education Requirements   Hrs	Major Requirements

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# RN to BSN Program

DEPARTMENT HOMEPAGE

#### **General Education Requirements**

- ENGL 1013 Composition I 1
- ENGL 1023 Composition II ¹
- MATH 1113 College Algebra or higher level MATH course (excluding MATH 2033 Mathematical Concepts I, MATH 2043 Mathematical Concepts II, and STAT 2163 Introduction to Statistical Methods.
- SCIL 1XXX Science with Laboratory (4 hours)
- BIOL 2014 Human Anatomy or BIOL 2404 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- PSY 2003 General Psychology
- SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology
- FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses (6 hours)
- SFHS 1XXX Social Sciences/Fine Arts/Humanities/Communication
   Courses (3 hours)
- USHG 1XXX U.S. History and Government (3 hours)

#### **Additional Nursing Major Requirements**

- BIOL 3054 Microbiology
- BIOL 3074 Human Physiology
- PSY 3813 Lifespan Development
- NUR 3303 Health Assessment
- NUR 3803 Applied Pathophysiology/BIOL 3803 Applied Pathophysiology

#### Arkansas Nursing Education Progression Modef

- NUR 2023 Introduction to Professional Nursing
- NUR 2303 Nutrition
- NUR 3103 Nursing Skills I 1
- NUR 3204 Theories and Concepts in Nursing I
- NUR 3213 Care of the Older Adult
- NUR 3402 Pharmacology I
- NUR 3404 Practicum in Nursing I Nursing the Individual Client
- NUR 3513 Nursing Skills II

- NUR 3606 Theories and Concepts in Nursing II
- NUR 3802 Pharmacology II
- NUR 3805 Practicum in Nursing II Nursing the Family

See the  $\underline{\text{Department of Nursing}}$  page for additional requirements.

## Senior Level Nursing for Registered Nurses Courses<sup>4</sup>

Arkansas Tech University Nursing Courses Specific to Curriculum in Baccalaureate Nursing for Registered Nurses.

#### Junior (Fall Start)



Fall	Credits
Tan	Cicuits
NURN 4002 Nursing	2
Informatics	
NURN 4003 Scope of	3
Professional Practice	
NURN 4013 Laws,	3
Ethics, and Issues in	3
Professional Nursing	
Practice 5	
NURN 4303 Nursing	3
Research	
Total Hours	11
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### Senior



Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
NURN 4024 Community Health	4	NURN 4045 Professional	5
Nursing		Practicum Synthesis	
NURN 4034	4	Elective <sup>3</sup> , 5	3
Leadership and Management in		Total Hours	8
Professional Practice			
Elective <sup>3</sup> , 5	3		
Total Hours	11		

## Junior (Spring Start)

Spring	Credits
NURN 4002 Nursing Informatics	2
NURN 4003 Scope of Professional Practice	3
NURN 4013 Laws, Ethics, and Issues in Professional Nursing Practice  5	3
NURN 4303 Nursing Research	3
Total Hours	11

Credits

4

3

7

#### Senior

Summer I, II

NURN 4024

Elective<sup>3</sup>,

**Total Hours** 

Nursing

Community Health

Fall Credits

NURN 4034 4

Leadership and
Management in
Professional Practice

NURN 4045 5

Professional
Practicum Synthesis

3

12

Elective<sup>3</sup>, 5

**Total Hours** 

#### Junior (Summer Start)

Summer I, II	Credits	Fall	Credits
NURN 4002 Nursing	2	NURN 4013 Laws,	3
<u>Informatics</u>		Ethics, and Issues in	
2777D37 5 50 0		Professional Nursing	
NURN 4003 Scope of	3	Practice 5	
Professional Practice			
Elective <sup>3</sup> , 5	•	NURN 4024	4
Flective	3	Community Health	
Total Hours	8	Nursing	
		NURN 4303 Nursing	3
		Research	
		Total Hours	10

#### Senior

NURN 4034
Leadership and
Management in
Professional Practice

NURN 4045
Professional
Practicum Synthesis

Elective<sup>3</sup>

Total Hours

Credits

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Total Hours

students admitted to the Accelerated RN to BSN Program to MSN in Nursing Administration and Emergency management Program can replace 9 hours of undergraduate courses for graduate courses as follows:

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "<u>General Education Requirements</u>".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Licensed registered nurses who have met all of the lower division nursing curriculum requirements and graduated from an associate degree or diploma program that was ACEN accredited at the time of graduation may receive credit for 38 hours of nursing courses if they meet specific requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Electives to be approved by Nursing advisor.

