



Ecology

DEPT of BIOLOGICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Careers with a Ecology Degree:

- Field/Research Technician
- Laboratory Assistant
- Intern
- Park Naturalist
- Wildlife Specialist
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Program Scientist
- Teacher
- Forester
- Natural Resource Mgr.
- Wildlife Biologist
- Field Ecologist
- Environmental Consultant

*Ecology degree prepares student to apply for advanced degree or to work in government and/or nonprofit organizations along with conservation of natural resources.

\$how Me the Money!

Graduates with a Biology degree typically earn between \$30,000 and \$60,000 for entry-level jobs. As a college graduate, you can earn an average of 75% more than those with only a high school degree, per *The Chicago Tribune!* (NACE 2018 Salary Report)



Ecology is the study of organisms, including humans, and a diverse array of interactions with their environment. Ecologists work with organisms over a broad scale from bacteria in soils to landscape ecosystem processes. Ecologists inform us about threats to biodiversity due to invasive organisms, increased water system health through wetland filtration, organisms such as horseshoe crabs that provide vital medicine (hemolymph that treats leukemia), when we are at risk for diseases like Lyme disease, ways to protect our at-risk species so that we can bring them back like the Bald Eagle, ways to increase forest health, management solutions for agriculture and so much more. Graduating with a concentration in Ecology prepares you for a diversity of careers, including research, writing, policy, ngo's, consulting, government and more.

> Department Coursework



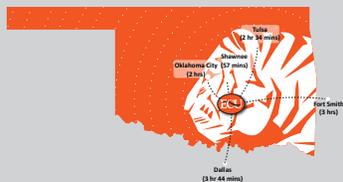
Coursework in this program includes a variety of courses that align with the Ecological Society of America. Courses include Zoology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biostatistics, Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, Animal Parasitology, Field Methods, Herpetology, Plant Physiology, Wildlife Management, Human Physiology, Ecology, and Undergraduate Research Experience. A lot of learning happens in the field with hands-on experience.



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Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences

> Meet the Ecology Faculty



Mike Bay, Ph.D.

- Vertebrate Biologist
- B.S. in Biology, M.A. and Ph.D. in Zoology
- Office: PES 158 / 580-559-5497 / mbay@ecok.edu
- Courses Taught: Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, General Ecology, Human Anatomy, Ichthyology, Marine Biology, Medical Entomology, Ornithology
- Research Interest: Avian Ecology and Behavior, Parasite-Host Interactions, Mosquito Biology, Vertebrate Ecology



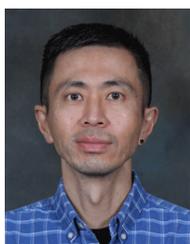
Leah Dudley, Ph.D.

- Plant Ecophysiolgist
- B.S. in Biology, Ph.D. in Biology
- Office: PES 168 / 580-559-5495 / ldudley@ecok.edu
- Courses Taught: Botany, Medical Botany, Ecology, Ethnobotany Evolution, General Biology, Mycology, Plant Ecophysiology, and Evolution
- Research Interest: My research generally explores how plants deal with a drying world, using dichotomies such as male versus female plants of dioecious species and outcrossing vs. selfing plant mating systems to test predictions. I meld tools and ideas from both plant ecophysiology and evolution in both field and greenhouse environments from extreme montane environments to lowland prairies. Currently, I am applying these themes to a culturally relevant agricultural system, The Three Sisters. I am addressing how plant-pollinator interactions are influenced by polyculture (bean, corn & squash) compared to monoculture growing conditions under varying soil water availability.



Bruce Moring, Ph.D.

- Stream Ecologist
- B.S. in Biology, M.S. in Zoology and Ph.D. in Ecology
- Office: PES 148 / 580-559-5657 / bmoring@ecok.edu
- Courses Taught: General Biology, General Zoology, Limnology, Senior Seminar, Stream Ecology
- Research Interest: The influence of altered streamflow on the ecological integrity of stream ecosystems. I study invertebrate and fish-community structure and functions to help define reference-condition streams in different ecoregions of Oklahoma.



George Wang, Ph.D.

- Community Ecologist
- B.S. in Zoology, M.S. in Biology, Ph.D. in Environmental and Evolutionary Biology
- Office: PES 104 / 580-559-5694 / gwang@ecok.edu
- Courses Taught: Evolution, General Biology, General Ecology, General Zoology, Human Anatomy, Medical Terminology
- Research Interest: I am a community ecologist interested in plant-insect interactions. I conduct field-and-laboratory based experiments to examine the effects of various biotic and abiotic factors on insect performance and community dynamics.



Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences

Dean: Dr. Ken Andrews,
College of Health & Sciences

Chair: Dr. Mike Bay

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Concentrations: 7

Minors: 2

Faculty: 8 full-time & 2 Part-time

Organizations: 4

Scholarships: 25

Location: 158 PES Building



ECU at a Glance

Undergraduate Enrollment: 3,000

Undergraduate Majors: 70+

Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Average Class Size: 22

Faculty with PhDs: 65%

States Represented: 28

Countries Represented: 30+

Year Founded: 1909

Campus Size: 140 Acres

Area Location: Ada, Oklahoma



Tiger Spirit

Mascot: Roary the Tiger

School Colors: Orange & Black

Student Organizations: 60+

Athletics: NCAA Division II

Men's:	Football	Cross Country
	Baseball	Track & Field
	Basketball	

Women's:	Basketball	Soccer
	Volleyball	Cross Country
	Softball	Track & Field

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