



Parks and Natural Resources

Department: Agricultural Sciences

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Entry time: Fall, Spring, Summer

Length: 2 years (4 semesters, 1 summer)

- One of the **largest schools** in the nation for number of **Ag program graduates**.
- **Ranked sixth in the nation** for number of students graduating in the natural resources field.
- **600-acre** off-campus site, **swan pond** and **several prairies** around campus that are fully managed by Parks and Natural Resources students.
- **Hands-on learning** experience with instructors from industry.
- **Job Fair Day:** Employers conduct on-campus interviews with students. Popular universities also participate for students wishing to transfer and earn a bachelor's degree.
- 13 agriculture-related student organizations among the **80+ clubs** on campus.
- **Required internship opportunities** providing great industry contacts, which could lead to a full-time position after graduation.

Program Description

If you enjoy the outdoors and have a deep concern for preserving and managing our precious natural resources, consider the Parks and Natural Resources program. As a student in this program, you'll learn to maintain and build campgrounds and lake areas; identify and manage fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and nesting and game birds; operate and maintain equipment; manage plant material and land; and maintain park facilities.

Career Opportunities

Conservation officer
Park ranger
Naturalist
Park maintenance
Watershed management

Sample Classes

Applications for Natural Resources
Plant Management for Parks
Landscape Construction/Design
Equipment Operations
Park Maintenance Programs
Landscape Design Techniques
Native Plants
Avian Wildlife
Aquatic Wildlife
Wildlife Management
Natural Resource Appreciation
Fundamentals of Soil Science
Mammalian Wildlife

Internships

As a Parks and Natural Resources student, you will complete an internship between your first and second year allowing you to apply your lab and classroom skills in an actual work environment.

Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. For more information and to apply, visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.

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