<sup>4</sup> All general education requirements must be completed before enrolling in Senior Level Nursing for Registered Nurses courses unless granted an exception by the department head. All additional nursing major requirements must be completed with a GPA. ≥ 2.75 prior to enrolling in Senior Level Nursing for Registered Nurses courses.

# **REQUEST FOR PROGRAM CHANGE**

Department Initiating Proposal	Date
BIOS/Fisheries and Wildlife Program	1/26/2023

Title	Signature	Date
Department Head	John Jector	2/16/2023
Dean	Juny L Cyric	4/13/2023
Assessment	N 100.	111
Dr. Christine Austin	(most / fixt	4/14/2025
Registrar	Ela a sa elunqua	4/26/2023
Ms. Tammy Weaver	Jamney Curauce	41241 2023
Vice President for Academic Affairs	U	
Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe	1	

Committee	Approval Date
General Education Committee (Undergraduate Proposals Only)	
Teacher Education Committee (Graduate or Undergraduate Proposals)	
Curriculum Committee (Undergraduate Proposals Only)	
Faculty Senate (Undergraduate Proposals Only)	
Graduate Council (Graduate Proposals Only)	

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Accelerated B.S. to M.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Science

Outline change in program: (e.g., list changes in program such as (1) delete three hours of elective and (2) add three hours of approved major electives)

Following acceptance into this program, up to 12 hours of graduate-level course credit would be counted towards both the B.S. and M.S. degrees in Fisheries and Wildlife Science. Students would apply and be selected for this program by submitting the following documents to a selecting committee:

- 1. Undergraduate Transcripts (unofficial)
- 2. Cover letter that includes a discussion of career goals and expectations from the graduate degree.
- 3. CV/Resume that includes:
  - a. Current overall GPA and GPA in major (must be >3.0)
  - b. Demonstrated excellence in selected coursework including:
    - i. FW 1001 Orientation to Fisheries and Wildlife Science
    - ii. FW 2013 Natural Resources Communication
    - iii. FW 3114 Ecology
    - iv. FW/GEOG 2883 Introduction to GIS
    - v. BIOL 2124 Zoology
    - vi. CHEM 1114 Survey of Chemistry or CHEM 2124 General Chemistry I
    - vii. STAT 2163 Introduction to Statistical Methods, FW 3084 Ichthyology, FW 3154 Mammalogy, or FW3144 Ornithology
  - c. Evidence of professional service. Examples could include but are not limited to:
    - i. Active role in Fisheries and Wildlife Society student organization.
    - ii. Active role in state or national chapters of the American Fisheries Society or The Wildlife Society.
    - iii. Presentations at state, regional, or national scientific meetings.
    - iv. Active role in advocacy organizations such as National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Quail Forever, National Wildlife Federation etc.

What impact will the change have on staffing, on other programs and space allocation? None.

### Answer the following Assessment questions:

- a. How does the program change align with the university mission?
   This proposed accelerated B.S. to M.S. program aligns with ATU's Strategic Goal 1, Item 4
   "Identify innovative opportunities to make college more affordable.
- If this change in the program is mandated by an accrediting or certifying agency, include the directive. If not, state not applicable.
   Not applicable.
- c. What is the rationale for this program change?
  - 1. How will the program change impact learning for students enrolled in this program? This program change will allow motivated undergraduate student to enhance their learning opportunities while also providing them the opportunity to attain the Master's degree in a shorter period of time (minimizing expense), and being able to stay at ATU.
  - 2. Provide an example or examples of student learning assessment evidence which supports the changes in the program.

