



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.
- **675-acre** off-campus site, **swan pond**, **Atherton Wetlands**, and **several prairies** around campus that are fully managed by Parks and Natural Resources students.
- **Hands-on learning** experiences with instructors from industry.
- **Job Fair Day** brings employers to campus for student interviews and includes university representatives for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree.
- 13 agriculture-related student organizations among the **80+ clubs** on campus.
- Required internships that provide industry contacts and **potential full-time job opportunities**.
- Transfer agreements with six 4-year institutions: Upper Iowa University, Mount Mercy University, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Iowa.

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 manager

Sample Classes

Applications for Natural Resources

Equipment Operations

Park Maintenance Programs

Native Plants

Avian Wildlife

Aquatic Wildlife

Wildlife Management

Natural Resource Appreciation

Mammalian Wildlife

Plant Material Maintenance

Soil and Water Conservation

Wildland Firefighter Training

Environmental Science

Internship

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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