

Forest Bioeconomy Sciences & Technology

Degree Requirements

First Year

Required Courses	Credits	Done	Notes
BIOL 121 ¹ Genetics, Evolution and Ecology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BIOL 112 Biology of the Cell	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CHEM 121 (111) ² Structure and Bonding in Chemistry	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CHEM 123 Thermodynamics, Kinetics and Organic Chemistry	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CONS 101 Introduction to Conservation or FRST 110 ³ Land One: First-year Integrative Seminar	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics or FRST 101 ³ Principles of Microeconomics for Forestry and Land and Food Systems	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FRST 150 Scholarly Writing and Augmentation in Forestry or WRDS 150B Writing and Research in the Disciplines or ENGL 110 Approaches to Literature and Culture or ENGL 111 Approaches to Non-Fictional Prose or NRES ⁴ 150	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
GEOS 102 ⁵ Our Changing Environment: Climate and Ecosystems	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MATH 100 ⁶ Differential Calculus with Applications	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Electives	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Credits	32	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹ Students without Biology 11 or 12 should take BIOL 111 as one of their first-year electives before taking BIOL 121, a required course for all first-year BEST students.

² Students without Chemistry 12 need to take the Chemistry Basic Skills Test to determine if they should take CHEM 111 or CHEM 100: <https://www.chem.ubc.ca/ubc-chemistry-basic-skills-test-information>

³ Only Land One students are eligible to take FRST 101 and FRST 110.

⁴ NRES courses will be available beginning the Winter 2024 academic year

⁵ Students may take CONS 210 instead of GEOS 102 for credit.

⁶ Students may take MATH 180 or MATH 110 (6 credits) instead of MATH 100 (3 credits), but the credit difference cannot be applied towards program elective requirements. All students must choose one of these listed Math courses.

Second Year

Required Courses	Credits	Done	Notes
BEST 200 Foundations in Bioproducts and the Bioeconomy	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 201 Plants, Carbon, and Environment	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 202 Alternative Energy Systems	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 203 Ecology of Managed Ecosystems	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CHEM 233 Organic Chemistry for Biological Sciences	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FRST 231 Introduction to Biometrics or BIOL 300 Fundamentals of Biostatistics or STAT 200 Elementary Statistics for Applications	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WOOD 225 Communications Strategies	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Restricted Social Science Elective ⁷	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Electives	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Credits	30	<input type="checkbox"/>	

⁷ One of the following 3-credit courses: GEOG 310, GEOG 318, GEOG 319, POLI 375, or SOCI 342

Third Year

Required Courses	Credits	Done	Notes
BEST 300 Biobased Polymers and Bioproducts	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 301 Bioenergy	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 302 Laboratory in Bioeconomy Technology (I)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 303 Applied Biotechnology for Bioproducts	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 304 Laboratory in Bioeconomy Technology (II)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 308 Land Use Management and Planning	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FRST 302 Forest Genetics	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FRST 318 Forest and Conservation Economics or ECON 371 Economics of the Environment or ECON 374 Land Economics	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Restricted Natural Sciences Conservation Elective ⁸	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Electives	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Credits	30	<input type="checkbox"/>	

⁸ One of the following 3-credit courses: CONS 200 or CONS 340

Fourth Year

Required Courses	Credits	Done	Notes
BEST 400 Biomimicry and Biocomposites	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 401 Carbon and Energy Economics	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 402 Industrial Ecology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 403 Integrated Strategies for Bioproduct Innovation	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CONS 425 Sustainable Energy	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WOOD 365 Wood Industry Business Management	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WOOD 461 Globalization and Sustainability	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Restricted Commerce Elective ⁹	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Electives	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Credits	30	<input type="checkbox"/>	

⁹ One of the following 3-credit courses: COMR 329, COMR 457, or COMR 465.

Minor in Commerce

Students who desire a stronger foundation in business may consider the Minor in Commerce. Upon successful completion of this minor program, the notation “Minor in Commerce” will be placed on the student’s transcript.