The ATU Board of Trustees approved the creation of Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Plus Master's Degree Programs on June 18, 2020, in order to increase the educational opportunities for existing ATU students.

b. How does this program fit in the current state of the discipline? Include Arkansas institutional comparisons. If Arkansas educational institutions do not have the course or program provide comparative examples from regional educational institutions. To our knowledge, no other Arkansas institution has an accelerated B.S. to M.S. degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Science. However, multiple Arkansas institutions have programs in other fields that allow for credits to count for both undergraduate and graduate degrees. North Carolina State University has an accelerated bachelor's to master's program in Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology. Similarly, University of Florida has a combined BS/MS degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. Both of these programs allow students to count 12 credits toward both B.S. and M.S. degrees.

c. Attach a detailed assessment plan including three to five specific program student learning outcomes, means or instructional measures to assess each outcome, identify program courses where learning will be assessed, and performance standards or criteria for success which demonstrate student learning for each outcome. (Examples for assessment plans/curriculum mapping can be found at the Office of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness web page.)

This accelerated B.S. to M.S. program will follow the same assessment protocols in place for our existing M.S. degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Science. Students are assessed on five program learning objectives:

- 1. Research Skills: Graduates will be able to form testable hypotheses, conduct literature reviews, design an experiment to test a hypothesis, collect appropriate data to test a hypothesis, and make well-informed conclusions.
- 2. Quantitative/Analytical Skills: Graduates will be able to identify data types, organize data in data management software, calculate appropriate estimates (abundance, survival, recruitment etc.) identify and perform appropriate statistical analysis.
- 3. Communication: Graduates will be able to write a research proposal, develop a management plan (non-thesis) and/or write a thesis summarizing research results (thesis). Graduates should be able to organize and present a scientific presentation.
- 4. Ecological Concepts: Graduates will understand the biology of wildlife or fisheries and articulate how ecological concepts affect wildlife and/or fisheries management.
- 5. Professionalism: Graduates will understand ethics of scientific research and understand and abide by the standards of professionalism conduct as established by the American Fisheries Society or The Wildlife Society.

If this course will affect other departments, a Departmental Support Form for each affected department must be attached. The form is located on the Curriculum forms web page at <a href="http://www.atu.edu/registrar/curriculum forms.php">http://www.atu.edu/registrar/curriculum forms.php</a>.

In the attached matrix, include requested changes in the matrix and include course number and title.

Curriculum Matrix for Catalog				
Curriculum in				
(enter title for program changing )				
Freshman Fall Semester	Freshman Spring Semester			
Add/Change:	Add/Change:			
Delete:	Delete:			
Total Hours:	Total Hours:			
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Sophomore Fall Semester	Sophomore Spring Semester			
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Delete:	Delete:			
Total Hours:	Total Hours:			
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Junior Fall Semester	Junior Spring Semester			
Add/Change:	Add/Change:			
Delete:	Delete:			
Total Hours:	Total Hours:			
Senior Fall Semester	Senior Spring Semester			
Add/Change: Students enrolled in the accelerated B.S.	Add/Change: Students enrolled in the accelerated B.S. to			
to M.S. degree may choose any 5000 or 6000 level FW course to count as FW Required or Elective Credit	M.S. degree may choose any 5000 or 6000 level FW course to count as FW Required or Elective Credit			
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Total Hours:	Total Hours:			

