

Graduate Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
327 Brooks Hall
(The Bylaws prohibit representation by proxy.)

AGENDA

I. Reading, Correction and Approval of Minutes
(September 17, 2025)

II. Graduate Council Committee Reports

A. Appeals Committee
Committee Report (Kerstin Emerson, Acting Chair)

B. Program Committee
Committee Report (Jeff Mullen, Chair)

Action Item 1: From the Mary Frances Early College of Education, a proposal to offer a new Area of Emphasis in Speech – Language Pathology under the EDS degree.

Action Item 2: From the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, a proposal to offer a new Area of Emphasis in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences under the MS degree in Forestry and Natural Resources.

Action Item 3: From the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, a proposal to offer a new Area of Emphasis in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences under the PhD degree in Forestry and Natural Resources.

C. Policy and Planning Committee
Committee Report (Bart Wojdowski, Chair)

Action Item 1: Pending

III. Information Items

A. Curriculum Report: The Graduate School has approved 39 new courses, 86 course revisions, and 7 deletions.

B. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 3:30pm, 327 Brooks Hall

IV. Adjourn



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TO: Dr. Ron Walcott, Dean of the Graduate School
Fiona Liken, Associate Vice President for Instruction and Registrar

FROM: Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs

DATE: September 23, 2025

RE: Request to add Areas of Emphasis under the EDS in Education

Please find attached a proposal to create the following area of emphasis under the online EDS in Education.

- Speech- Language Pathology

The College of Education's Curriculum Committee approved these proposals on September 22, 2025.

PROPOSAL FOR AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

Date: September 10, 2025

School/College: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Department/Division: Mary Frances Early College of Education

Program (Major and Degree): Education (Ed.S.), Online

Which campus(es) will offer this program? Athens

Proposed Effective Date: Summer 2026

CIP: 13010101

1. Area of Emphasis Title: Speech-Language Pathology

2. Area of Emphasis Description:

The Area of Emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology consists of a coordinated sequence of online coursework for speech-language pathologists to gain expertise in educational speech-language pathology (SLP) services.

The program consists of 10 courses [30 hours] beyond the master's degree. Students will complete 15 hours of coursework focusing on evidence-based practice for interdisciplinary literacy assessment and intervention; 12 hours of coursework focusing on specialized evidence-based practice of school-based speech-language pathology culminating in a capstone applied project; and 3 elective hours selected by the student and their advisor to expand knowledge and skills aligned with individualized goals.

Consistent with the other areas of emphasis within the Mary Frances Early College of Education's Education (Ed.S.) major, candidates who complete the Area of Emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology will be assessed with these common student learning outcomes: (1) Students will demonstrate knowledge of theory and research in their discipline; (2) Students will demonstrate knowledge of the research process and capacity to conduct applied research in their discipline; and (3) Students will demonstrate specialized knowledge or skills in one core discipline-specific area.

3. Major Requirements

This program is open to applicants who have a master's degree in communication sciences and disorders (speech-language pathology) and have at least one year of field-based experience after master's degree completion.

Area A: Language and Literacy (15 hours)

EDSE 7120E: Dyslexia and Other Learning Disabilities (3 credits)

EDSE 7150E: Designing Reading Interventions for Special Education (3 credits)

EDSE 7020E: Assessment of Dyslexia and Other Learning Disabilities (3 credits)

EDSE 7250E: Teaching Writing to Students with Disabilities (3 credits)

EDSE 7770E: Practicum in Intensive Reading Intervention (3 credits)

Area B: Evidence-Based Educational Speech-Language Pathology Specialization (12 hours)

ERSH 6200E: Methods of Educational Research (3 credits)

CMSD 7xxxE: Evidence-Based SLP Practice in Schools (3 credits)

CMSD 7xxxE: Speech-Language Supervision in Educational Settings (3 credits)

CMSD 7650E: Capstone: Applied Project in Communication Sciences and Disorders (3 credits)

Area C: Elective (3 credits)

One 3 credit hour course should be chosen in consultation with program faculty. Possible electives include but are not limited to:

EDSE 7040E: Collaboration with Families and Professionals

EDSE 7050E: Positive Behavior Supports

EDSE 6010E: Autism

EDSE 7200E: Methods and Curriculum in Early Childhood Special Education

EDSE 6070E: Behavior Management in Special Education

EDSE 7100E: Foundations of Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education

EDSE 7170E: Developmentally Appropriate Programming and Curricula for Infants and Toddlers

EPSY 7110E: Characteristics of Gifted Children & Youth

ERSH 7500E: Action Research

LLED 6631E: Bilingualism and Bilingual Education

LLED 7040E: Language & Culture in the Classroom

EDAP 6170E: Educational Law and Professional Ethics

EDAP 7040E: Educational Law and Ethical Leadership

EDIT 6150E: Introduction to Digital Learning

EDIT 6170E: Introduction to Instructional Design

PROPOSAL FOR AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

Date: 9/9/2025

School/College: Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Department/Division: NA

Program (Major and Degree): Masters of Science (MS) in Forestry and Natural Resources

Area of Emphasis Title: Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

CIP: _____

Which campus(es) will offer this program? Athens

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2026

1. Area of Emphasis Description:

Provide a description of the area of emphasis, including the focus and objectives.

