The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences uses the latest in the ecological and management disciplines to provide the most diverse and progressive education available in the conservation of the earth’s biodiversity. Students in this department are interested in making contributions to solving problems associated with the extinction of species, wildlife recreational uses, food production from aquaculture, environmental education, wildlife management, and urban wildlife and fisheries recreational activities.

The conservation and management of wildlife and fisheries resources require resolution of increasingly complex issues that extend far beyond the bounds of classical biology. Contemporary wildlife and fisheries professionals must be well-versed in the life and physical sciences, mathematics, and the language, philosophy and culture. Today’s professionals must have a problem-solving orientation that accommodates animals and their habitats within a larger ecological and socio-economic system. In addition, modern students must be familiar with molecular genetics and the principles of conservation biology. Curricula in wildlife and fisheries sciences are designed to provide both the traditional and contemporary dimensions of academic instruction necessary to transform motivated and intellectually capable students into competent professionals.

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- Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences Track (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-life-sciences/wildlife-fisheries-sciences/bs-aquatic-ecology-conservation-option)
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Minors