# **DEGREE AUDIT CHECK LIST**

# (BS-FWF) Fisheries and Wildlife Science

(Fisheries Certification)
2023-24 2024-21
Student's Name

Date			Student's 1	Name	
Grade Point	Graduation Date		T#		
General E	ducation Requirements	Hrs		Major Requirements	Hrs
ENGL#	1013/1043 & 1023/1053	6	FW	1001 • 2013 3053 3084 3114 4001 4003	
MATH#		0		4024 4043 4083 4103 GR	32
SCIENCE		0	FW ELECT	(9-12 UD) GR	9-12
US HIST/GOVT		3			
SOC SCI		3	AGSS/GEOL/ PHYS ELECT	AGSS 2014, GEOL 1014, PHYS	4
FINE ART/HUM		3	BIOL	1114** 2124 2134	12
FINE ART/HUM		3	BIOL	3004 or 4044	4
SPH		0	BIOL/AGPM ELECT	3004, 3033, 3034, 3064, 3174, 3184, 4043	
TECH 1001 <b>◆</b>		0		4044, 4064, 4094, or AGPM/BIOL 3104	6 - 8
			СНЕМ	(1113/1111** or 2124 and 2120) & (2204)	8
			COMM**	1003, 2003, or 2173	3
			ECON	2003	3
TOTAL GEN EJ	D HOURS	18	GEOG/FW	2833	3
Electives		HANGE L	MATH	1113#** (MATH 2243, 2914, 2924, 2934	
Electives			STAT/SOC/	or any calculus or FW 3173)	6
,			PSY	PSY/SOC 2053 or STAT 2163	3
GR				Only 12 hrs of D apply towards degree	
				TOTAL MAJOR HOURS	93-98
TOTAL GENER	AL ELECTIVE HOURS	4-9		TOTAL HOURS	
Final Check:	Min. hours required	i 120		Earned Hrs	
VALVERY	40 hours upper leve		thru	minus P/C HRS	
	# of "D" hour		thru	to be completed	
	Max activity hours		31	TOTAL	

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# Bachelor of Science in Fisheries & Wildlife Sciences

DEPARTMENT

The fisheries and wildlife science program is a professional program designed to prepare qualified field and research biologists, as well as to provide a sound foundation for those students who intend to pursue graduate studies in wildlife biology, fisheries biology or field ecology. Through selection of elective courses, graduates are required to meet certification requirements of The Wildlife Society or the American Fisheries Society.

Field biologists are employed by various state and federal agencies concerned with natural resources management including the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, National Park Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Employment opportunities in the private sector are also available. Timber, mining, and utility companies hire field biologists for advice and management of industrial lands. Environmental consulting firms, commercial fish and game farms, and nature centers require qualified researchers, technicians, and educators.

Majors in fisheries and wildlife science must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours as specified in the following curriculum outline and no more than 12 hours of "D's" may be applied toward the degree. Note, this set of courses will also satisfy requirements for a minor in biology, but students should see their advisor to complete the associated degree audit form for the minor. Candidates for graduation are expected to complete a comprehensive series of practical and technical exams to assess mastery of program objectives.

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#### Curriculum

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

#### Freshman



Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 1013 Composition I 1	3	ENGL 1023 Composition II <sup>1</sup>	3

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SS 1XXX Social Science Courses 1	3	Science Courses 1	3
MATH 1113 College Algebra	3	CHEM 1113 A Survey of Chemistry and	4
BIOL 1114 Principles of Biology	4	CHEM 1111 Survey of Chemistry Laboratory or CHEM 2124 General	
FW 1001 Orientation to Fisheries and Wildlife Science	1	<u>Chemistry I</u> and CHEM 2120 General Chemistry I Lab	
Total Hours	14	BIOL 2124 Principles of Zoology	4
		Total Hours	14

## Sophomore

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Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
FW 2013 Natural Resources Communications	3	USHG 1XXX U.S. <u>History and</u> Government <sup>1</sup>	3
BIOL 2134 Principles of Botany	4	FW 2833 Introduction to Geographic	3
CHEM 2204 Organic Physiological Chemistry	4	Information Systems/GEOG 2833 Introduction to Geographic	
Statistics <sup>2</sup> , <u>FW 3084</u> <u>Ichthyology</u> <sup>3F</sup> or <u>FW</u> <u>3154 Mammalogy</u> <sup>3w</sup>	3-4	Information Systems SP 1XXX Speech Communication	3
Total Hours	14-15	Courses 1  FW 3114 Principles of Ecology	4
		Statistics <sup>2</sup> or <u>FW 3144</u> <u>Ornithology</u>	3-4
		Total Hours	16-17

