



What skills can graduates gain

Through studying a degree in Forestry Science, graduates develop a valuable set of skills and competencies that can include:

- Knowledge of Ecology/ Biology of Forest Systems
- Awareness of environmental and sustainability concerns
- Economic and commercial awareness
- Computing skills and applied geospatial techniques
- Problem solving and decision making
- Teamwork and project management
- Qualitative and quantitative skills
- Awareness of health and safety
- Cultural competence.

Additional

Students undertake 90 days of practical work experience as part of this degree. This provides you with industry understanding and the confidence to apply your skills.

Learning and networking also take place during field trips and an industry project. Students attend annual residential field trips of 2 to 5

days and also have regular day trips away from campus to learn first-hand. The school has exchange programmes which allow students to complete one or two semesters of their ForSc studies abroad.

What are the key skills?

Many employers look for generic skills such as communication, client/customer-focus, bicultural competence, cultural awareness, teamwork and initiative.

With technology, globalisation, and other drivers changing society, skills such as resilience, problem solving, and adaptability are important.

Skills that are likely to grow in importance include analytical and creative thinking, systems thinking and technological literacy.*

*World Economic Forum: www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/05/future-of-jobs-2023-skills

How can he/she be better prepared?

- Some skills are gained through studying
- Extra-curricular activities can help, such as getting involved in clubs, mentoring, cultural groups, part-time work or volunteering
- Be open to professional and personal development opportunities, whether it is undertaking work experience, overseas exchange, skills seminar, or joining an industry group.

Where have graduates been employed

Forestry Science graduates can find themselves working in forestry and resource management organisations relating to:

- Forestry consulting
- Forest management and plantations
- Logistics, log supply and timber products
- Government, regional, environmental or local bodies
- Primary industry companies
- Biosecurity
- Infrastructure

What jobs and activities might graduates do.

Graduates have been employed as graduate foresters or in more specialist positions – see some examples below.



What job titles do Forestry Science graduates have?

Forestry science

- Forester
- Forest scientist
- Forestry analyst
- Utility forester

Logging

- Timber machinist
- Harvest and wood flow coordinator
- Timber appraiser

Policy and planning

- Policy and resource planner
- Estate and environmental support planner
- Transport planner
- Harvest planning manager, harvest manager
- Forest development manager
- Forest economist

Management

- Forest manager
- Forestry consultant
- System auditor

Conservation

- Forest ecologist
- Conservationist
- Environmental officer
- Biosecurity officer

Logistics and operations

- Operations supervisor
- Supply chain scheduler
- Distributor
- Forest operations supervisor
- Logistics infrastructure manager
- Forest operations assistant

Engineering

- Transport engineer
- Port operations supervisor

Research

- Data analyst
- Research assistant

Geographical knowledge is essential for a career in forestry. The Forestry Commission offers a range of courses and training opportunities for graduates. For more information, visit www.forestry.gov.uk.

