CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST CERTIFICATION

Work with your advisor to ensure you select courses that will meet the requirements of the Wildlife Biologist Certification through The Wildlife Society (TWS) (https://wildlife.org/learn/professional-development-certification/certification-programs/). Membership in TWS is required for certification. Certification is for 5 years and may be renewed upon demonstration of adequate continual learning and professional development.

Curriculum

1. Wildlife management and wildlife biology (12 hours)
2. Ecology (3 hours)
3. Zoology (9 hours)
4. Botany (9 hours)
5. Physical sciences (9 hours)
6. Basic statistics (3 hours)
7. Quantitative sciences (6 hours)
8. Humanities and social sciences (9 hours)
9. Communications (12 hours)
10. Policy, administration, and law (6 hours)

Experience

1. A minimum 60 work months of full-time professional biologist experience gained within the ten (10) years prior to applying for certification (or up to 13 years if granted an extension).

Renewal

1. To renew certification, applicants must log a minimum of 80 contact hours related to participation in organized activities and mentorship within the five years prior to submission.