Ecology and Field Biology:

Students in this emphasis take courses that focus on various aspects within the fields of Ecology, Organismal Biology and Evolution. Many of the associated courses have indoor or outdoor laboratory components, which focus on the applied aspects of this profession. All students are required to take a “Field Methods In Ecology” course, which is team taught by Ecology Faculty and exposes them to various techniques used in ecological work. Available courses also include “Entomology”, “Plant Taxonomy” and advanced Ecology courses. Many students in this emphasis choose to minor in Environmental Studies, which allows them opportunities to learn skills in Soil Science and Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Other popular minors include Chemistry and Geography.

Students in this emphasis are also strongly encouraged to take-part in undergraduate research with faculty. Such endeavors have frequently resulted in professional presentations and publications. There are also very popular study abroad courses which travel to Yellowstone National Park and Ecuador (see links under “Trips”). Many students within this emphasis are also active in the student Ecology Club (see link to Ecology Club Facebook page), which frequently takes part in professional volunteer opportunities and trips to museums, zoological gardens and State Natural Areas.
Students whom excel in this emphasis will gain the experience necessary for future employment in natural resource regulation (such as WI-Department of Natural Resources), environmental consulting, while also preparing them for advanced studies in Graduate school.

For more information on faculty research interests, click here. For more information on recent department highlights, click on the link for the Biology Department Facebook Page.

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