## Junior

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Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOL 4044  Dendrology or electives 4	4	FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses <sup>1</sup>	3

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Statistics <sup>2</sup> or Math <sup>5</sup>	3	BIOL 3004 Plant	4
FW 4014 Forest Ecology and	4	Taxonomy <sup>3</sup> or Electives <sup>4</sup>	
Management , FW		FW 3053 Fisheries and Wildlife	3
and Management 3w		Administration	
or Electives <sup>4</sup>		FW 4003 Principles of	3
Electives <sup>4</sup>	3	<u>Wildlife Management</u>	
Total Hours	14	FW 4024 Limnology <sup>3F</sup> or Electives <sup>4</sup>	4
		Total Hours	17

Senior



Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
FW 4043 Fisheries Techniques For Electives **	3	FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses <sup>1</sup>	3
FW 4103 Human Dimensions of Fisheries and Wildlife	3	FW 4001 Senior Seminar in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology	1
Management   Electives <sup>4</sup> ,	9	FW 4013 Wildlife Techniques Wor Electives F	3
Total Hours	15	FW 4083 Principles of Fisheries Management	3
		Electives4,	5
		Total Hours	15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements". One of the social sciences must be <u>ECON</u> 2003 Principles of Macroeconomics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Statistics must be taken either fall or spring term.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>F and W superscripts designate courses required for certification in fisheries and wildlife, respectively. Students seeking wildlife certification must choose one course from each of the following course sequences: (1) <u>FW 3154 Mammalogy</u> or <u>FW 3144 Ornithology</u> (2) <u>FW 4014 Forest Ecology and Management</u> or <u>FW 4064 Wetland Ecology and Management</u>. Students seeking fisheries certification must choose <u>FW 3084 Ichthyology</u> and <u>FW 4024 Limnology</u> Meeting requirements for fisheries or wildlife certification is a requirement for graduation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Must include at least two courses from the biology group (BIOL 3174 Physiological Ecology BIOL 3034 Genetics, BIOL 4064

Evolutionary Biology, BIOL 3064 Parasitology, AGPM 3104 Introduction to Enlomology, BIOL 3184 Animal Behavior BIOL 3004

Plant Taxonomy BIOL 3031 Bioinformatics, BIOL 4043 Conservation Genetics, BIOL 4044 Dendrology, BIOL 4094 Coastal

Ecology) one course from the physical science group elective (any physics course, AGSS 2014 Soils, GEOL 1014 Physical Geology), and three 3000-4000 level fisheries and wildlife elective courses. Sufficient additional electives to produce 120 total credit hours

are required for graduation.

Bildlife Science may choose any

5000 or 6000 level Fw Course to

count as Fw or Elective requirement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Must include one of the following courses: <u>FW 3173 Biostatistics</u>, <u>STAT 2304 Programming Languages for Data Science</u>, <u>STAT</u>

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(Wildlife Certification)

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MATH#		0		4083 4103 GR	24	
SCIENCE		0	FW	3144 or 3154 G R	4	
US HIST/GOVT		3	FW	4014 or 4064 6 R	4	
SOC SCI		3	FW ELECT	(9-12 UD) GR	9-12	
FINE ART/HUM		3	AGSS/GEOL/ PHYS ELECT	AGSS 2014, GEOL 1014, PHYS	3-4	
FINE ART/HUM		3	BIOL	3004 or 4044	4	
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TECH 1001 +		0	BIOL/AGPM ELECT	3004, 3033, 3034, 3064, 3174, 3184, 4043 4044, 4064, 4094, or AGPM/BIOL 3104	6-8	
			СНЕМ	(1113/1111** or 2124 and 2120) & (2204)	†	
			COMM**	1003, 2003, or 2173	3	
TOTAL GEN ED HOURS		18	ECON	2003	3	
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			thruthru	Earned Hrs minus P/C HRS to be completed		
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