THE RANGER SCHOOL

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The SUNY ESF Ranger School in Wanakena, N.Y., offers students a unique educational experience in a spectacular natural setting.

The Ranger School confers the associate in applied science degree (A.A.S.) in three areas of study: forest technology, land surveying technology, and environmental and natural resources conservation. The Ranger School's one-plus-one plan allows students to complete their first year at the college of their choice, then spend their second year at The Ranger School. While many move directly into outdoor careers in the areas of conservation, forestry and surveying, some use their A.A.S. as a hands-on, experience-based step toward a bachelor of science degree, earned at ESF's main campus in Syracuse, N.Y.

Academic Programs

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree

The Ranger School offers Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees in three areas. The A.A.S. is typically earned with two years of study.

There are several advantages of combining a Ranger School forest technology or environmental and natural resources associate's degree with a four-year B.S. degree in professional forestry. Ranger School graduates who go on to pursue the bachelor's degree have a solid field education as well as a managerial orientation and the deeper ecological and social understanding provided by the professional curriculum.

Students wishing to transfer from the Ranger School to the B.S. programs at the Syracuse campus will be admitted as juniors. They will be given credit for the summer session in field forestry. They will still have to complete some physical sciences, social sciences and humanities requirements while in residence at Syracuse, depending on prior preparation. All other requirements as set forth in the forest resources management program option must be met.

NOTE: Students contemplating subsequent transfer should concentrate their freshman year electives in the social sciences and humanities.
NOTE: Students should also complete the first semester in chemistry, one semester in physics and a course in calculus prior to transferring.
It is possible to be admitted without these courses, but subsequent progress in the program becomes more difficult.

Dual Majors

Students who are pursuing the associate degree may pursue a dual major, combining any two of the three areas below. Program requirements must be satisfied concurrently (i.e., a student cannot graduate from ESF and return later to complete coursework for a second major). Students may petition for admission to a dual major A.A.S. degree after completing 18 credits and before 45 credits with an unambiguous GPA of 2.000 or greater (no grades of incomplete or missing
grades). The diploma will state the completion of a single A.A.S. degree. The transcript will state the completion of two majors.