

# Transfer Student Information Sheet

## ***Can I transfer into UNL's Fisheries and Wildlife major from a community college or another 4-year college?***

Yes. Approximately one-third of new UNL students bring at least 15 credits (one semester) from another college or university. The Fisheries and Wildlife major accepts credits for courses that are equivalent to our requirements, and UNL has direct transfer agreements with Nebraska's Community College system.

## ***How does the transfer process work?***

1. Normally, you would visit with a faculty representative of the Fisheries and Wildlife program during the semester prior to your transfer to UNL. This provides an opportunity to discuss the program and your career goals. The faculty member can serve as your contact person during the transfer process.
2. You then need to complete an application form with the UNL Admissions office. As a part of your application, you will need to request your transcripts to be sent to UNL.
3. A staff member in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will review your transcript and credit some of the more recognizable courses (English Composition, Intro to Psychology, History, etc.) toward the requirements at UNL.
4. Some of your courses may not be immediately obvious to the University. For example, you may have a "Plant Biology" course, and we require "Botany". Your new faculty advisor will work with you following admission to address any courses that require approval of the major. It is very helpful if you save course syllabi and/or detailed course descriptions to share with your advisor during this process.

## ***Is it in my best interest to go to a community college before coming to UNL?***

We design our program as a 4-year program to be taken at UNL, and we create unique learning experiences for each year of our students' experience. So, we believe it is in your best interest to enroll as a freshman at UNL. That said, some students find it more economical to start their college education at a local community college.

In many ways, transfer students go through two "freshman" years—once at their first college or university, and then another new beginning at UNL. There are new faculty to meet, new buildings to find, and new programs to discover. We recognize this, and we work closely with transfer students to ensure an efficient start to their career at UNL. It is especially important to meet with an advisor to ensure required core courses, such as Ecology and Wildlife Ecology & Management are taken as early as practical – otherwise your ability to graduate within four years can be compromised.

***What courses should I take at a community college if I plan to transfer to UNL's Fisheries and Wildlife program?***

The following general titles of courses should transfer to UNL without difficulty. It is in your best interest to check with the staff member in charge of transfer credit assessment for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (phone: 402-472-2201) to confirm specific courses at your institution. For example, a non-majors general biology course is not suitable for students in the Fisheries and Wildlife major.

**Math courses**

*The Fisheries and Wildlife major requires math through a calculus course. If you can place directly into calculus, do so. If not, take the courses listed below calculus to prepare for calculus. Placement into a math course at UNL requires passing a placement exam administered during the New Student Enrollment sessions during the summer. We highly recommend you review your math skills prior to taking this exam, and bring a scientific calculator to the exam.*

College Algebra, Trigonometry  
Calculus (3-5 credits, required)

**Statistics course**

Intro to statistics (3 credits, required)

**Communication courses**

English Composition/Rhetoric I and II (3 credits each, required)  
Speech Communication (3 credits, required)

**Essential Studies courses**

*The University of Nebraska requires 15 credits of Essential Studies (general education) courses for the Fisheries and Wildlife major. In addition, we require an economics course.*

Economics (Select from Micro, Macro, or Agricultural Econ; 3 credits, required)

ES Area C: Social Sciences (3 credits, required: psychology, sociology, political science)

ES Area E. History (3 credits, required: world civilizations, U.S. history)

ES Area F. Humanities (3 credits, required; philosophy, religion, literature)

ES Area G. Arts (3 credits, required: art history, world music; *note: art applications, like ceramics or painting will not count for this category*)

ES Area H. Race, Ethnicity, and Gender (3 credits, required: African American history or literature, Native American history or literature, intercultural communication, women authors, people and culture of Latin America, others: consult UNL advisor)

**Natural Sciences**

General Biology (4 credits, required)

**Physical Sciences**

General Chemistry I and II (8 credits, required)

Physics (4 credits, required)

***Specifically what will I miss if I'm not at UNL?***

The table below lists the unique courses (usually not available at most community colleges) during the first two years at UNL, and our suggestions for transferring students.

UNL courses	Suggestion for transfer students
<b>Freshman year</b>	
<p><u>NRES 101 Natural Resources Orientation</u>: a 1-credit introduction to natural resources; students develop close ties with their advisor and other students in the program</p>	<p>Sophomore transfer students should take NRES 101. Because of scheduling issues, most junior transfer students have the requirement waived.</p>
<p><u>NRES 103 Intro to Ag, Food, and Natural Resource Systems</u>: a 3-credit course that covers environmental issues and exposes students to the UNL library system</p>	<p>Sophomore transfer students should take NRES 103. Juniors have the course waived, but may take a 1-credit introductory course to the University library system (LIBR 110) if desired.</p>
<p><u>SOIL 153/GEOL 101</u>: a choice of 4-credit soils or geology course that provides a foundation in earth sciences</p>	<p>A geology course may be available at a community college; otherwise, transfer students may take their choice during the first semester at UNL</p>
<p><u>BIOS 112 Zoology</u>: a 4-credit lab course taken in the spring of the freshman year</p>	<p>Transfer students may take Zoology during their first semester at UNL (General Biology course required).</p>
<b>Sophomore year</b>	
<p><u>BIOS 109 Botany</u>: a 4-credit lab course taken in the fall of the sophomore year</p>	<p>Transfer students may take Botany during their first semester at UNL (General Biology course required).</p>
<p><u>NRES 220 Ecology</u>: a 4-credit lab course in the fall of the sophomore year that introduces students to relationships between organisms and their environment.</p>	<p>Transfer students may take Ecology during their first fall at UNL (General Biology course required).</p>
<p><u>NRES 311 Wildlife Ecology and Management</u>: a 3-credit course in the spring of the sophomore year that is the first course in the Fisheries and Wildlife 'core courses'.</p>	<p>Transfer students may take NRES 311 Wildlife Ecology and Management after taking NRES 220 Ecology.</p>
<p><u>NRES 315 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip</u>: a 2-credit tradition for the Fisheries and Wildlife major that introduces students to canoeing and wilderness experiences in Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness</p>	<p>Transfer students may take this course, held in May after their freshman year, before enrolling in other courses at UNL.</p>