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2. Area of Emphasis Requirements:

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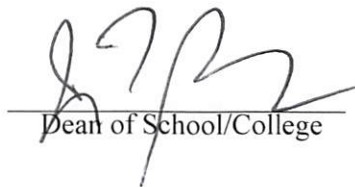
See below

3. Approvals:



Department Head

*Assoc. Dean Acad. Affairs
Warnell School
Sept 12, 2025*



Dean of School/College

Dean of Graduate School

Degree: MS in Forestry and Natural Resources

MS Course Requirements:

Courses	Hours
FANR 7000 (MS Research)	6
FANR 7300 (MS Thesis)	3
Graduate-only level coursework*	12
<i>Required:</i>	
FANR 6750 - Experimental Methods (4 hrs)	
FANR 8200 - Scientific Research (3 hrs)	
FANR 8060 - Forestry and Natural Resources Seminar (1 hr)	
FISH 8300 - Graduate Seminar (1 hr)	
Any graduate level coursework	9
Total	30

Area of Emphasis Title: Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

Total of 9 hours required for AOE

	Course ID	Name	Hours*
Required:	FISH 8002	Advanced Fisheries and Aquatic Science	3
Electives:	FANR 8300/8300L	Scientific Communication in Forestry and Natural	3
	FANR 8400	Advanced Spatial Analysis for Natural Resources	1-4 hr
	FANR (ECOL) 8500	Agent-Based Modeling in Ecology and Management	3
	FANR 8800	Structured Decision Making and Adaptive Management	3
	FISH 6200	Aquatic Biology	3
	FISH 6200L	Aquatic Biology Laboratory	1
	FISH 8350	Fundamentals of Ecotoxicology	3
	FISH 7360	Fisheries Management	3
	FISH 7360L	Fisheries Management Laboratory	1
	FISH 6500	Fish Physiology	3
	FISH 6500L	Fish Physiology Laboratory	1
	FISH 6300	Environmental Biology of Fishes	3
	FISH 6300L	Environmental Biology of Fishes Laboratory	1
	FISH 6550/6550L	Sustainable Aquaculture	4
	FISH 6650L	Georgia Fishes Field Study	4
	FISH 7980	Fisheries and Aquaculture Problems	1-3 hr
	WILD 8001	Principles of Fisheries and Wildlife Management	3
	FISH (WILD) 8360	Quantitative Conservation Science	3
	FISH 8610	Aquatic Toxicology	3

FISH 8630/8630L	Quantitative Ecological Toxicology	4
FISH 8950	Special Topics in Forestry and Natural Resources	1-4 hr
WILD (FISH) 6820	Human Dimensions of Natural Res. and Wildlife Conservation	3
WILD 7700	Applied Population Dynamics	2
WILD 7700L	Applied Population Dynamics Lab	1
WILD (FISH) 8327	Spatial Capture-Recapture	2
WILD (FISH)		
8370/8370L	Bayesian Modeling for Conservation Science	3
WILD (FISH) 8390	Inference for Models of Fish and Wildlife Population Dynamics	3

*Total of 9 hours required or AOE

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Date: 9/9/2025

School/College: Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Department/Division: NA

Program (Major and Degree): Masters of Science (MS) in Forestry and Natural Resources

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MS Course Requirements:

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Any graduate level coursework	
Total	<u>9</u>
	30

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PROPOSAL FOR AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

Date: 9/9/2025

School/College: Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Department/Division: NA

Program (Major and Degree): Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Forestry and Natural Resources

Area of Emphasis Title: Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

CIP: _____

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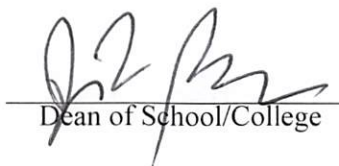
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Degree: PhD in Forestry and Natural Resources

PhD Course Requirements:

Courses	Hours
FANR 9000 (Doctoral Research)	6
FANR 9300 (Doctoral Dissertation)	3
8000/9000 level course work	16
<i>Required:</i>	
FANR 8060 - Forestry and Natural Resources Seminar (1 hour)	
FISH 8300 - Graduate Seminar (1 hour)	
FANR 9990 - Teaching Practicum in Forestry and Natural Resources (1 hour)	
Any level course work*	5
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