

YOUR Major Action Plan: Wildlife, Sustainability, and Ecosystem Sciences



What is YOUR passion?	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
Educator Graduate School State & Federal Agencies International Development GIS Analyst Wildlife & Fisheries Wildlife Biologist/ Fisheries Biologist Game Warden Zoo Keeper Conservation Biologist Extension Agent Extension Specialist Ranch Manager Park Manager Aquaculturalist	YOUR Target Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including an FYS 1100 course, BIOL 1406/1407 and MATH 2412 or 1316. - See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, Academic Advising Guide, and file your degree plan. - Students interested in the pre-veterinary medicine degree plan should visit with an advisor frequently to ensure they are completing the necessary vet school requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including CHEM 1411, WSES 2405 or BIOL 4401, and WSES 2322. - The aim is to be CORE complete by the end of your second year, as well as have all 1xxx and 2xxx level courses successfully completed.
	Find YOUR Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of career counseling and career assessments through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interest through TexanSync. - Attend Study Skills sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use Academic Resource Center Coaching, Math Clinic, tutoring options, and Writing Center. - Know the FAFSA deadlines each year. - Seek help from Student Counseling Center for home sickness, depression or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit Student Health Services for physical health related concerns. - Visit with your major department office to discuss departmental events you can get involved with. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences. - Get involved with projects and clubs through the WSES department such as: Entomology Club, Inter-collegiate Plant Team, Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Fisheries Society, Environmental Society, Alpha Zeta, and Sustainable Teaching Garden.
	Sharpen YOUR Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start researching the marketable skills that employers are seeking. - Get involved in Service Day and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a Residential Leader (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM) - Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects offered by your major. - Run for Freshman Representative Council with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into Greek Organizations to network and build community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through Volunteer Match or United Way to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Fine Arts Center for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in Alternative Spring Break. - Run for Student Government Association.
	YOUR Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check out part-time jobs in Career Services employment system to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire. - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tool (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting and much more through SALT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore career opportunities within your major. - Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional resume. - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through Portfolio. Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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What is YOUR passion?	3rd YEAR	4th YEAR
Range Conservationist Fire Ecologist Land Stuart Conservation Biologist Crop Scientist Consultant Farmer Urban Agriculturalist	YOUR Target Courses - Complete at least 30 credit hours . - Be mindful of course rotation when registering for classes to avoid delaying graduation. - Speaking with an advisor prior to registration is beneficial to staying on track.	- Complete remaining credit hours. - Your degree requires an experiential learning experience, make sure you have completed it. Internships provide hands-on experience that will give students an advantage over other job applicants after graduation. Contact a program advisor for more information.
Vet School Graduate School Pharmaceutical Sales Research & Development Lab Corporate Sustainability Officer Lobbyist	Find YOUR Way - Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major. - Consider participating in an undergraduate research project. - Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in fields of interest. - Take part in the <u>Official Ring Ceremony</u> . - Students completing the pre-veterinary degree plan should begin researching different veterinary schools and their specific application requirements.	- Further cultivate relationships with research faculty and professionals in the industry in preparation for the experiential learning requirement.
Law School Nutrition and Health Education Extension Corporate Wellness Food Production Companies	Sharpen YOUR Skills - Consider taking on leadership roles within your student organizations and clubs. - Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>All For Good</u> . - Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <u>CareerOneStop.org</u> sponsored by the US Department of Labor. - Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area. - Become an <u>Academic Resource Center– Coach Leader (ARC-C Leader)</u>	- Complete in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the <u>Career Service’s employment system</u> or the <u>College Internship Program’s website</u> .
Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <u>Occupational Outlook Handbook</u> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.	YOUR Next Steps - Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your <u>job-search campaign</u> , schedule <u>mock interviews</u> , resume critiques, and a <u>Business Etiquette Dinner</u> . - Create a <u>LinkedIn</u> profile to further your professional networking. - Check the <u>Career Services calendar</u> for career development workshops. - Investigate <u>graduate schools</u> and attend the Open House for <u>TSU Graduate Studies</u> . - Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services <u>job fairs</u> .	- Upon completing your registration for your final semester, Apply for GRADUATION! - Update resume in <u>Career Service’s employment system</u> , Portfolium and LinkedIn. - Compile reference letters, awards, etc. - Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews. - Attend <u>job fairs</u> and <u>dress professionally</u> . - Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to <u>negotiate a salary</u> . - Graduate! Congratulations! - Join the <u>Tarleton Alumni Association</u> to stay connected to the University. BLEED PURPLE!