Enrolment in this program is limited. Please see the program director. To be considered, the students must be eligible for at least third-year standing in the Bachelor of Science in Forest Bioeconomy Sciences and Technology with a cumulative average of at least 68% in the previous two years. Students must have successfully completed one of MATH 100 or 180 and both of ECON 101/FRST 101 and ECON 102. Meeting the stated requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

The Commerce Minor is intended to be completed over two years.

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BEST 303 Applied Biotechnology for Bioproducts	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 304 Laboratory in Bioeconomy Technology (II)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 308 Land Use Management and Planning	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FRST 302 Forest Genetics	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COMR 329 Principles of Organizational Behaviour	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COMR 457 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COMR 465 Marketing Management	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Credits	30	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Fourth Year - Commerce

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BEST 400 Biomimicry and Biocomposites	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 401 Carbon and Energy Economics	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 402 Industrial Ecology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BEST 403 Integrated Strategies for Bioproduct Innovation	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CONS 425 Sustainable Energy	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WOOD 365 Wood Industry Business Management	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WOOD 461 Globalization and Sustainability	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COMR 473 Business Finance	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COMR 493 Strategic Management in Business	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COMR 398 Introduction to Business Processes and Operations or COMR 458 Fundamentals of Managerial Accounting	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Credits	30	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Co-op Option:

The co-operative education (co-op) option within Forest Bioeconomy Sciences and Technology (BEST) is a highly competitive program which increases your chances of working in your chosen field. As a co-op student you gain up to 20 months of paid, relevant and invaluable work experience.

Co-op students will extend their degree by one year, completing eight academic terms and five work terms over a five-year period. Below is the standard BEST program map for those in co-op:

	Term 1 Sep – Dec	Term 2 Jan – Apr	Summer May – Aug
Year 1	Basic Sciences, English, Math, Economics, Sociology, Statistics, Introduction to Conservation		Summer
Year 2	Plant Biology, Ecosystem Ecology, Organic Chemistry, Bioeconomy Foundations, Introduction to Biometrics, Alternative Energy Systems, Communication Strategies, Social Science elective		Co-op 1
Year 3	Biobased Polymers & Products, Bioenergy, Conservation elective, Land Use Management and Planning, Bioeconomy Technology Lab	Co-op 2	Co-op 3
Year 4	Biocomposites, Biomimicry, Carbon Accounting, Industrial Ecology, Commerce elective	Forest Genetics, Forest and Conservation Economics, Forest Products Biotechnology, Bioeconomy Technology Lab	Co-op 4
Year 5	Co-op 5	Globalization, Energy Policy /Governance, Wood Industry Business Management, BEST Capstone	

Good to know:

- Undergraduate students must apply to co-op in September of their second year
- Work in British Columbia, across Canada and around the world
- Be supported by our Co-op Coordinators every step of the way

To learn more about the Co-op Program and how you can apply, contact the Forest Bioeconomy Sciences and Technology Co-op Coordinator:

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How to successfully complete first year:

1. You must follow your program closely – take the appropriate classes outlined for your degree. The most up-to-date program requirements are always listed on the UBC Calendar at www.students.ubc.ca/calendar (click on 'Faculties, Colleges, and Schools' and then on 'Forestry').
2. You must pass at least 60% of the total number of credits attempted in both Terms 1 and 2 (summer classes are not included).
3. You must also obtain an average grade of at least 60% in both Terms 1 and 2, including any failed courses (summer classes are not included). If your average for Terms 1 and 2 is at least 55%, but less than 60%, you will be placed on academic probation and will be sent a letter outlining additional steps you must take in order to remain in your program.
4. If you do not meet the criteria noted above, you will be asked to leave UBC for at least one year. Following this probationary period, you may re-apply to UBC but you must complete at least 12 credits at a college during your time away.

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The UBC Calendar is always the most up-to-date resource for degree requirements,
<http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,203,1025,1661>