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DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES IN NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

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The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University offers seven courses for distance delivery:

FW251. Principles of Wildlife Conservation
FW303. Survey of Geographic Information Systems in Natural Resources (Internet)
FW311. Biology of Birds
FW323. Management Principles of Pacific Salmon in the Northwest
FW340. Multicultural Perspectives in Natural Resources
FW435/535. Wildlife in Agricultural Ecosystems
FW470/570. Ecology and History: Landscapes of the Columbia Basin

Two delivery methods are employed for these courses—video (6 courses) and Internet (1 course). Full course lectures are available on VHS video. Discussions, e-mail, and assignments are completed on the Internet. Enrollment in Fisheries and Wildlife distance courses has doubled nearly every year since the first course was designed in 1996, mirroring increased interest in distance education nationally. Students have been as far away as Namibia and Italy and from over 30 states. These fully accredited courses meet the needs of military personnel and others in pursuit of the OSU distance degrees in Natural Resources or Environmental Science, on-campus students with schedule conflicts, departmental majors with family responsibilities out of the local area, people exploring career changes, and professionals seeking advancement.