

Forestry and Wildlife Sciences



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- According to a study published in the *Journal of Forestry*, AU was among the top 10 forestry research programs in North America. The study examined a range of research, publication, and citation criteria at 47 universities in the United States and six in Canada.
- The school offers degrees in forestry, wildlife sciences, wildlife sciences with a pre-veterinary concentration, and a forest concentration within biosystems engineering. Students are prepared for careers in forest and wildlife management, consulting, procurement, investment, research, and education.
- The school's new building opened in 2005. The \$24.5 million, 110,000 square-foot facility provides 21st century capability for teaching, research, and outreach.
- The Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, one of the finest field facilities of its type in the nation, offers classroom and living accommodations and a 5,300-acre natural resource base for the benefit of students and visitors. Each forestry student spends a 10-week summer session at the center taking basic field forestry coursework prior to the junior year. Beginning in the fall of 2009, wildlife science students will plan to spend the summer between their junior and senior years learning the hands-on techniques required by their career choice. Students return to the center throughout their time at AU for short courses and other field exercises. The center also serves as the site of research projects focused on the longleaf – bunch grass ecosystem and other local flora and fauna.
- Each year, students collect and grow more than 500 acorns from the famous pair of live oaks at AU's historic Toomer's Corner. The seedlings are then sold to alumni and friends to support student scholarships and activities. The seedlings will stand in their parents' stead should anything happen to the original trees.
- The school manages and maintains a Forest Ecology Preserve and Nature Center, which provides an enjoyable refuge and numerous environmental education events for the Auburn community.
- Research centers include the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, The Center for Longleaf Pine Ecosystems, the Center for Forest Sustainability (one of AU's Peaks of Excellence), AU Southern Forestry Nursery Management Cooperative, the Forest Engineering Center, the Forest Products Development Center, and the Forest Policy Center.

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School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Degree Offerings

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Bachelor's degree offerings: 3

Graduate degree offerings: 3

Spring 2009 Enrollment: 374

- ◆ Biosystems Engineering (Forest Engineering) ¹
- ◆ Forestry
- ◆ Wildlife Sciences
- ◆ Wildlife Sciences with Pre-Veterinary Concentration

¹ Interdisciplinary